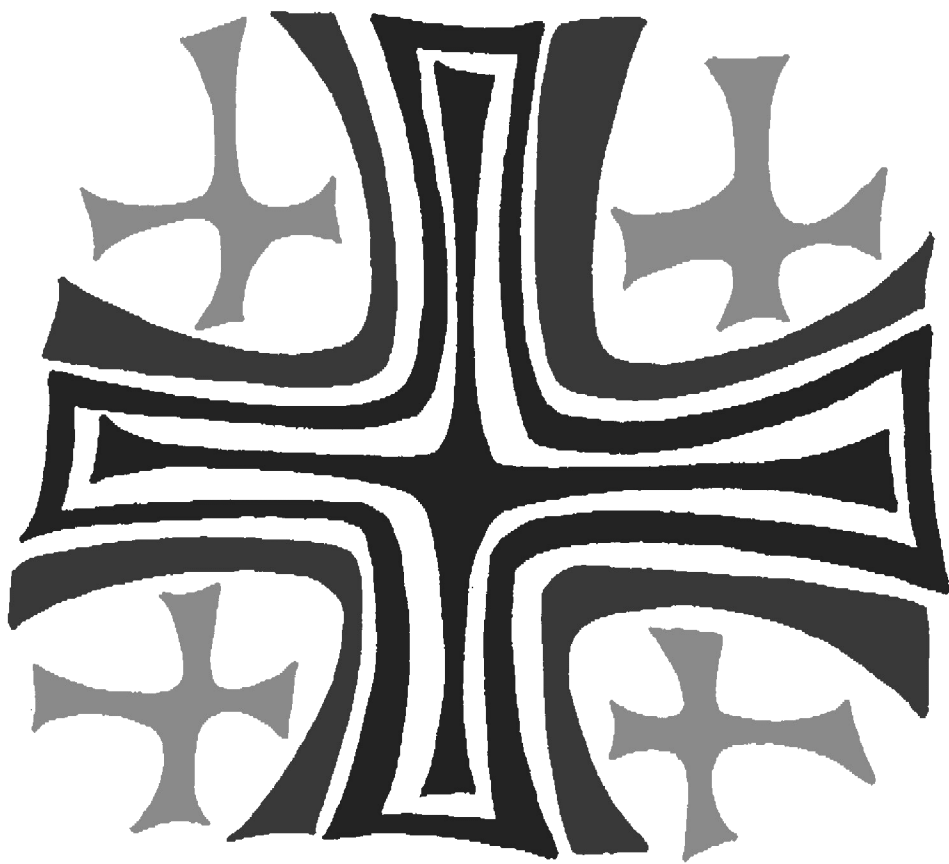

ST. GABRIEL'S + SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 at St. Gabriel's!

Faith formation is important for our spiritual development and we pay special attention to the care of our children. The Children's Story at the beginning of every service is part of the liturgy and it is provided before children typically go to Sunday school and child care. Given ongoing Covid restrictions we are not offering Sunday school or child care until further notice. The Eucharist is an essential part of worship, we invite you to please bring your child to the Altar for Communion regardless of their age.

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 until further notice, however, you are welcome to invite a friend or a newcomer to have coffee or go to lunch with you after service! In the spirit of being connected, we ask that you consider sharing your contact information if we don't already have it. Blue (or yellow) info cards can be found on the table at the entrance, you can place it in the collection basket or give to the clergy. The clergy want to get to know you, so feel free to send an email or text and make an appointment. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

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

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

ACOLYTES

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM, LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (*Vestry Member + a Volunteer*)

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY

1., 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for
 2. From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 1. Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 2., 3. Thanks be to you for ev - er!
 Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -
 mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. D.C.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

WISDOM OF SOLOMON 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 54

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 **Hear my prayer, O God; ***
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 **Behold, God is my helper; ***
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice ***
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

THE SECOND READING

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You

do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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.

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



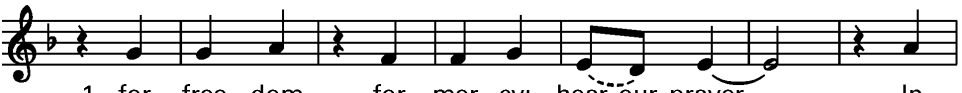
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

- 1. For jus - tice,
- 2. For wis - dom,
- 3. For heal - ing,
- 4. Lord save us,



- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----|
| 1. for free - dom, | for mer - cy: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 2. for cour - age, | for com - fort: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 3. for whole - ness, | for new life: | hear our prayer. | In |
| 4. take pit - y, | light in our dark - ness. | | We |

to Refrain



- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. sor - row, | in grief: | } be near, hear our prayer, O God. |
| 2. weak - ness, | in fear: | |
| 3. sick - ness, | in death: | |
| 4. call you, | we wait: | |

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

THE SERMON

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

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 ask your prayers for all of God's creation; 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. We thank you for the youth who were Confirmed yesterday: Allie, Leo, Alex, Marie and Anderson. We also pray in thanksgiving for those who were received into The Episcopal Church.

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, especially for the people affected by the recent hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, and earthquakes. Pray for the Earth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We ask your prayers for those infected and affected by COVID and other diseases; we pray for their caretakers. We pray for the hungry, the oppressed, and for those in jails and prisons.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and dignity grow in our nation and among all peoples. We commend to you the immigrant and refugee families here and around the world, we pray especially for the Afghan people.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We ask your prayers for all who have died, especially for Eulalia Argelia Velásquez, 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 may 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

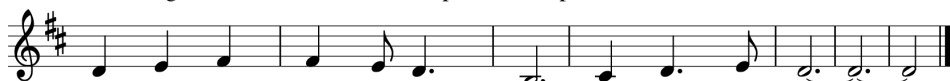
SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

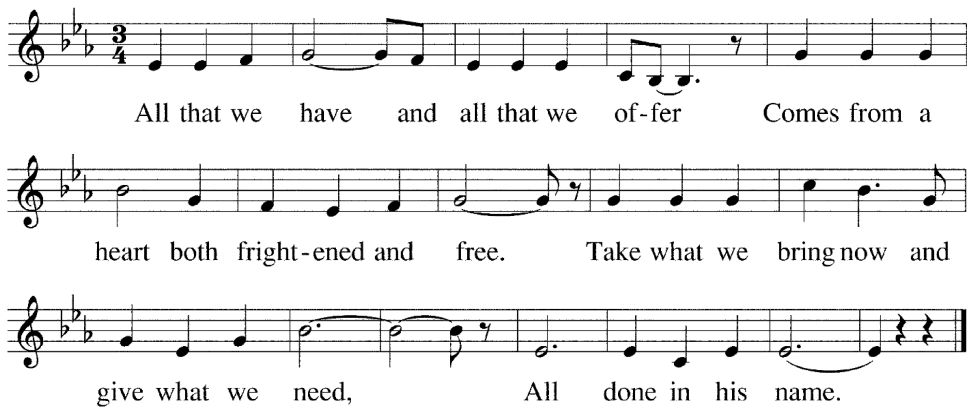


"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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PRESENTATION HYMN

ALL THAT WE HAVE



All that we have and all that we of-fer Comes from a
heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and
give what we need, All done in his name.

God is our light and our stronghold,
Jesus, redeemer, our way;
Spirit of life walk beside us,
guide us and help us to pray: *Refrain*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the
week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious
resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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 hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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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!**

Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' The first staff contains the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The melody is simple and easy to sing.

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
for God has been so good to me. D.C.

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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

WE COME TO YOUR FEAST

Verses

Cantor or choir:



- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. We place up - on your ta - ble | a gleam - ing cloth of |
| 2. We place up - on your ta - ble | a hum - ble loaf of |
| 3. We place up - on your ta - ble | a sim - ple cup of |
| 4. We gath - er 'round your ta - ble, | we pause with - in our |



white:	the weav - ing of our	sto - ries,
bread:	the gift of field and	hill - side,
wine:	the fruit of hu - man	la - bor,
quest,	we stand be - side our	neigh - bors,



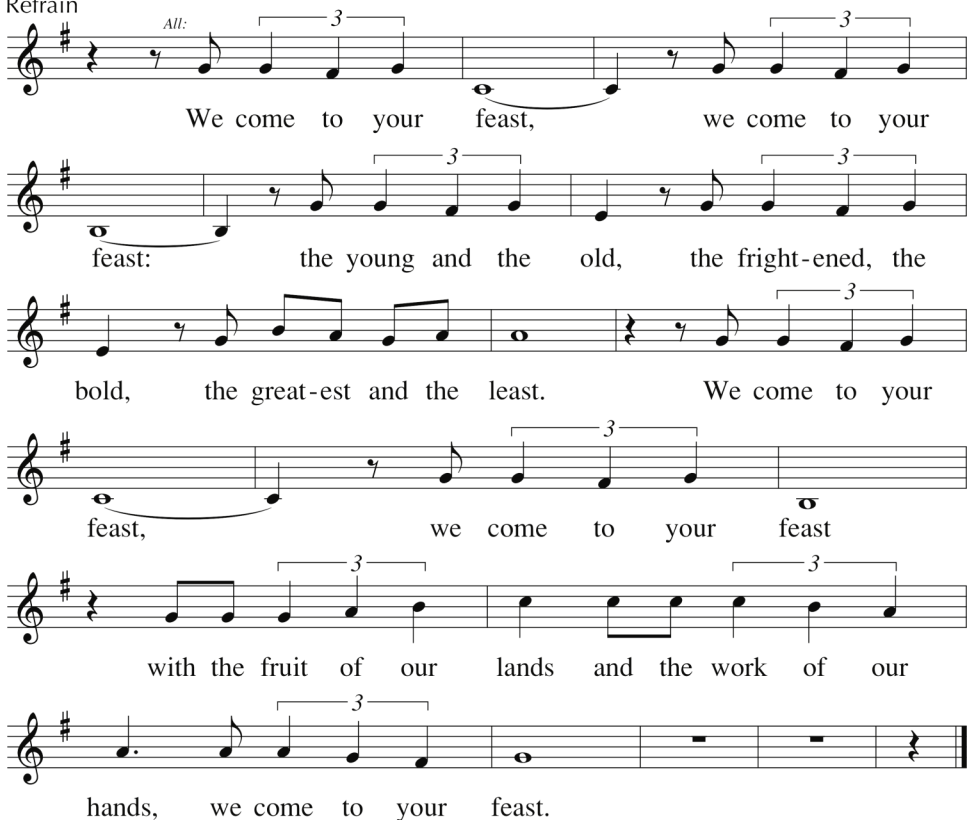
the fab - ric of our lives;	the dreams of those be -
the grain by which we're fed;	we come to taste the
the gift of sun and vine;	we come to taste the
we name the stran - ger "guest."	The feast is spread be -



fore us,	the an - cient hope - ful	cries,
pres - ence	of him on whom we	feed,
pres - ence	of him we claim as	Lord,
fore us;	you bid us come and	dine:



Refrain



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COMMUNION HYMN

AS THE DEER



1. As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my
 2. I want You more gold or sil-ver, On-ly
 3. You're my friend and You are my bro-ther, e-ven



soul longs af-ter You. You a-lone are my
 You can sat-is-fy; You a-lone are the
 though You are a King. I love You more than



heart's de-sire, and I love to wor-ship You.
 real joy giv-er, and the ap-ple of my eye.
 an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.



You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To You a-lone may my



spi-rit yield. You a-lone are my



heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship You.

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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 BLESSING


Celebrant May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short,
grace to do something big for something good,
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now
for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

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

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN


THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



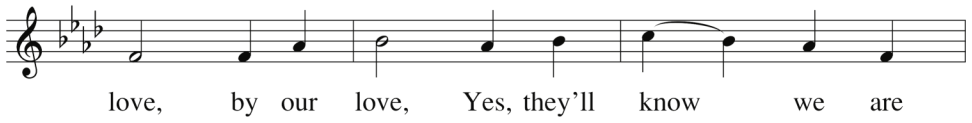
Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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 Nellie Bautista.

In our Diocese, we pray for The Episcopal Church House of Bishops.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of The Province of Uganda.

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:

Food insecurity, kids programs, adult literacies, and immigration ministries.

St. Gabriel's Vestry Anne Donohue (*Senior Warden/2021*), 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: Rony González Reyes; María Miller; Lucas Mateo Rosales Zapata; Kelly Wilkinson; Rigoberto Somuano and Concepción Rojas; Griselda Frías; Phyllis Simpson; Tom Wilkinson; Dave Powell; Page Bradley; Shelly Rodriguez; Rosa Ramírez; Janice Queen; Cindy LoSasso; Amaya Family; Isabel Sagastume; María Balcázar and family; Nathan; María Miranda and Ernesto López; Jassil, Karen & Freddy Baltazar; José Ortega; Rossil, Kaylee Martínez; Blanca Lidia Hernández; Mary Brenda Joyner; Medardo

Morales; Elizabeth Bulger; Mario Quintanilla; Agostini Family; Cathy Benedict; Nila Aguilar; Alberto Ramos Lucas; Stephanie Modzelesky; Janet Spielman; Bonnie Klem-Barnes; Barbara Ewell; Bobbie Wilkinson; Paul Chin; John Cummings; María Eugenia Corro; Bob Cusack; The Mejía-Medina family; Peter Schweitzer and family; Erlis Hernandez; Russ and Lula Bailey; Gonzalo Mendoza; Hennessy Family; Myrta Mercado; Jean Leonard, the Philip Family, Louise Jones; Daisy Rivera; Jack Cusack; Raul Castillejos; Tom Johnson and Family; Ethan Newland and family; Ruthie Rice; Sheri Muilenburg; Leslie Furtick; Ruth Elhafdi; José Manuel Sinisterra; George Rimmert; Angela Wells; Ruth Brown; Eugenia Espinoza Fernández; Carol Adams; Molly Mitchell; Mark DuPuis; Jack and Betty Barden; Deborah Devonshire; Isabel and Sergio Mercado; Worrall family; Andrea Palmer; Gideon Darden.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

Five young St. Gabrielites received the sacrament of Confirmation yesterday! Confirmation is the Sacrament in which a person takes on the responsibility that their godparents took on their behalf when they were baptized and are responsible for continuing to follow their spiritual path in the name of Jesus.

The young people who were confirmed are Marie Victoria Frías, Leonardo Andrés Saavedra Rolón, Anderson Rivera, Alejandro Josué Saavedra Rolón and Alexandra Estelle Worrall. Blessings to our youth on their journey with Jesus!

LET US PRAY FOR THE AFGHAN REFUGEES AND EXILEES ARRIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

More than 3,000 Afghan refugees and exiles that have arrived at Dulles Airport are living in local military bases until they are resettled in the United States. St. Gabriel's will share volunteer and donation information as soon as we receive it through local community organizations that are finding ways to support these individuals and families. More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime please hold them in your prayers.

INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL AT STARBUCKS

All are invited to a conversation on Sundays at Starbucks for the next few weeks after the 10 am service at noon! We will learn more about the Episcopal Church, the Prayer Book, and have the opportunity to talk about our faith and how we serve the people of God through St. Gabriel's. Sundays at noon at the new Starbucks next to CVS in Lansdowne Town Center: 19310 Front St, Leesburg, VA 20176. If you are unable to come in person you can join us via Zoom—just go to <https://tinyurl.com/StGinquirerClass2021>

BIBLE STUDY

Adult formation this fall focuses on **PRAYER**. All are welcome and invited to join us! A 6-week Bible study kicks off September 30, using the 1st and 2nd Books of Chronicles as the biblical source to explore ways in which we might develop a passionate love for God through our “conversations with God”, otherwise known as prayer! This six-session study looks at how we can live up to our potential, experience God's presence, and learn more about

listening and talking to God . **From September 30th – Nov. 4th, 8:00 am to 8:30am.** The Zoom link can be found on the church calendar, by clicking on the link from the calendar it will take you directly to the Zoom meeting. The calendar can be found on the parish website: <https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar>

NEW CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

We have a new address! St. James’ recently relocated their offices to another building on campus, and the address for both St. James’ and St. Gabriel’s has changed. Please update your records with our new mailing address:

St. Gabriel’s ~ San Gabriel Episcopal Church
8 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg, VA 20176

If you have a recurring donation setup via your bank’s billpay system, please remember to update our address there as well!

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

PARISH CALENDAR

Sep 19 Sun	12:00p	Inquirer’s Class for All <i>Starbucks Lansdowne & Zoom – Ask Fr. Daniel for info</i>
Sep 23 Thu	6:30p	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>Virtual gathering via Zoom, link on the Church calendar</i> <i>Ask Carla Rhoads for info</i>
Sep 25 Sat	4:00p	Outdoor Holy Eucharist (Bilingual) <i>St. Gabriel’s Chapel in the Woods</i>
Sep 30 Thu	8:00a	6-week morning Bible study through Nov. 4th <i>For link visit: https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar</i> <i>Ask Jennifer Smith for info</i>
Oct 2 Sat	3:00p	Blessing of the Animals (Bilingual) <i>St. Gabriel’s Chapel in the Woods</i>

BLESSINGS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL'S

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

St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds Chapel

Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd. Ashburn, VA 20147

3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español

San Gabriel en St. James'

14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg

St. Gabriel's Chapel in the Woods

Open any time you wish to pray

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