
ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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

We are glad that you have joined us as we encounter God in our worship together. If today is your first visit, we want you to know that St. Gabriel's is a welcoming and authentically inclusive faith community, which means that you are welcome just as you are – wholly made in the image of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We'd like to get to know you, so please share your contact info by filling out a blue information card, they are on the info table at the entrance. You can place it in the collection plate, send an email to the office, or text the clergy for coffee or tea!

Faith formation is important for the spiritual development of us all. Special attention is given to our children, it's the Jesus way! A Children's Story is provided at the beginning of every service and Sunday school is provided during worship. Sunday school will resume after Easter, we paused for safety precautions during Covid times. Child care is now 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. For the safety and security of all parishioners due to Covid we following the diocesan recommendation and are not yet hosting coffee hour. You are welcome to invite a friend or a newcomer to join you for coffee or lunch after the service at a local café or restaurant! A faith formation group 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)

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The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Celebrant

The Ven. Holly Hanback
Deacon

Mr. Peter Schweitzer
Director of Music

Ms. Anica Lee
Director of the Choir

Ms. Susannah Harding
Postulant to the Diaconate

Mr. David L.M. Gunning, Jr.
Aspirant to Holy Orders

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
 — HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

ARISE, SHINE



A - rise, shine, for thy light is come.



A - rise, shine, for thy light is come;



And the glo - ry of the Lord is ris - en, the



glo - ry of the Lord is come, the



glo - ry of the Lord is ris - en up - on thee.

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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, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 are invited to go with the caregivers after the story. The children will return for the Peace and Eucharist.



THE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 34:29-35

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 99

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion; ***
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; ***
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

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- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment line in the lower staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music includes the lyrics: "art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to". The second system includes the lyrics: "Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Vicar of St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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

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

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

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Give us grace and energy to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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 poor and the oppressed, for the sick and the suffering, especially those affected by COVID, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for those who care for them.

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; we pray especially for the eternal rest of Susan Schultz.

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Take a moment and talk to God in the spirit of confession before we pray together

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

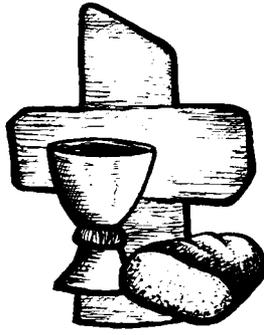
People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

This Holy Eucharist is dedicated to the sacred memory of Susan Schultz.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ON THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD

L. True

*Come and raise a new song, lift your voices; come, where all are welcome,
come, sing your praise on the mountain of God.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

MAKE ME A SERVANT

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek. Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, the
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

1. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2. name _____ of the Lord God of

1. hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your
2. hosts. Ho - san - na in _____ the

1. glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
2. high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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,

**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

SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place, I can
feel His might-y pow-er and His grace. I can
hear the brush of an-gels wings, I see glo-ry on each face;
Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

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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

WE COME TO YOUR FEAST

Verses

Cantor or choir:



1. We place up - on your ta - ble a gleam - ing cloth of
 2. We place up - on your ta - ble a hum - ble loaf of
 3. We place up - on your ta - ble a sim - ple cup of
 4. We gath - er 'round your ta - ble, we pause with - in our



white: the weav - ing of our sto - ries,
 bread: the gift of field and hill - side,
 wine: the fruit of hu - man la - bor,
 quest, we stand be - side our neigh - bors,



the fab - ric of our lives; the dreams of those be -
 the grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the
 the gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the
 we name the stran - ger "guest." The feast is spread be -



fore us, the an - cient hope - ful cries,
 pres - ence of him on whom we feed,
 pres - ence of him we claim as Lord,
 fore us; you bid us come and dine:



the prom - ise of our fu - ture: our need - ing and our
 to strength - en and con - nect us, to chal - lenge and cor -
 his dy - ing and his liv - ing, his lead - ing and his
 in bless - ing we'll un - cov - er, in shar - ing we'll dis -



nur - ture lie here be - fore our eyes.
 rect us, to love in word and deed.
 giv - ing, his love in cup out - poured.
 cov - er your sub - stance and your sign.

Refrain

All:

We come to your feast, we come to your
feast: the young and the old, the fright-ened, the
bold, the great-est and the least. We come to your
feast, we come to your feast
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our
hands, we come to your feast.

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COMMUNION HYMN

JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD

Refrain

Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our
 dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.
 Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:
 Je-sus, hope of the world.

Verses

All:
 Come, Lord Je - sus!

Cantors:

1. Come to us, O Son of God!
 2. Come to us, O Prom - ised King!
 3. Come to us, O Ris - ing Sun!
 4. Come to us, O Heart's De - sire!

Come, Lord Je - sus!

Come to us, O Son of Man!
 Come to us, O Prom - ised Peace!
 Come to us, O End - less Light!
 Come to us, O Sav - ing Love!



Come, Son of God!	Come, Son of Man!
Come, Prom - ised King!	Come, Prom - ised Peace!
Come, Ris - ing Sun!	Come, End - less Light!
Come, Heart's De - sire!	Come, Sav - ing Love!



Shep - herd your peo - ple in love!
Come and be Lord of our hearts!
Shat - ter the dark - ness of death!
Ban - ish our doubt and our fear!

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand if you are able*

Celebrant Let us Pray.

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short,
 grace to do something big for something good,
 grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now
 for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
 *2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,
 And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
 Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.
 We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
 For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!
 And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon 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 Martha Cruz and Mario Hernández, Abi & Kimberley.

In our Diocese, we pray for Christ Church, Middlesex and St. Mary's, Arlington.

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 Kenya.

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: Anthony Holley; Sumanth Reddimalla; Patsy Muñoz; Rob Buchanan; Sheri Muilenburg; Fr. Héctor Trejo,

Karina Tejada, 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; María Irene Cintrón; Joan Morton; Susan Schultz; 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; Isabel and Sergio Mercado; 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.

GOING DEEPER: EXPLORING TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

*This Bible study was written by Leah Wise,
a seminarian at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.*

Exodus 34:29-35

In this passage, Moses departs from the presence of God after receiving the Ten Commandments. He is not aware that his time with God has changed his appearance. But when he gets back to the Israelites' encampment, they are astonished to see that his face is shining. The Hebrew word suggests that his face is beaming out "rays" of light like the sun; in other words, he is reflecting the light of God. Moses' brief but powerful encounter with God transformed him in body and mind, and his own people aren't sure what to do with him.

When we encounter the presence of God – in our daily lives and in our religious communities – we can expect to be transformed. Yet, sometimes our changed hearts and minds confuse those around us, and even make us uncomfortable. Even in this discomfort, God's promises are being worked out. So, let us turn our faces toward the light of God.

- Have you ever had an encounter that was so dazzling that you felt like a different person afterward?
- Do you know someone who seems to shine with the presence of God? What are they like?
- Do you talk to your friends, family, or coworkers about your religious beliefs or practices? Do you ever feel the urge to "veil" yourself like Moses did in order to avoid uncomfortable conversations?

Psalm 99

In both the Old and New Testaments, God is often depicted as a king. To our modern ears, kingship can feel like tyranny. But the Psalm reminds us that God isn't like other kings. We worship a God who establishes equity and enacts justice, one who keeps promises. Within God's kingdom, we can feel secure in God's righteousness as we work to enact justice and live in harmony with one another.

- How have you seen God at work in your life?
- What metaphors for God resonate most with you and why (king, father, potter, etc.)?

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

This passage serves as a decisive critique of the Israelites in our Old Testament passage. The Apostle Paul agrees that Moses' shining face revealed the light of God, but he argues that the People of God should have been bold enough to leave his face unveiled. While the critique is likely a product of Paul's antagonism toward those who spurned Christian conversion, we can still glean something powerful from this passage. Paul's words inspire us to live boldly in spite of our fears. The Spirit of God working in our lives gives us the courage to proclaim God's glory and tell the truth about ourselves and our transformed lives.

- In what areas of your life do you need to be more truthful?
- How is God asking you to show up?

Luke 9:28-36

In this passage, we bear witness to the Transfiguration of Jesus. Echoing the Exodus narrative, Jesus' identity as the Messiah is affirmed in his remarkable physical transformation on a mountaintop. When confronted with this astounding experience, Peter falls back on religious tradition in order to honor Jesus and the patriarchs who appear alongside him. But God's booming voice disrupts and reorients his understanding of what to do. While our traditions and liturgies are useful, even sacred, practices, God announces that Jesus' ministry is anything but the status quo. He is about to disrupt and reorient everything we thought we knew. It is time to listen to him.

- In what ways does the comfort of tradition hinder us from responding to the voice of God?
- What is Jesus calling you to?

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Last Sunday after Epiphany Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. GABRIEL'S BOOK CLUB JOINS OTHER LOUDOUN BOOK CLUBS

St. Gabriel's book club is joining with other Loudoun County book clubs for a second conversation on Brené Brown's 'Atlas of the Heart'. Join tomorrow, Monday, February 28th at 6:30pm on Zoom for this virtual conversation! Zoom link is on the parish calendar: SaintGabriels.net/calendar

VIRTUAL SHROVE TUESDAY

Following diocesan guidelines we are unfortunately unable to have our usual pancakes & pupusas supper, but we encourage you to observe the last day before our Lenten observances with your family. We will record a brief prayer from our Clergy and Staff that you can play before your dinner time on Tuesday, just check Facebook.com/StGabrielsEpiscopal at dinner time!

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 starting February 27, and the fast begins next Sunday and ends the Sunday before Easter.

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

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.

BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS POSING AS FR. DANIEL & OTHERS

There is an email scam going around that has hit our parish once again. People have received emails that look like they are from Fr. Daniel, our staff members, or even parishioners asking for money or gift cards. THESE EMAILS ARE NOT FROM ST. GABRIEL'S OR FR. DANIEL! Some things to know to keep safe:

- We do not send emails of this nature. Even if you feel it is a legitimate message, call us to double-check.
- Our email addresses end in @saintgabriels.net . Many of the phishing emails are using fake gmail addresses.
- Do not click on any suspicious links or attachments.
- Move the email to your Spam folder, it automatically issues a report to your provider.
- Delete these emails -- do not forward or respond!
- You can forward the email to: phishing-report@us-cert.gov

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 27	6:00p	Creation Care Fast: Discussion and Prayers <i>Zoom</i>
Feb 27 Sun	10:00a	Shrove Tuesday Food Collection for Loudoun Hunger Relief and blessing of the donations
Feb 28 Mon	6:30p	Book Club: Atlas of the Heart <i>Zoom</i>
Mar 2 Wed	7:00p	Ash Wednesday Bilingual Joint Service w St. David's <i>St. David's, 43600 Russell Branch Pkwy Ashburn,</i>
May 20-22		Parish Retreat <i>Shrine Mont</i>

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
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