
ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WELCOME TO ST. GABRIEL'S~SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are glad that you have joined us as we encounter God in our worship together. If today is your first visit, we want you to know that St. Gabriel's is a welcoming and authentically inclusive faith community, which means that you are welcome just as you are – wholly made in the image of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We'd like to get to know you, so please share your contact info by filling out a blue information card, they are on the info table at the entrance. You can place it in the collection. You can also send an email or text the clergy for a coffee/tea!

Faith formation is important for our spiritual development; special attention is given to children's formation too. A Story is provided at the beginning of every service, but given Covid restrictions we will offer Sunday school again in January. Child care will resume in December for children up to kindergarten age. Eucharist is essential to our faith life so please bring your children of all ages to Communion!

Coffee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's. For the safety and security of all parishioners due to Covid we are not hosting coffee hour here until further notice, however, you are welcome to invite a friend or a newcomer to have coffee or go to lunch after the service. There is a faith formation group that meets at Panera at noon in the Lansdowne Town Center (19327 Promenade Drive) for refreshments and God talk to further nourish our faith. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Servers are not currently being preassigned. Please arrive at least ten minutes early if you can assist and tell a clergy person that you can help!

Liturgical volunteers are welcome for the following roles:

ACOLYTE

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM

LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (Vestry Member+Volunteer)

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The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Celebrant

The Ven. Holly Hanback
Deacon

Mr. Peter Schweitzer
Director of Music

Ms. Anica Lee
Director of the Choir

Ms. Susannah Harding
Postulant to the Diaconate

Mr. David L.M. Gunning, Jr.
Aspirant to Holy Orders

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

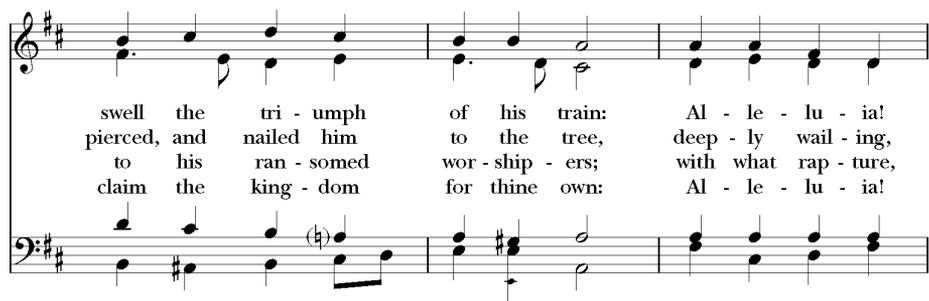
LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -



va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

People **Amen.**



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Celebrant O King of the nations, you alone can fulfill their desires: cornerstone, you make opposing nations one. Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

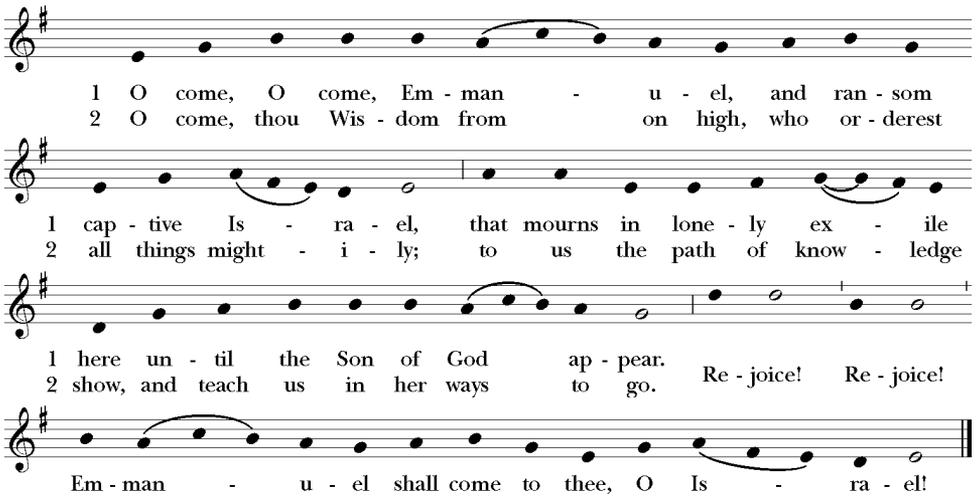
Celebrant O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Savior: come and save us, Lord our God.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

The first (purple) candle is lit.

HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

Children are invited to the front for the children's Biblical message. Given Covid restrictions and for the care and safety of all, we will not provide Sunday school or child care until further notice.



THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 25:1-9

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and Gospel reading.

SEQUENCE HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Vicar of St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel

THE NICENE CREED

People 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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

Any person is invited to choose one of the prayers and read it aloud

- Lector* We pray for all of God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Michael, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel and Deacon Holly; for Susie – postulant to the diaconate, and for Dj – aspirant to Holy Orders. We pray for the parishioners of St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel and all faith communities.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We pray for those who host our places of worship and office: the students and staff of Belmont Ridge Middle School, the congregation of St. James', and for the Ashby Ponds community. We pray for all those who seek God and a deeper knowledge of God, especially those who do not yet know that Saint Gabriel's will be their church home.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We ask your prayers for peace, goodwill among nations, and the well-being of all people. Let us pray for all who live, study, and work in Leesburg and in the surrounding cities and towns. We pray for our local, state, and federal elected officials; we pray for all first responders. Pray for justice and peace.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We pray for the good earth that God has given us, and for the wisdom to conserve it. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. We pray for those infected and affected by COVID and other diseases, and for their caretakers.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We ask your prayers for all who have died; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We ask your prayers for those on our prayer list and for those who have nobody to pray for them.

Your own prayers of intercession and petition may be offered now, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. Please pray for those on our Prayer List on page 22.

People **Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

Take a moment and talk to God in the spirit of confession before we pray together

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

SING OUT, EARTH AND SKIES!

Verses



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash - ing light: Twin - kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
May our lives your love con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

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PRESENTATION HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Celebrant The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray,

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

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 12/8 time. The lyrics are: Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. _____ Em - man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word. _____

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.



WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Where all are welcome!

The Church affirms the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Believers of all denominations are invited to receive the Sacrament. To receive the bread extend your hands forward. We are unable to share a common cup at this time due to Covid restrictions, so the consecrated wine will be poured into individual cups for you to take. Receptacles will be available for you to dispose of the cups after consuming the sacrament. If you do not wish to receive Communion today but would like a blessing, come forward during Communion, cross your arms over your chest, and you will be given a blessing in the name of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BE BREAD

Refrain

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,
 life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured.
 Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1

1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all.
 Eat now and hun-ger no more. **D.C.**

Verse 2

2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands,
 no long-er ser-vants but friends. **D.C.**

Verse 3

3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat.
 Give them the bread that is you. **D.C.**

Verse 4



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.



D.C.

Go and live on in my love.

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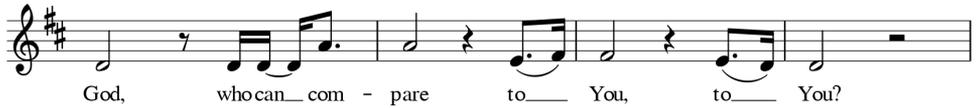


COMMUNION HYMN

FOR YOU ARE HOLY



O God, there's none like You in all the earth, in all the earth. O



God, who can compare to You, to You?



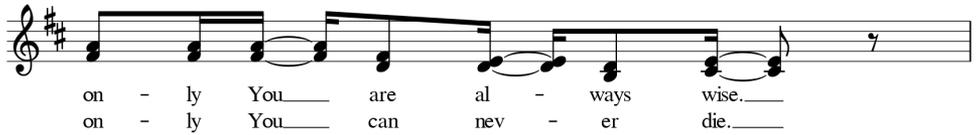
1. On - ly You have no be - gin - ning,
2. On - ly You are nev - er sin - ning,



on - ly You could make the skies,
on - ly You have nev - er lied.



On - ly You are truth un - end - ing,
On - ly You can - not be tempt - ed,



on - ly You are al - ways wise,
on - ly You can nev - er die.



Lord, there is none like You. For You are Ho - ly, You are



Ho - ly. For You are Ho - ly, Lord You are Ho - ly.

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

People **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of the Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving for those who cannot partake in the physical Communion of your Body and Blood. Together with them, we remember your death, proclaim your resurrection; and await your coming in glory. And since they cannot physically receive you today in the Holy Sacrament, we beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen them with your grace, Lord Jesus, and may they never be separated from you. May we all live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand if you are able*

Celebrant Let us Pray.
People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE ADVENT BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, ✠ The Son, and The Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

CITY OF GOD

Verses 1, 2



1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of



1. sleep! A new day is dawn-ing for all those who weep.
2. day. The One who has loved us has bright-ened our way.



1. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light. The
2. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be a



1. Lord of our long-ing has con-quer-ed the night.
2. light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be



turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our



love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3



3. God is light; in him there is no dark-ness.



3. Let us walk in his light, his chil - dren,

3. one and all. O com-fort my

3. peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my

3. cit-y the day of her birth. to Refrain

Verse 4

4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice!

4. Pro-claim the good tid-ings that all may re-joice! to Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

THE CHURCH

The Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Justin Welby; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; The Bishops of the Diocese of Virginia: +Susan Goff, +Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, and +Porter Taylor; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel+ and Deacon Holly+; for Susie, postulant to the diaconate, and for Dj, aspirant to Holy Orders.

In our parish, we pray for Rob Buchanan & Amanda Queen and Eddie.

In our Diocese, we pray for St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

ST. GABRIEL'S COMMUNITY

All members of Saint Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel, St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds, Saint James', and the students and staff of Belmont Ridge Middle School.

St. Gabriel's Lay Leaders & Staff David (Dj) Gunning, Susan McGlohn, Abi Hernández Cruz, and Eva María Torres.

St. Gabriel's Music Ministers Peter Schweitzer, Anica Lee, Carmelo Saavedra, and members of our church choirs.

St. Gabriel's Sunday School Teachers, Child Care Providers & Helpers
A special thanks to our teachers for inspiring our children with creative and heartfelt Christian formation lessons.

All volunteers of St. Gabriel's Social Justice Ministries:

Multigenerational Community Education ministries, kids formation, adult formation, and immigration ministries.

St. Gabriel's Vestry Anne Donohue (*Senior Warden/2022*), Rob Buchanan (*Junior Warden/2024*), Steve Rice (*Treasurer/2023*), Dj Gunning (*Clerk*), Karen Ballesteros (*2023*), Paula Callaghan Morató (*2022*), César Frías (*2024*), José Mejía (*2024*), Carla Rhoads (*2024*), Sue Schweitzer (*2021*), and Eva María Torres Herrera (*2024*).

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community: Susan Schultz; Michael and Laura Smith & family; Jacqueline Rivera; Roy Worrall; Cindy LoSasso; Rob Schwartzman; Daniel Hung; María Fortunato; Juan César de la Cruz Castillo; John Shook; Rony González Reyes; Lucas Mateo Rosales Zapata; Kelly Wilkinson

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We pray for our college students: Aidan Baron, Lindsey Thompson; Isabella Ballesteros, Samara Umanzor Ortega, Brad Mejía, Zane Knowlton, McKayla Shaffer, Preston Newland, Jacob Denzin, Avera Worrall, Abi Hernandez-Cruz, Annie Cusack, Michelle Balderrama Burgoa, Danny Costanza, Conor Rice, Eddie Queen, Nina Costanza, Leslie Lewis, and Marie Victoria Frías Pomárez

We pray for our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces: Jamaal A. Boyd (U.S. Army), Joseph Castillejos (U.S. Army), Karyna Beatriz Saavedra (U.S. Marines) and Roger Castillo Niquén (Peruvian Army).

THE WORLD

Our prayers for President Biden, Vice President Harris, members of the United States Congress, Governor Northam, Mayor Burke, and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and for elected officials throughout the world.

For the victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse, and natural disasters in the United States and around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH MAKING TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE

All are welcome to use the materials provided to make your own Advent candle today!

CHILDCARE RETURNS DEC 5

Nellie and Mildred will be back to provide loving childcare as of next **Sunday December 5th!** Bring your children between the ages of two to kindergarten and Nellie and Mildred will watch over them with St. Gabriel's love and care!

CHRISTMAS ELVES

St. Gabriel's will once again be "Christmas elves" for residents who live with disabilities at a local group home. This is one way in which St. Gabriel collaborates with community agencies like the Arc of Loudoun! Choose who you wish to be a Christmas elf today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GUADALUPE SERVICE

This year the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe falls on a Sunday: Dec. 12th and to pull off this beautiful bilingual service we request volunteer assistance. Here are some ways you can help:

- Day before: Saturday, Dec. 11th - From 11am to 5pm as much time as you can give, 1-2 hours, 3-4, to assist with setup and preparations.
- Dec. 12th - From 12:00 to 4 set up of flowers and more.
- Ushers, greeters, and counters: If you are interested in assisting in any of these roles please contact Fr. Daniel.

Thank you for your help, Many hands make light work!

AN ADVENT SPIRITUAL OFFERING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Advent is a penitential season characterized by blessings received through prayer, reflection, and meditation. This Advent St. Gabriel's is offering a different kind of Advent practice for the whole family with a house blessing. To schedule your house blessing for Advent on any Tuesday through Saturday from November 30th through December 21st (except Sundays and Mondays), please email or text Fr. Daniel (fr.daniel@saintgabriels.net, 571-293-0070).

INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL AT PANERA

All are invited to Panera Bread for Coffee Hour at noon where we can visit, talk about our faith, and have coffee and refreshment. Panera is in the Lansdowne Town Center: 19327 Promenade Dr, Leesburg, VA 20176. We will continue talking about the Episcopal Church, the Prayer Book, about faith, and how we serve the people of God through St. Gabriel's. If you are unable to come in person you can join us via Zoom—just go to <https://tinyurl.com/StGinquirerClass2021>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 16 (Luke 1: 68-79); Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

PARISH CALENDAR

- Nov 28 Sun 11:15a** Advent wreath making for all!
- Nov 29 Mon 1:00p** Advent Midday prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Zoom link on parish calendar
- Dec 1 Wed 1:00p** Advent Midday prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Zoom link on parish calendar
- Dec 11 Sat 11:00a** Preparation for Misa Guadalupana
St. James'
- Dec 12 Sun 10:00a** English Language Service—*Virtual Service Only*
on Zoom/Facebook Live
- 5:00p** Misa Guadalupana
San Gabriel @ St. James'
- Dec 24 Fri 5:00p** Christmas Eve Service with Musical Prelude
Belmont Ridge Middle School and on Zoom/Facebook Live
- Dec 25 Sat 1:00p** Christmas Day Service with Holy Baptisms
San Gabriel @ St. James' and on Facebook Live
- Dec 26 Sun 10:00a** Service of Lessons and Carols
on Zoom/Facebook Live

BLESSINGS FROM ST. GABRIEL'S~SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church started public worship in the Spring of 2003 to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the growing communities of Leesburg, Lansdowne, and Ashburn in Loudoun County, Virginia. Our mission is to "Encounter God, Build Meaningful Relationships, and Make a Difference in the World" through inspiring worship, faith-building discipleship, warm fellowship, heartfelt pastoral care, active evangelism, outreach, and service. We live into our mission statement through word and deed, with God's help!

St. Gabriel's is a welcoming, hospitable, and inclusive faith community, open to people at any stage in their faith journey with Christ. We value human diversity and seek to be a church that reflects the breadth of those who live in our community. We have life-long Christians as well as spiritual seekers and we welcome you just as God made you, , without conditions or barriers. In our worship services you can dress up or dress down, God doesn't care what you wear, nor do we! We extend an invitation to get to know you so that you can develop your faith and we hope that you will invite others to share the spiritual gifts that you find here!

St. Gabriel's is the first bilingual (English-Spanish), multicultural and multiethnic Episcopal congregation in Loudoun County. Worship takes place in four locations and in two languages: the English-language services are at the Belmont Ridge Middle School each Sunday and at Ashby Ponds on the third Tuesday of every month. The Spanish-language service is at Saint James' in Leesburg, and in warm months we worship one Saturday a month at the Chapel in the Woods. We invite you to help us continue building the kingdom of God in this corner of Leesburg through prayer, love, commitment to God and community, joyful worship, and Christian service. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, know that this is a loving community. Blessings and peace!

WORSHIP

10:00 am Sunday Mass in English

*Belmont Ridge Middle School
19045 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg*

3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español

*San Gabriel en St. James'
14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg*

St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds Chapel

*Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am
21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd. Ashburn, VA 20147*

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