

ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022

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 plate, send an email to the office, or text the clergy for coffee or tea!

Faith formation is important for the spiritual development of us all. Special attention is given to our children, it's the Jesus way! A Children's Story is provided at the beginning of the service and child care is provided for children up to kindergarten age and Sunday school will resume this Fall. The children return from child care and Sunday school before the Peace. Because Eucharist is essential to our faith journey please bring your children for Communion!

Coffee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's, it builds community! We invite you to bring a treat if you can and regardless, visit with one another for awhile after service! While our in-person services and gatherings are mask-optional, you will not feel uncomfortable wearing one at St. Gabriel's because we recognize that there are people who have diverse reasons for taking every necessary health precaution possible. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

At St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel the ministers for worship include the congregation, the clergy, and the staff. If you'd like to volunteer for one of the following roles, let one of the clergy or seminarian know. It is preferred that liturgical volunteers arrive at least ten minutes prior to the service

ACOLYTE

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/Psalm

LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (*Vestry Member + Volunteer*)

The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Celebrant and Preacher

The Vnbl. Holly Hanback
Deacon

Mrs. Dana M. Jean
Seminarian

Mr. Peter Schweitzer
Director of Music

THE THIRD 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 third (pink) 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
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us



- 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
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of



- 1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Stir up your power, O Lord,
and with great might come among us;
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

*Children are invited for a Biblical message
related to the lessons of the day.*

*Children up to Pre-K age can join
Ms. Mildred and Ms. Nellie in the nursery
after the story; they will return for
the Peace and Eucharist.*





THE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 35:1-10

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, or shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE**PSALM 146:4-9***Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 **Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;**
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 **The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON**JAMES 5:7-10**

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

SING OUT, MY SOUL



1. Sing out, my soul, for God has raised and
 2. The proud of heart he shall make low and
 3. Glo - ry to you, the God of all cre -



1. blessed me And looked on me with kind - ly, lov - ing
 2. hum - ble. The gen - tle, poor and hun - gry shall be
 3. a - tion. Glo - ry to you, O Christ, the prom - ised



1. eyes. A ser - vant low - ly, yet am I be - lov - ed.
 2. filled. O Is - ra - el! God shall up - hold the prom - ise
 3. one. Glo - ry to you, O Spir - it of Com - pas - sion.



1. This won - drous God has done great things for me.
 2. Made long a - go to you and A - bra - ham.
 3. In - spire our hearts to sing our moth - er's song.



1-3. For - ev - er - more, O might - y God of mer - cy,



1-3. I will sing praise, for ho - ly is your name!

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



Juan, que estaba en la cárcel, tuvo noticias de lo que Cristo estaba haciendo. Entonces envió algunos de sus seguidores a que le preguntaran si él era de veras el que había de venir, o si debían esperar a otro.

Jesús les contestó: "Vayan y díganle a Juan lo que están viendo y oyendo. Cuéntele que los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de su enfermedad, los sordos oyen, los muertos vuelven a la vida y a los pobres se les anuncia la buena noticia. ¡Y dichoso aquel que no encuentre en mí motivo de tropiezo!"

Cuando ellos se fueron, Jesús comenzó a hablar a la gente acerca de Juan, diciendo: "¿Qué salieron ustedes a ver al desierto? ¿Una caña sacudida por el

viento? Y si no, ¿qué salieron a ver? ¿Un hombre vestido lujosamente? Ustedes saben que los que se visten lujosamente están en las casas de los reyes. En fin, ¿a qué salieron? ¿A ver a un profeta? Sí, de veras, y a uno que es mucho más que profeta. Juan es aquel de quien dice la Escritura:

“Yo envió mi mensajero delante de ti, para que te prepare el camino.”

Les aseguro que, entre todos los hombres, ninguno ha sido más grande que Juan el Bautista; y, sin embargo, el más pequeño en el reino de los cielos es más grande que él.”

Celebrant 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

People of every age are invited to choose one of the prayers and read it aloud

Reader Creator God, we pray for your holy Church, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming; we pray for all who believe, for those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith. May we all receive the light of Christ and live into our mission to proclaim the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader Redeeming God, we pray for those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. We pray for all who live and work in this community and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader Life Giving God, we pray for the poor, the persecuted, those affected by war and gun violence, the sick, and all who suffer; for migrants, refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; relieve us and protect us. O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader Eternal God, we pray for all who have died, may they rest in glory eternal. We also pray for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Please pray for those on our Prayer List on pages 22-23.

You may offer your prayers of intercession and petition either aloud or in the silence of your heart.

Celebrant Let us Pray.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, who may be walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

People **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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

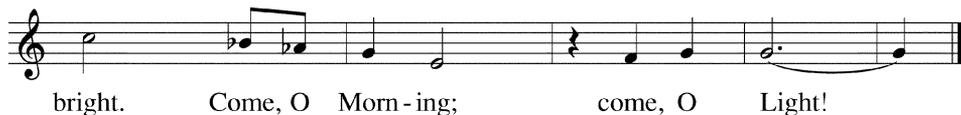
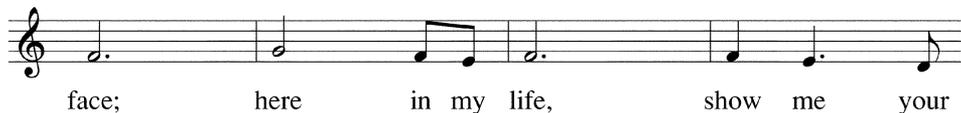
People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

YOUR MERCY LIKE RAIN

Refrain



**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

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

Celebrant All things come of thee, Oh Lord,
People **and of thine own have we given 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Gabriel, St. James, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

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 not sharing a common cup at this time, so the celebrant will instinct (dip) the bread into the wine before giving it to you. 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. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 yet wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 what I can I give him - give my heart.

COMMUNION HYMN

JOY OF MY DESIRE

Joy of my de - sire, all consum - ing fire,
 Lord of glo - ry, Rose of Sha - ron, rare and sweet
 You are now my peace, comfort - er and friend.
 Won - derful, so beau - ti - ful You are to me.____
 I wor - ship You in spir - it and in__ truth.
 I wor - ship You in spir - it and in__ truth. There will
 nev - er be a friend as dear to me as You.____

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant Let us Pray.

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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

THE CHURCH

We pray for the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; The Bishops of the Diocese of Virginia: +Mark Stevenson and +Gayle Harris; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel+ and Deacon Holly; and for our seminarian, Dana.

In our parish, we pray for all who have been working to prepare for this evening's Misa Guadalupana.

In our Diocese, we pray for Christ Church, Gordonsville; St. James the Less, Ashland.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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 the Belmont Ridge Middle School.

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

St. Gabriel's Music Ministers Peter Schweitzer, 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

For the multigenerational community education ministry volunteers, for the Prayer Shawl and Prayer Square ministry participants, for the ESL volunteers, for the spiritual companions of the Alliance of Women with Love participants; and for the Educando con Amor volunteers.

St. Gabriel's Vestry Rob Buchanan (*Senior Warden/2024*), Carla Rhoads (*Junior Warden/2024*), Steve Rice (*Treasurer/2023*), Dj Gunning (*Clerk*), Karen Ballesteros (*2023*), Paula Callaghan Morató (*2024*), César Frías (*2024*), José Mejía (*2024*), Isamar Ortega (*2025*), Sue Schweitzer (*2023*), Eileen Shaffer (*2025*), and Eva María Torres Herrera (*2024*).

We pray for the New Vision Task Force charged by the congregation to explore options for St. Gabriel's to move under one roof: Janet Taliaferro & Parker Gallagher (co-chairs), Peter Schweitzer, Jennifer Smith, John Jacobs, Octavio Somuano, Bruce LeLacheur, Chuck Mitchell, Carla Rhoads, and Rob Buchanan.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community: Theresa Shields; Mary Ramsey; Fernando Mosquera Sinisterra; Donald Barber; Máximo Vélez; Robert Joseph Rouse; Molly Mitchell; Colwin Bocasan; Hermelinda Araki; Margaret Schweitzer; Martha Meléndez; Victoria Delgado; Nina Frymoyer; The Abernethy family; Dainise Patterson; Aura Mojica; María Flores; Laura Argueta vda. de López; George Dyson; Anthony Holley; Sheri Muilenburg; Katherine Clayton; Tony and Lesina Visgaitis and family; Mario Roberto Mejía Arias; Juanita Gardner; Michael and Laura Smith & family; Worrall family; Cindy LoSasso; Rob Schwartzman; John Shook; Kelly Wilkinson and family; Rigoberto Somuano and Concepción Rojas; Griselda Frías; Shelly Rodriguez; Janice Queen; Peter Schweitzer and family; Gonzalo Mendoza; Myrta Mercado; Jack Cusack; Ethan Newland and family; Ruth Brown; Jack and Betty Barden; Gideon Darden.

We pray for our college students: Grace Shaffer; 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, Marie Victoria Frías Pomárez, Elinore McLain, Samantha Smith, and Kyra Baron.

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

THE WORLD

Our prayers for President Biden, Vice President Harris, members of the United States Congress, Governor Youngkin, 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

TODAY | CHRISTMAS ELVES WRAPPING PARTY

Stick around after this service for our St. Gabriel's and Arc of Loudoun Christmas Elves Wrapping Party. We will be wrapping all of the presents for our Arc recipients.

TODAY | MISA GUADALUPANA

Join us this evening at 5pm for a St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel tradition: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. James'. We will celebrate the Mother of God and Patron Saint of the Americas, as she appeared to Juan Diego in the image of a Mexican woman. The service will begin at 5pm with a procession to the church, where the mother of Christ will be honored with a beautiful altar background, a live mariachi band, Holy Eucharist and a folkloric dance troupe. The worship service will be followed by hospitality in the form of food, drink and great company!

DEC 14 | VIGIL: 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SANDY HOOK

On Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm, Loudoun Interfaith Bridges, Loudoun NAACP, and Loudoun Moms Demand Action will be holding a vigil to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, and to raise awareness of gun violence in our own community. Father Daniel and Flor Miranda will both be speaking at this event. It is free for everyone and will be held at the Baha'i Center at 21415 Cardinal Glen Circle in Sterling.

DEC 14, 21 | LABYRINTH WALK AT ST. DAVID'S

Is the holiday hubub tempting you to say "humbug?" Take time for yourself and an Advent journey with a labyrinth walking meditation. This ancient spiritual practice can enliven the release of losses or hardships and open you to the rebirth of the Christ within. St. David's Episcopal Church invites you to walk the labyrinth Wednesday evenings **December 14th and 21st from 7:00pm-8:30pm** in the annex of the Church (to the left of the main entrance).

The labyrinth is a quiet space prepared for individual silent prayer. Come as you are, with brokenness, with the desire for renewal, with your desire to love and to be beloved. Come at God's invitation this season. All are welcome, just show up.

DEC 17 | MISA DE AGUINALDO

A “newer” Advent tradition at St. Gabriel’s ~ San Gabriel! Join us for the second Misa de Aguinaldo, a service of Holy Eucharist and Music, **Saturday, December 17 at 5:30am** at St. James’. *5:30am is NOT a typo*, the service begins before first light, a Filipino and Puerto Rican tradition. Breakfast will be provided after the service in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW VISION TASK FORCE

charged by our parishioners to explore options for us to move together under one roof

Blessed Lord we ask that you guide the New Vision Task Force members and our faith community as we discern and seek a center for mission and ministry; a place where we can worship you and from where we can do the ministries that Christ commanded on behalf of the community around us and the world. May we hear the Spirit of God on our journey. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

PARISH CALENDAR

- Dec 11 Sun 5:00p** Misa Guadalupana
San Gabriel @ St. James: Church and Parish Hall
- Dec 17 Sat 5:30a** Misa de Aguinaldo
San Gabriel @ St. James: Church and Parish Hall
- Dec 24 Sat 5:00p** Christmas Eve Service With Musical Prelude
Belmont Ridge Middle School
- Dec 25 Sun 1:00p** Misa de Navidad
San Gabriel @ St. James

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

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church started public worship in the Fall of 2002 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*

The Chapel in the Woods

*Open any time you wish to pray
Corner of Battlefield Pkwy/Ft. Evans Rd.*

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