
ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God — en - du - reth, the —



call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they — per - ish, like
feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

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 second (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
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

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
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

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 **Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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. Nursery-aged children are invited to go with the caregivers after the story. The children will return for the Peace and Eucharist.



THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH/LUKE 1:68-79

Read responsively by the whole verse

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Phillipians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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.



1. Pu - ri - fy my heart, let me be as
 2. Pu - ri - fy my heart, cleanse me from with -



gold and pre - cious sil - ver. Pu - ri - fy my heart,
 in and make me ho - ly. Pu - ri - fy my heart,



let me be as gold, pure gold.
 cleanse me from my sin, deep with - in.



Re - fin - er's fire: My heart's one de - sire is to be



ho - ly, set a-part for You, Lord. I choose to be



ho - ly, set a-part for You, my Mas - ter;



Read - y to do Your will.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

YOUR MERCY LIKE RAIN

Refrain



Let me taste your mer - cy like rain on my



face; here in my life, show me your



peace. Let us see with our own eyes your day break - ing



bright. Come, O Morn - ing; come, O Light!

**What God has spoken I will declare:
Peace to the people of God ev'rywhere.
God's saving presence is close at hand:
glory as near as our land!**

Refrain

**Here faithful love and truth will embrace;
here peace and justice will come face to face.
God's truth shall water the earth like a spring,
while justice will bend down and sing.**

Refrain

**God will keep the promise indeed;
our land will yield the food that we need.
Justice shall walk before you that day,
clearing a path, preparing your way.**

Refrain

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:

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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

THERE IS A LONGING

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:)
 - 2. weak - ness, in fear:)
 - 3. sick - ness, in death:)
 - 4. call you, we wait:)
- be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Ostinato
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De no - che i-re-mos, de no - che que pa - ra en-con-trar la fue - ña; te;
 By night we has-ten, in dark-ness, to search for — liv - ing wa - ter;

cresc. *mf*, *pp* *Última vez / Last time*

só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra, só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra. De
 on - ly our thirst leads us on - wards, on - ly our thirst leads us on - wards. By

cresc. *mf*, *pp* *Última vez / Last time*

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

People

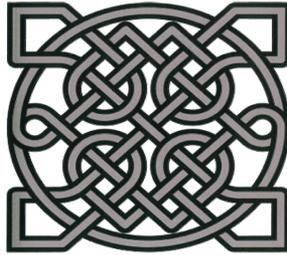
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of the Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving for those who cannot partake in the physical Communion of your Body and Blood. Together with them, we remember your death, proclaim your resurrection; 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**PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION**

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

#ADVENTWORD

Have you seen people posting their AdventWord? AdventWord is a global online Advent Calendar that brings together people all over the world in prayer. Images and meditations can be experienced at www.AdventWord.org, through direct daily emails, and on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Join an international, ecumenical community in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent. You're invited to help create this global, online Advent Calendar by participating in any of the following ways:

- Sign up on www.AdventWord.org to receive a brief visual and written meditation from December 1 through Christmas Eve
- Share this bulletin insert with a friend, and encourage each other to prayerfully reflect through out the Advent Season
- Post images or reflections on your own social media accounts – remember to use #AdventWord and the #word of the day, and
- Follow and visit: www.instagram.com/adventword, www.twitter.com/AdventWord, or www.facebook.com/AdventWordOrg

Here are the words for 2021. Please share them with friends and family who would enjoy participating - #AdventWord is an ecumenical project! We welcome posts that resonate with #AdventWord from all persons.



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 Paula Callaghan, Adrian, and Seth.

In our Diocese, we pray for Immanuel, Mechanicsville; Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. John's, Arlington.

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

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: Janet Knowlton; Aileen Fink; 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 and family; Rigoberto Somuano and Concepción Rojas; Griselda Frías; Phyllis Simpson; Shelly Rodriguez; Rosa Ramírez; Janice Queen; Amaya Family; Isabel Sagastume; María Balcázar and family; María Miranda and Ernesto López; Jassil, Karen & Freddy Baltazar; José Ortega Rossil; Kaylee Martínez; Blanca Lidia Hernández; Mary Brenda Joyner; Medardo Morales; Elizabeth Bulger; Agostini Family; Cathy Benedict; Nila Aguilar; Alberto Ramos Lucas; Bonnie Klem-Barnes; Barbara Ewell; Paul Chin; John Cummings; The Mejía-Medina family; Peter Schweitzer and family; Erlis Hernandez; Russ and Lula Bailey; Gonzalo Mendoza; Hennessey 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

VIRTUAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY AT 10AM

A reminder that next Sunday's 10am service will be on Zoom and Facebook Live only, not in person. Zoom info is below. All are invited and encouraged to attend the bilingual Misa Guadalupana celebration at 5pm at St. James'!

Zoom Info: *Meeting ID:* 103 425 672 *Passcode:* 123387

STEWARDSHIP: 2021 END OF YEAR AND 2022 PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to all who submitted pledge cards for our late summer campaign for 2021 to help us solidify our budget for the rest of the year. As the year winds down, pledge progress statements will be sent soon, and you can always check your pledge balance using our REALM system.

A reminder : please submit your 2022 pledge card! You can do it electronically at <https://onrealm.org/saintgabriels/AddPledge/pledge2022>

INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL: ON BREAK IN DECEMBER

Our inquirer's class and coffee hour at Panera is taking a break for the month of December. We will gather again in the new year! We encourage you to take this time in Advent to participate in things such as today's gift wrapping.

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).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Cantic 9 (Isaiah 12:2-6); Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

PARISH CALENDAR

- Dec 5 Sun 11:15a** Gift Wrapping for Christmas Elves
- Dec 6 Mon 1:00p** Advent Midday prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Zoom link on parish calendar
- Dec 8 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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