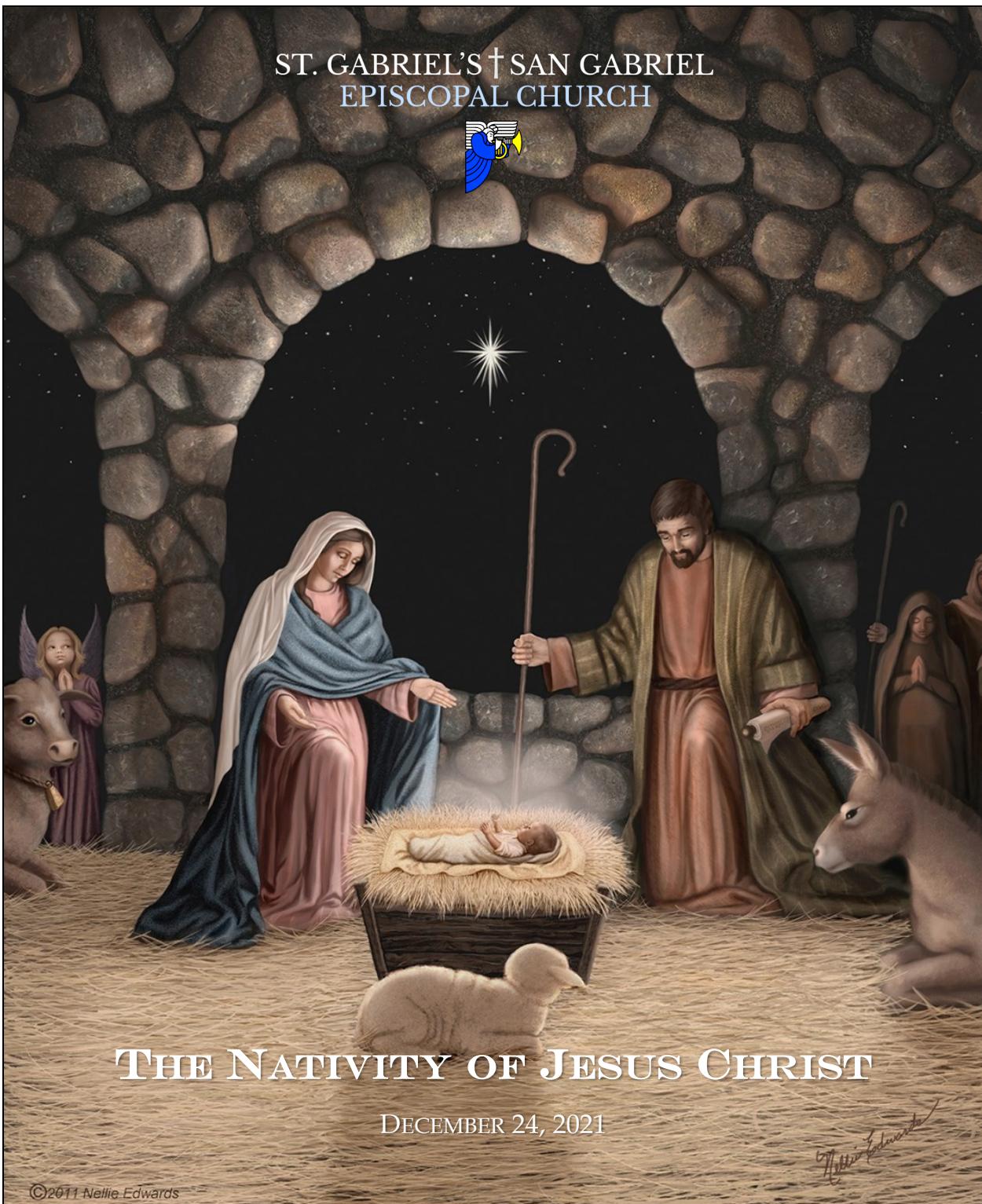


ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 24, 2021

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ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY**

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In memory of her mother, Aliban Solang.

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THE CELEBRATION OF
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
WITH CAROLS, COMMUNION, CANDLELIGHT, AND HOT CHOCOLATE!

CAROLS WITH SAINT GABRIEL'S CHOIR

Carol of the Stable

Richard Jeffrey, Timothy Dudley-Smith, arr. Mark Kellner

The Little Drummer Boy / Peace on Earth

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José Feliciano

O Holy Night

Adolphe Charles Adams



THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

please stand if you are able

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain



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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King,
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the lyrics 'in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ri-a'. The second system covers 'ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.' The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of chords and melodic lines. There are some annotations like 'Glo - ri - a' and 'ri - a' written below the notes.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **O God, you have caused this holy night to shine
with the brightness of the true Light:
Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth,
may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven;
where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 52:7-10

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 98

Read responsively by whole verse

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 1:1-4

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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 Episcopal Church

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able

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
and 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader God of unimaginable love,
on the first Christmas you became incarnate in Jesus and lived among us.

People **We celebrate your love for every person in every place and time.**

Reader God of all humanity,
you offered your peace to all people.

People **We celebrate your presence and we accept your commission to share peace with all people.**

Reader God of the shepherds,
you announced your arrival in this world to the poorest and most humble.

People **We celebrate your Good News for all people and we thank you for your abundant compassion and mercy.**

Reader God of the manger,
you came to us through your Son in a small and simple place.

People **We celebrate your presence with us today in this place made glorious by the presence of your Holy Spirit.**

Reader God of deliverance,
you came to be one of us in order to give us the promise of eternal life.

People **We celebrate your protection and mercy for all who are sick, in need, or have tribulations.**

Reader God of new life,
when you became human you poured yourself into each of us so that we may have new life in you, we bless you and thank you God of all Creation.

People **We celebrate this day in your Holy Name and we praise you for welcoming us into your kingdom. Keep us close to you, now and in the life to come.**

Reader God of mystery,
bless us as we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus the Christ.
And now, we pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those who are dear to our hearts, those who have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

You are invited to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

People **Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ the newborn king, our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Each Christmas, St. Gabriel's chooses an organization whose mission aligns with ours to benefit from the Christmas plate collections. This year, we will make a donation to **Loudoun Free Clinic**. More information on the clinic can be found on page 28 of this bulletin. Please be generous with your Christmas donations. If you wish to make an additional gift, you can use e-giving through our website (SaintGabriels.net) or mail a check to the church office.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ON THAT NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM
D. Wagner, C. Lee

*On that night in Bethlehem, as so the story's told, on that night in Bethlehem was heavenly love bestowed.
Glory, gloria, glory, gloria. On that night in Bethlehem a long time ago.*

*On that night in Bethlehem the skies their glory shone; to the earth there came a light, the brightest ever known.
Glory, gloria, glory, gloria. On that night in Bethlehem a long time ago.*

*Still, still, still was the night that our Lord was born. Still, still, still to a people lost and forlorn.
Then angel songs in cheerful numbers blest the holy Infant's slumber.
Still, still, still, was the night that our Lord was born.*

*Still, still, still, stood the waiting world below; Still, still, still, like the peace of a new fallen snow.
Then angel songs in cheerful numbers blest the holy Infant's slumber.
Still, still, still, in Bethlehem, a long time ago.*

On that night, a long time ago.



What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet

what I can I give him, give my heart.

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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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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,

People **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!**

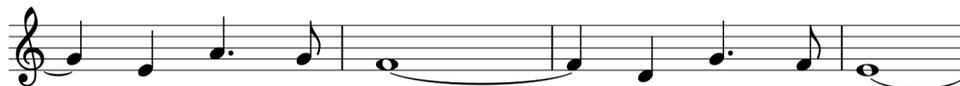
THE FRACTION ANTHEM

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL



Em - man - u - el,

Em - man - u - el,



His name is called

Em - man - u - el:



God with us,

re - vealed in us!



His name is called

Em - man - u - el.

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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

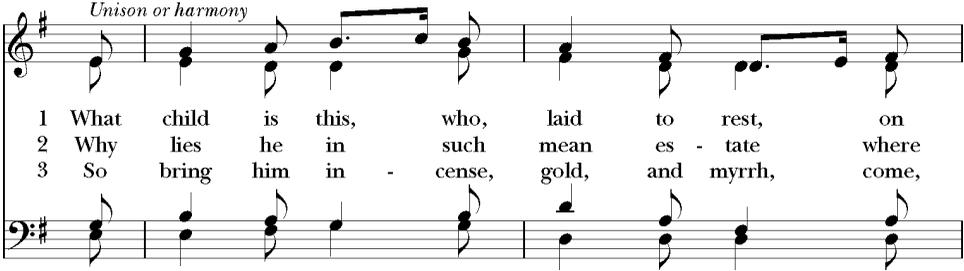
Where all are welcome!

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.

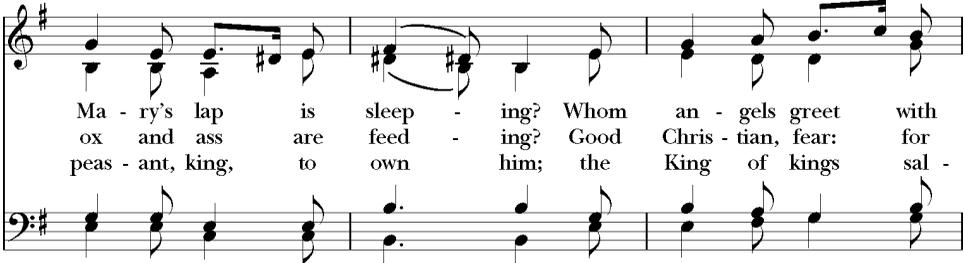
We are unable to share a common cup at this time due to Covid restrictions, so the priest will do the intinction (dipping) of your wafer in the chalice as you come to receive Communion so that you may receive both bread and wine.

If you do not wish to receive Eucharist 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.

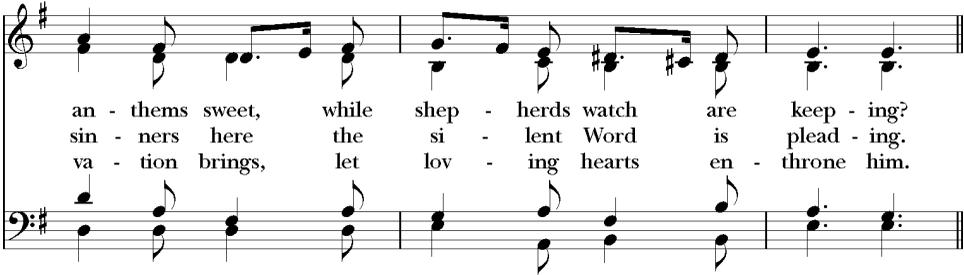
Unison or harmony



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

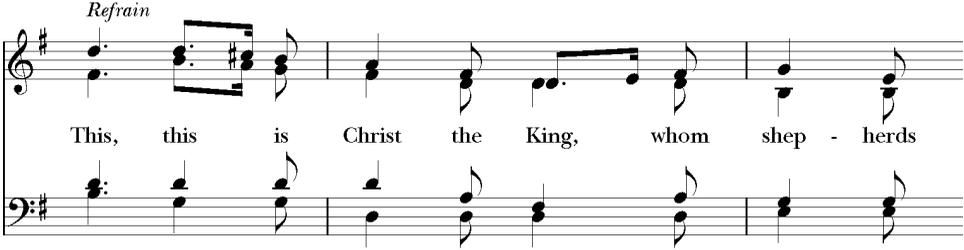


Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Have you ever, in the silence, wondered at His birth,
of how the Son of God was born, a Child upon the earth?
Have you ever thought of Him at rest upon the hay,
smiling at the faces of the creatures that He made?
Have you ever, in the silence, wondered at the sight
of shepherds watching in the fields upon a starlit night?
Have you ever thought it strange they left their sheep and ran
to a stall in Bethlehem to kneel before a Lamb?
Have you ever, in the silence, wondered at the thought
of how it came to pass the Wise Men chose the gifts they brought?
Frankincense for holy ones, and gold for kings, but myrrh?
Why a gift for tombs they brought on this, the Savior's birth, on this, the Savior's birth?*

*Have you ever, in the silence? Have you ever, in the silence?
In the silence? Silence? Silence?*

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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands:
May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh be his body for the world,
his hands to bring blessing, his senses to glory, to bear the message of the promise
of creation restored; in the name of the Holy Child Jesus we pray. Amen.**

As the hymn is sung, we will process outside for candle lighting, the final blessing, and hot chocolate.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

As the candles are lit, please pass the light to one another.

LESSON OF THE LIGHT

JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

A moment of silence is kept after the hymn.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him,
bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin,
and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who on this night sent his angels to proclaim the glad news
of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven,
give you his peace and favor.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CAROL

JOY TO THE WORLD!

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

You may extinguish your candle and return them to the ushers or place in the bins.

Please join us for hot chocolate.

ABOUT THE LOUDOUN FREE CLINIC

Each Christmas, St. Gabriel’s chooses an organization whose mission aligns with ours to benefit from the Christmas plate collections. This year, we will make a donation to Loudoun Free Clinic. Here’s a little more information about the clinic:

MISSION DRIVEN

The Loudoun Free Clinic is driven by our mission to support healthcare services for Loudoun County residents who, as a result of economic or other barriers, would otherwise do without.

OUR WORK

We coordinate visits, medications, tests, surgeries, and often transportation for thousands of people struggling with emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions. We ensure that all treatments are provided at no cost to our patients.

The LFC is funded entirely by grants and donations, and supported by a network of community organizations as well as a loving and dedicated group of volunteers who staff our daytime and evening clinics to meet this critical need in our community.

LFC is an established and respected partner in the community. We have an outstanding staff, including 8 full-time and 5 part-time members, and dedicated group of volunteers who provide care to more than 1,500 patients.

We have improved the health and lives of thousands of people since 1998 by providing top quality, compassionate medical care. In order to qualify a patient must be uninsured, have a household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and be a resident of Loudoun County.

www.loudounfreeclinic.org



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Loudoun Free Clinic 2020 Data

Providing primary and specialty medical care to uninsured, low-income adults in Loudoun County



at a value of
\$709,288

1,060
unique patients

87
volunteers



who clocked
2,628 hours

\$ at a value of
98,373

60 off-site medical practices

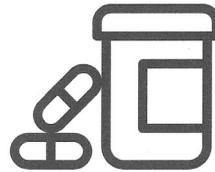
Diagnostic
services
valued at
\$1,170,453



Mental health
services
valued at
\$37,840



6,810
prescriptions



valued
at

\$1,586,730

with a grand total value of **\$3,602,684**

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

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church started public worship in the Spring 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 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 are 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 at 10 a.m. 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 bilingually one Saturday a month at the Chapel in the Woods beginning on Easter Sunday. 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 that welcomes you. 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

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