

ST. GABRIEL'S SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A HOLY
LENT

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 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! For the safety of our immunocompromised parishioners and unvaccinated children under the age of 5 we will continue masking for the time being.

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 Sunday school is provided during worship. Sunday school will resume after Easter. Child care is provided for children up to kindergarten age. 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! For the safety of all, we are not yet hosting coffee hour. However, feel free to invite a friend or newcomer to join you for coffee or for lunch after the service at a local café or restaurant! A faith formation group usually meets at Panera at noon after services in the Lansdowne Town Center (19327 Promenade Drive) for conversations about life and 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)



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

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— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path-way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Bless the Lord ☩ who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Ostinato Refrain

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a '4' indicating common time, and a dotted half note. It continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Lord Je-sus Christ,' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a '4' indicating common time. It continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Son of the liv-ing God, have mer-cy on me, a sin-ner, have mer-cy.' are written below the notes. The music concludes with a repeat sign and a double bar line.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

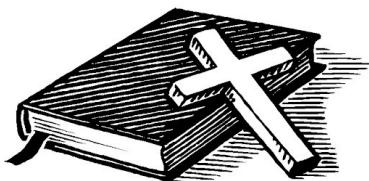
Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:
Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith
to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word,
Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives
and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

Children are invited to the front for the children's Biblical message. Nursery-aged children up to Pre-K aged children can join the caregivers after the story. The children will return for the Peace and Eucharist.





THE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 15:1-12,17-18

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? The
Lord is the strength, the strength of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid.

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THE SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

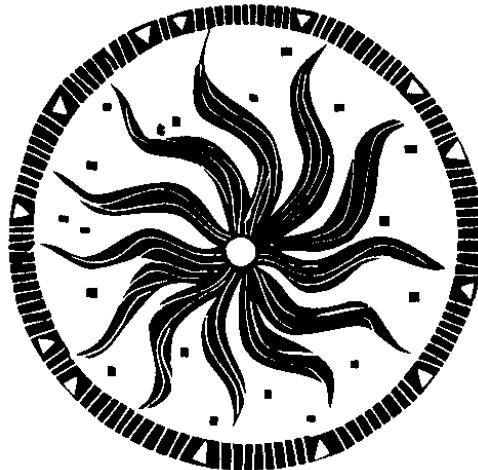
Lector A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 13:31-35

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem. 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.''"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Mrs. Susannah Harding
Candidate for Holy Orders

THE NICENE CREED

People We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lector Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may be enlightened
by your Spirit to serve you with humility;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons,
seminarians, postulants, and aspirants;
People **That they may be faithful ministers
of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector We pray for our country and those who govern here and in the
world; we also pray for those who for centuries have suffered
from racism, prejudice, and discrimination.
May change come through the loving power of Christ
to heal the world with his mercy.

People **Grant us a spirit of tolerance to give dignity to
all of God's children.**

Lector We pray for greater love in the world and to also remember
Bishop Curry's words, "if it's not about love, it's not about God."
People **That we may always welcome the unconditional gifts of God.**

Lector We pray for the unemployed and the destitute, for the people of
Ukraine, for prisoners, and refugees. We pray for the poor and
the oppressed, for the sick and the suffering.

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector We thank you for the mission of the Borderland Ministries and
for St. Gabriel's partnership with the Diocese of the Rio Grande;
we pray for all who serve our migrant neighbors with grace,
justice, dignity, and love.

People **May their work bring healing and reconciliation in our time.**

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into glory.
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs, and for the needs of others.

*Your 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 Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble, and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of this broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSON 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

RETURN TO GOD

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain in G major, 3/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer - cy; come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God."

Verse 1

Musical notation for Verse 1 in G major, 3/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal - va - tion; come and learn now the way of our God." D.C.

Verse 2

Musical notation for Verse 2 in G major, 3/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart with - in you, a heart of com - pas - sion and love." D.C.

Verse 3

Musical notation for Verse 3 in G major, 3/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "3. If you break the chains of op - pres - sion, if you if you share your bread with the hun - gry, give pro - give a shel - ter to the home - less, clothe the

1. 2.

3.

set the pris - 'ner free;
tec-tion to the lost;
na-ked in your

midst, then your light shall break

D.C.

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PRESENTATION HYMN

I COME TO THE CROSS

A musical score for a hymn, arranged for voice and piano. The music consists of four staves of treble clef notation. The first three staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'), while the fourth staff begins in common time and ends in 2/4 time (indicated by a '2'). The lyrics are written below each staff.

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace, I
 come to the cross where You died for my sake.
 Out of my weakness and in - to Your strength,
 Je-sus I come, Je-sus I come, Je-sus I come to the cross.

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

EUCARISTIC PRAYER D

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. And grant that we may find our inheritance with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Gabriel, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

BEHOLD THE LAMB



Fine



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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

FLOW RIVER, FLOW

Refrain

Flow river flow, flow over me. O living wa-ter,
poured out for free; O living wa-ter, flow o-ver me.

Verses

1. You will be mine and I will be your God,
2. The blind shall see, the mute shall find a voice,
3. Who - ev - er drinks the wa - ter I will give

1. for I will wash you clean. And a new
2. the lame shall leap for joy. Riv - ers will
3. will nev - er thirst a - gain. The drink I

1. heart, a — heart of flesh and feel - ing, I will
2. flow in - to dry and bar - ren des - ert, flow - ers
3. give is an ev - er-flow - ing riv - er, well - ing

to Refrain

1. place with - in you — for your heart of stone.
2. bloom in splen - dor, — glo - ry fill the land.
3. up with - in you to give e - ter - nal life.

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COMMUNION HYMN

MY GOD, THY TABLE NOW IS SPREAD

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick-enning grace, O Lord, in coun - less
 4 Nor let thy spread-ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, ☧ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain

Though the moun - tains may fall and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shel - ter for all who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glo - ry of God.

Verses

1. Could the Lord ev - er leave you? Could the Lord for -
2. Should you turn and for - sake him, he will gent - ly
3. Go to him when you're wea - ry; he will give you
4. As he swore to your fa - thers, when the flood de -

1. get his love? Though a moth - er for -
2. call your name. Should you wan - der a -
3. ea - gle's wings. You will run, nev - er
4. stroyed the land, he will nev - er for -

1. sake her child, he will not a - ban - don you.
2. way from him, he will al - ways take you back.
3. tire, _____ for your God will be your strength.
4. sake you; _____ he will swear to you a - gain.

to Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

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

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

THE CHURCH

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

In our parish, we pray for Anne, Michael, Megan, and Jacob Denzin.

In our Diocese, we pray for Emmanuel, Brook Hill; St. Dunstan's, McLean.

We pray for the discernment, search process, and consecration of the fourteenth bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

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

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: Rick Whitmer; George Dyson; Anthony Holley; Sumanth Reddimalla; Rob Buchanan; Sheri Muilenburg; Fr.

Héctor Trejo, Karina Tejeda, and their daughters who operate two shelters at the border; Fr. Michael Wallens; Katherine Clayton; Tony and Lesina Visgaitis and family; Mario Roberto Mejía Arias; Juanita Gardner; Michael and Laura Smith & family; Jacqueline Rivera; Worrall family; Cindy LoSasso; Rob Schwartzman; Daniel Hung; 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; 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; 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; 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, and Elinore McLain.

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 Niquéen (Peruvian Army).

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

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20

CALL FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Leesburg, VA will be held on **Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 11:30 A.M.** (*following a 10:00 a.m. bilingual worship service*) at Belmont Ridge Middle School in Lansdowne, VA.

To hear and receive the annual reports of the Officers and Organizations, Delegates, Treasurers, custodians of funds, and appointed committees, and to take whatever action may be necessary thereon.

At that time, members of the parish will be nominated, and the parish will vote for their election to Vestry as of 2022. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. This will be a bilingual meeting to meet the needs of both English and Spanish speakers of the parish.

By order of the Vicar, Wardens, and Vestry.

David Gunning, Jr.

Clerk of the Vestry

LENTEN CREATION CARE FAST

The season of Lent is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. In this spirit, our Adult Formation ministry is inviting you to a new Lenten practice, a new way to fast. We will join the Virginia Interfaith Power & Light to "fast" in different ways each week that prioritize care for Earth and neighbor as a spiritual practice. We will follow a Lenten Creation Care Calendar (pick one up on your way out of church!). The Creation Care Fast will end the Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday).

The St Gabriel's community will meet on **Sunday evenings via zoom at 6:00 pm** from February 27 through April 10 to discuss the focus of the week (each week has a different theme) as well as how we can support each other in this spiritual practice. The discussions will be in English and Spanish facilitated by Paula Callaghan and Jennifer Smith. Join us in a Holy Lent because the world can change a lot in 40 days! To join the discussions, go to <https://tinyurl.com/StGCreationCare> or use the Zoom info at SaintGabriels.net/calendar.

WALK WITH THE WORD: OUTDOOR LENTEN SERIES

Join us for our first “Walk With The Word” on **Saturday, March 12**. We will meet at King Street Coffee (110 S. King Street in Leesburg) at 8:30am, and walk on the W&OD trail while having a discussion regarding a specific scripture reading.

SHRINE MONT PARISH RETREAT

Set aside the weekend of May 20th - May 22nd for our Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont! You can reserve for one night, both nights, or do a day trip. The retreat fees will be announced once we have the information from Shrine Mont, but mark your calendar now. Shrine Mont is the best place for the body of Christ of St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel to come together in one place for an extended period of time, to pray, dream and look to the future together.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 13 Sun** 6:00pm Creation Care Fast: Discussion and Prayers
Zoom
- Mar 20 Sun** 10:00am Parish Annual Meeting
Belmont Ridge Middle School Cafeteria
- Mar 26 Sat** 8:30am Walk with the Word: Outdoor Lenten Series
Meet at King Street Coffee, 110 S. King Street in Leesburg
- Apr 12 Tue** 7:00pm Tenebrae Service
- Apr 14 Thu** 7:00pm Maundy Thursday
Belmont Ridge Middle School
- Apr 15 Fri** 3:00pm Good Friday – Stations of the Cross for Youth

7:00pm Good Friday – Stations of the Cross from the perspective of the women who followed Christ
Belmont Ridge Middle School
- May 20-22** Parish Retreat
Shrine Mont

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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