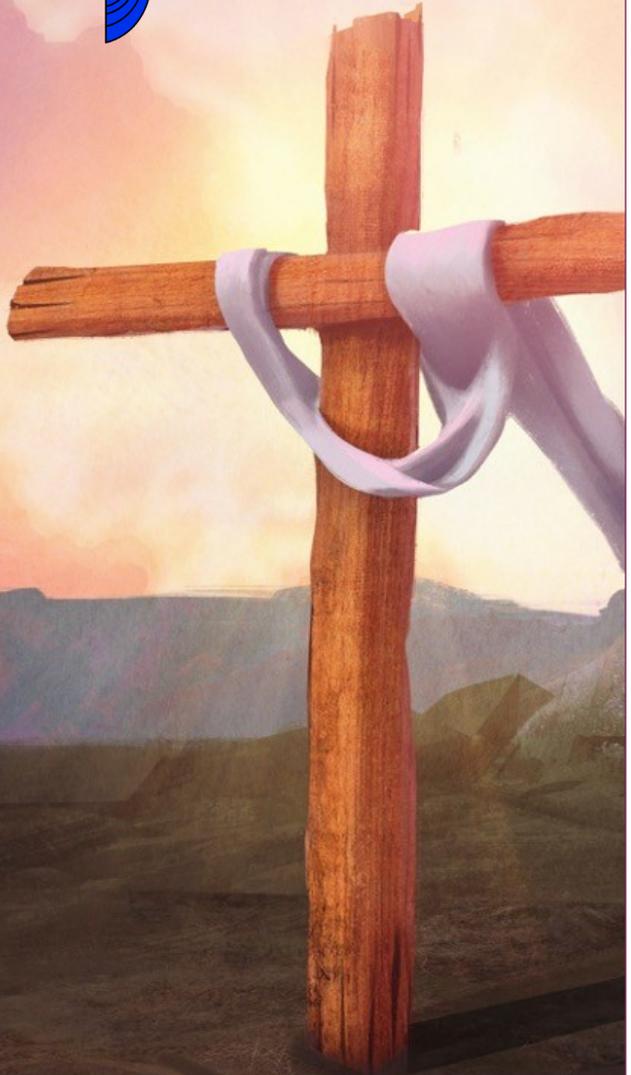


ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
MAY 15, 2022

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## WELCOME TO ST. GABRIEL'S~SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**W**e 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.

**F**aith 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 soon! Child care is provided for children up to kindergarten age. Because Eucharist is essential to our faith journey please bring your children for Communion!

**C**offee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's, it builds community! We invite you to bring something to share at coffee hour and to stay for awhile after the service for a chance to talk with friends new and old. 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*

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING!

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Alleluia, ✠ Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden:  
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.**



## HYMN OF PRAISE

## GLORIFY THY NAME



1. Fa - ther, we love Thee,
2. Je - sus, we love Thee, we wor - ship and a - dore Thee,
3. Spir - it, we love Thee,



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_



Glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy name,



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:  
Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly  
follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

*Children are invited to the front for the children's  
Biblical message. 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.*



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## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 11:1-18

*Lector*      A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 **Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.**
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 **He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!**

*Lector*      A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*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*



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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*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*

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## 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.

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## 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. We pray for those attending the parish retreat at Shrine Mont next weekend.

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Lector* We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and persons in formation;

*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, for asylum seekers and refugees. We pray for those with limited resources, the oppressed, 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.**

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*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 pg 22-23.*

*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.**

### 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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## ONE SPIRIT, ONE CHURCH

Refrain

We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A

fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one

spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor  
2. O Com-fort - er, to thee we

1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy  
2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of

1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.  
2. life and fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.

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PRESENTATION HYMN

HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN! (*vs 1 & 4*)

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

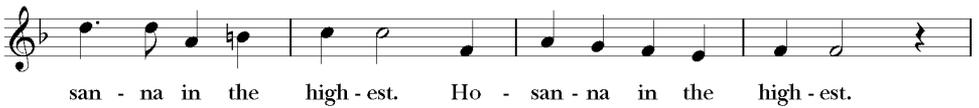
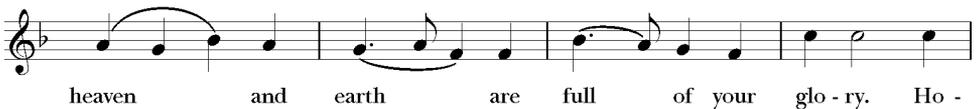
*Celebrant* All things come of thee, Oh Lord,  
*People* **and of thine own have we given thee.**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*      **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*Celebrant*    All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:  
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*      **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,** Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
**hallowed be thy Name,** santificado sea tu Nombre,  
**thy kingdom come,** venga a nosotros tu reino,  
**thy will be done,** hágase tu voluntad,  
**on earth as it is in heaven.** en la tierra como en el cielo.  
**Give us this day our daily bread.** Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;  
**And forgive us our trespasses,** perdona nuestras ofensas,  
**as we forgive those** como también nosotros perdonamos  
**who trespass against us.** a los que nos ofenden.  
**And lead us not into temptation,** No nos dejes caer en tentación  
**but deliver us from evil.** y líbranos del mal.  
**For thine is the kingdom,** Porque tuyo es el reino,  
**and the power, and the glory,** tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
**for ever and ever. Amen.** 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

## GLORY TO THE LAMB

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb.  
Glo - ry, Glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb. For He is  
glo - ri-ous and wor-thy to be praised, the Lamb up-on the  
throne; And un - to Him we  
lift our voice in praise, the Lamb up-on the throne.

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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 riv - er flow, flow o - ver me. O liv - ing wa - ter,  
 poured out for free; O liv - ing 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

ON BENDED KNEE

1. On \_\_\_ bend - ed knee I come, \_\_\_ with a hum - ble heart I come.  
 (2. On) \_\_\_ bend - ed knee we come, \_\_\_ with a hum - ble heart we come.

\_\_\_ bow - ing down be - fore \_\_\_ Your ho - ly throne \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ bow - ing down be - fore \_\_\_ Your ho - ly throne \_\_\_

— Lift-ing ho - ly hands to You — as I pledge my love a - new, — I  
 — Lift-ing ho - ly hands to You — as we pledge our love a - new, — we  
 wor - ship You in spir - it; I wor - ship You in truth\_  
 wor - ship You in spir - it; we wor - ship You in truth\_

— make my life a ho - ly praise — un-to You. — 2. On\_  
 — make our lives a ho - ly praise — un-to You. —

2.  
 Make our lives a ho - ly praise — un - to You. —

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## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

*People*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of the Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving for those who cannot partake in the physical Communion of your Body and Blood. Together with them, we remember your death, proclaim your resurrection; and await your coming in glory. And since they cannot physically receive you today in the Holy Sacrament, we beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen them with your grace, Lord Jesus, and may they never be separated from you. May we all live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

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**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER***Please stand if you are able**Celebrant* Let us Pray.*People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE EASTER BLESSING**

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight

*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.****RECESSIONAL HYMN****LEAD ME, LORD**

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of



1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.



1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly



1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to



seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;



be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -



day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go forth in the name of the risen Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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# 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, candidate for Holy Orders, and for Dj, aspirant to Holy Orders.

**In our parish**, we pray for Deacon Holly, Clint, Rachel, Erika, CJ y Ryan Hanback.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for St. James', Richmond; St. Luke's Wellington, Alexandria; St. Stephen's, Richmond.

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 Scottish Episcopal Church.

## 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** 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*).

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**We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community:** For those being baptized and receiving first communion this afternoon at the 3pm service; The Abernethy family; Dainise Patterson; Aura Mojica; Cindy Jones; Lorena Thompson; María Flores; Deacon Holly, Clint, and family; Máximo Vélez; Laura Argueta vda. de López; George Dyson; Anthony Holley; Rob Buchanan; 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; Phyllis Simpson; Shelly Rodriguez; Janice Queen; Peter Schweitzer and family; Gonzalo Mendoza; Myrta Mercado; Jack Cusack; Ethan Newland and family; Ruth Brown; Molly Mitchell; 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, 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 Niquén (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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND

There will **NOT** be an in-person 10am service next Sunday. For those who are unable to be with us at Shrine Mont, there will be a live stream of our service from the Shrine on Facebook Live at 10am.

<https://www.facebook.com/StGabrielsEpiscopal/live/>

There will be a 3pm in-person Spanish service.

### COVID UPDATE: MASKS OPTIONAL

St. Gabriel's in-person services and gatherings now mask-optional. The Diocesan guideline for masking is now mask-optional at church services and gatherings. We still recommend that everyone who is able to, be vaccinated and boosted. And we will continue to not share the common cup of wine during the Eucharist, and either intinct (the Priest dipping the bread into the wine before giving it to you), or offer the wine in individual cups.

We recognize that though symptoms for most generally healthy vaccinated people tend to be less severe, there are many people for whom this is not the reality. They may be immunocompromised, living with underlying conditions, a caretaker for an at-risk person, or any other reason. It is still recommended that these persons continue to mask, and we support and love them, and should take extra care not to put those who continue masking and other precautions in uncomfortable situations. And of course, we will continue offering services and many other gatherings virtually for those who are unable to attend in-person.

### MORE SPAM EMAILS

We continue to receive notifications from St. Gabrielites receiving fraudulent emails, text messages, and other electronic messages. These messages look like they are from Fr. Daniel or other staff members, but they are not. The name may say "Fr. Daniel" but the email address is a fake address and not a @saintgabriels.net address. The messages usually have an urgent tone to them, and ask you to respond discreetly and electronically as the person is in a meeting. If you interact with the messages, they will ask you to buy electronic gift cards. **THESE MESSAGES ARE FRAUDULENT! PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THEM DIRECTLY.**

If you receive a message that seems a little weird, you can email the office at

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info@saintgabriels.net, call (703) 779-3616 or text Fr. Daniel at (571) 293-0070.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9

## PARISH CALENDAR

**May 20-22**

Parish Retreat  
*Shrine Mont*

**May 22 Sun 10am**

No in-person 10am service.  
There will be a live stream of our service  
at Shrine Mont.  
*Facebook Live*

**3pm**

Regular 3pm Service en Español  
*San Gabriel @ St. James'*

**Jun 12 Sun 10:00a**

Sunday Sundaes: A celebration and blessing of  
graduates and end of school term!  
*Outside under to BRMS portico*

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# 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*

### The Chapel in the Woods

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

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