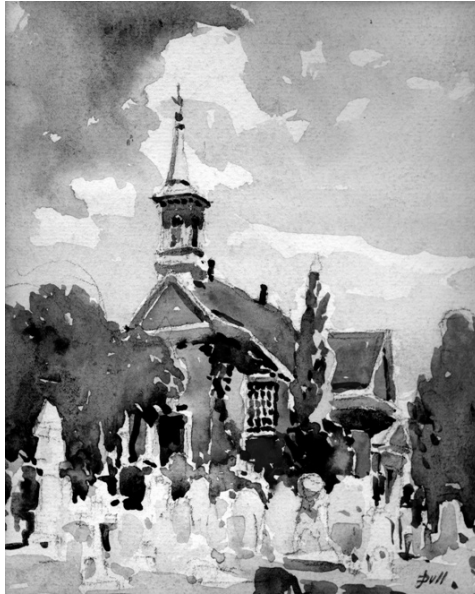




Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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*October 26, 2025 – Proper 25
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
SS Poet Remembrance*

Ministry Assistants Today

Lector: *Eric Rega*
Intercessor: *Seamus Stimpson*
Usher: *Jim Ufheil*
Altar Guild: *Daria Kulp*
Officiant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*
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Ministry Assistants November 2

Lector: *Christine Pickup*
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Welcome to Gloria Dei – and our annual SS Poet Sunday!

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 welcome the families of the crew of the SS Poet, which lost at sea on October 25, 1980. Gloria Dei is very close to the dock from which the Poet set sail, so we are honored to host an annual memorial for the sailors, whose names are displayed on a plaque at the back of the church. While these sailors may not be traditional saints, they remind us of the fragility of life and of our daily reliance on divine grace. Even as we pray for them and their families, we trust that they live on in joy in the presence of God – and we look with hope to the day when we will take our place alongside them.

The flowers on the altar today are given for the greater glory of God, and to honor the crewmen lost on the SS Poet, given by their families. May they rest in peace.

Prelude

Funeral March at the Marionette

Charles Gounod

Opening Hymn # 608

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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 Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Eric Rega

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 615

Thy Kingdom Come

Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (18:9-14)**

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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)*

Seamus Stimpson

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.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: Erica, Patty, Dana, Angel, Christine, Jeanette, 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)*
 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, remembering especially the sailors of the SS Poet, that they
 may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Long pause for people to add their own petitions)*
 Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.
 Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live
 by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our
 only Mediator and Advocate. **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 # 670

Lord, for Ever at Thy Side

Hymnal 1982

Offertory Sentence

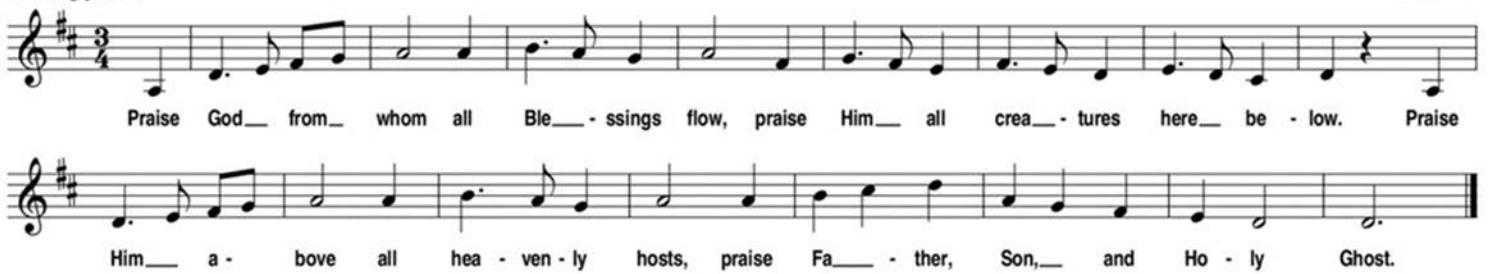
Happy are the people whose strength is in God! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. Those who go
 through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of
 water.
 - Psalm 84:4-5

*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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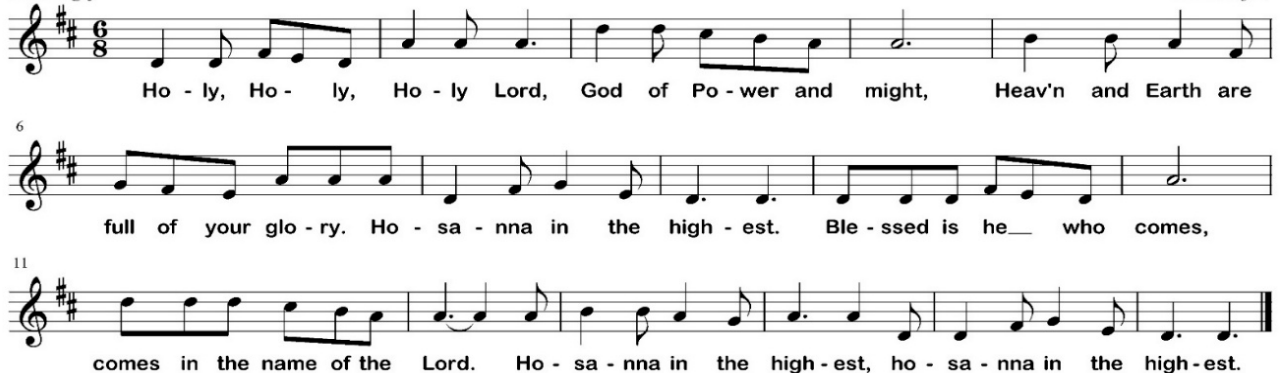


The Holy Communion –Eucharistic Prayer C

- 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:

Flowingly

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."

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

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.

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 Eternal Father, Creator of wind and wave, you calm the seas of chaos – and care for all who are lost within their depths. Remember especially the sailors lost on the S.S. Poet, and the loved ones they left behind, and grant that we all may find comfort in your promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 636

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tocatta in D Minor

J.S. Bach

*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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