

## Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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### **Ministry Assistants Today**

Lector: *Gabrielle Barbour*

Intercessor: *Nick Bernitt*

Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*

Officiant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Interim Musician: *Adam Haines*

### **Ministry Assistants October 19**

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### ***Welcome to Gloria Dei – and the Feast Day for Edith Cavell!***

In times when the world often feels out of control, it can be helpful to remember the faithful generations of believers who have gone before us. Many of the saints of history have lived through challenging times, and can offer us both wisdom and hope.

Today, we remember Edith Cavell, an English nurse who served in Belgium during World War I. Under German occupation, Cavell intentionally cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the conflict, but was eventually sentenced to death for smuggling allied soldiers out of the country. On the night before her execution, Cavell said, "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."

As we remember her life, let us celebrate Edith Cavell's faithful service, even unto death, and her trust that God's love is not limited by any earthly allegiance.

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn # 371

*Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(The congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)*

### First Reading

**2 Kings 5:1-3,9-15c**

**Gabrielle Barbour**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel".

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

***(continued...)***

Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
 they are studied by all who delight in them.  
 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
 and his righteousness endures for ever.  
 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
 the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.  
 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
 he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
 in giving them the lands of the nations.  
 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
 all his commandments are sure.  
 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
 because they are done in truth and equity.  
 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
 holy and awesome is his Name.  
 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

**Second Reading            2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
 if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All                Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn # 538**

*God of Mercy, God of Grace*

Hymnal 1982

**Gospel Reading**

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (17:11-19)**

**All                Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Celebrant        The Gospel of the Lord.

**All                Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Chris Micklewright**

*The sermon is an opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures we have read in the light of the Christian tradition, the life of this community, and the needs of the world around us. You don't have to agree with the preacher, and further conversation is always welcome!*

*After the sermon, there will be a few moments for quiet reflection. Then the congregation will stand to reaffirm our faith using the Nicene Creed. Some elements may be strange or confusing – and you are invited to engage in conversation and reflection around the Creed. In the life of faith, we sometimes confess more than we fully understand, and God's grace is faithful to meet us wherever we are on the journey.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father,  
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he  
is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**    *(the intercessor and the people pray responsively)*

**Nick Bernitt**

Celebrant    In gratitude for the God who offers healing, and who invites us to ask for what we need, let us prepare ourselves for prayer with a few moments of silence.    *(Silence)*

Intercessor    For all people in their daily life and work;  
**People**    **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor    For this community, the nation, and the world, remembering especially the victims of warfare in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan – and the dangerous divisions in our own country.  
**People**    **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor    For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People**    **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor    For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, remembering especially immigrants and refugees;  
**People**    **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor    For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People**    **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor    For Sean and Daniel, our Bishops; for Chris, our priest, for Rachel, our postulant, for our Vestry, and for all ministers of the Gospel;  
**People**    **For all who serve God in the Church and in the world beyond our doors.**

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Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: **Christine, Tara, Jeanette, Thomas, Dakota, Emily, Dina, Anthony, Rebecca, Beth, Christine, Charles, Seamus, Thomassina, Gregory, Julie, Denise, Jason, the Juline Family, Barb, Laurie, Jerry, Peggy, JoAnn, Joanna, Mark, Margie, Bonnie, Keith, Connie, and Jack.**  
*(Long pause for people add their own petitions)*

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;  
**People For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(Long pause for thanksgivings)*

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*(Long pause for people to add their own petitions)*

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us now confess our sins to God, kneeling as you are able.  
*(Silence may be kept.)*

**All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

*A note about Confession: In dealing with sin and confession, we are acknowledging that there are things in our world and things in our own lives that are in some way broken. We believe that God desires our lives to be marked by justice, freedom, peace, and love (most of all!). By recognizing when we fall short of that standard, we open ourselves to God's unfailing grace and help, rather than dwelling in shame or despair.*

### The Peace & Offertory

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

### Pre-Offertory Hymn # 686

*Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

Hymnal 1982

### Offertory Sentence

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.

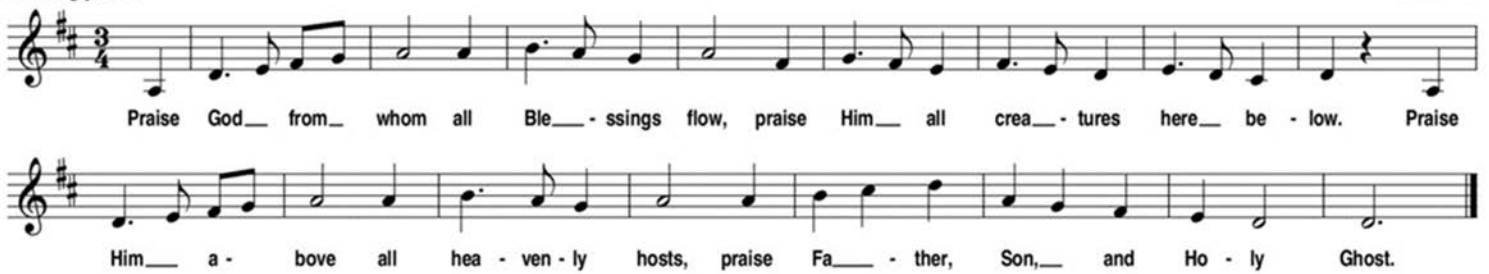
*- Psalm 111:1-2*

*Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are to be responsible stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing the doxology.*

*More details about how our practice of Communion are found below.*

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## The Holy Communion –Eucharistic Prayer C

- Celebrant God be with you.  
**People And also with you.**  
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.** *(Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds)*  
 Celebrant God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**  
 Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**People By your will they were created and have their being.**  
 Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for beauty, creativity and love. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**  
 Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**  
 Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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Paul Fejko



- Celebrant On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**People We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**  
 Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**  
 Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**People (In a loud voice!) AMEN!**  
 Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All**

<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>	<b>As we forgive those who trespass against us.</b>
<b>hallowed be thy name;</b>	<b>And lead us not into temptation;</b>
<b>Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;</b>	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>On earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>For thine is the kingdom, and the power</b>
<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>	<b>and the glory,</b>
<b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>	<b>For ever and ever. Amen.</b>

# **Fraction & Invitation**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*All those interested in receiving communion should make their way forward to the rail, while the elements are prepared for distribution to the congregation. Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community. **Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!***

*Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available – just hold up one finger to receive either of these alternative elements. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the cup, you may drink or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each of the elements of communion. If you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.*

**Instrumental Hymn # 324**                      *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*                      Hymnal 1982



## Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us stand and pray together the post communion prayer.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing Rev. Chris Micklewright

Announcements *A handout of upcoming events is in the back of the church, some will be highlighted here.*

Closing Collect **Living God, the source of all healing and wholeness: we bless you for the compassionate witness of your servant Edith Cavell. Inspire us to be agents of peace and reconciliation in a world beset by injustice, poverty, and war. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 537

*Christ for the World We Sing*

Hymnal 1982

## Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*All are invited to listen to the postlude,  
and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.*

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