

ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A HOLY
LENT

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 6, 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 follow are not yet hosting coffee hour. However, feel free to invite a friend or 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
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Ms. Susannah Harding
Postulant to the Diaconate

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

BEFORE THY THRONE, O GOD, WE KNEEL

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - rept of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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.**

KYRIE LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Ostinato Refrain

Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God, have
mer - cy on me, a sin - ner, have mer - cy.

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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 **Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

Lector A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE**PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16***Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, *
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 **You shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 9 Because you have made the Almighty your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 For the Lord shall give the angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 **Because the Almighty is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver *
and protect the Lord, because I am known by Name.**
- 15 The Lord shall call upon me, and I will respond; *
I am with the Almighty in trouble; I will rescue and bring the Lord honor.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy the Lord, *
and show the Lord my salvation.**

THE SECOND LESSON**ROMANS 10:8B-13***Lector* A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

ASHES



1. We rise a-gain from ash-es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of-fer you our fail-ures, we ___ of-fer you at-
3. Then rise a-gain from ash-es, let ___ heal-ing come to
4. ‡ Thanks be to the Fa-ther, who ___ made us like him-



1. do. We rise a-gain from ash-es, to cre-ate our-selves a-
2. tempts, the gifts not ful-ly giv-en, the ___ dreams not ful-ly
3. pain, though spring has turned to win-ter, and ___ sun-shine turned to
4. self. ‡ Thanks be to his Son, ___ who saved us by his



1. new. If ___ all our world is ash-es, then ___ must our lives be
2. dreamt. Give our stum-bl-ings di-rec-tion, give our vi-sions wid-er
3. rain. The ___ rain we'll use for grow-ing, and cre-ate the world a-
4. death. ‡ Thanks be to the Spir-it who cre-ates the world a-



1. true, an ___ of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.
2. view, an ___ of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.
3. new from an of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.
4. new from an of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone'."

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

THE SERMON

The Ven. Holly Hanback
Deacon of St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel
Archdeacon of the Diocese of Virginia

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 who continue to be affected by COVID. We pray for the unemployed and the destitute, for the people of Ukraine, for prisoners, and refugees.

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.**

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

BLESSING FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSAIRES IN MARCH

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST

Refrain

Turn a-way from sin and be faith-ful to the Gos-pel. Re -
mem-ber you are dust, and to dust you will re - turn.

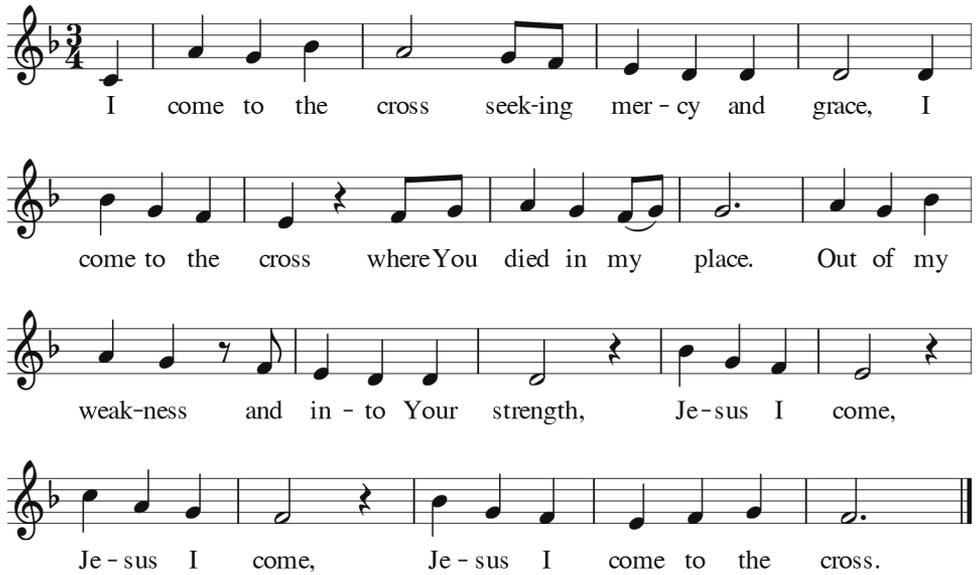
Verses

Cantor: 1.-4. Re - pent, the king-dom is at hand. *All:* Re -
pent, the king-dom is at hand. **Cantor:*
1. Rend your
2. Blow the
3. For -
4. Now, the
hearts, not your gar-ments.
trum - pet in Zi - on. Now, the ac-cept - a - ble
give one an - oth - er.
day of sal - va - tion.
All: time. *D.C.* Now, the ac-cept-a-ble time.

Seek the God of compassion...
Live in kindness and mercy...
Trust in God and be faithful...

PRESENTATION HYMN

I COME TO THE CROSS



I come to the cross seek-ing mer-cy and grace, I
 come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my
 weak-ness and in-to Your strength, Je-sus I come,
 Je-sus I come, Je-sus I come to the cross.

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EUCCHARISTIC 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.

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.

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 for God has been so good to me. **D.C.**

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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

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his



1. shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

to Refrain

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the



breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

to Verses (last time to Coda) ⊕

⊕ Coda



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

COMMUNION HYMN

AS THE DEER



1. As the deer pants— for the wa-ter, so my
 2. I want You more gold or sil-ver, On-ly
 3. You're my friend and You are my bro-ther, e-ven



soul longs— af-ter You. You a-lone are my
 You— can sat-is-fy; You a-lone are the
 though— You are a King. I love You more than



heart's de-sire,— and I love to wor-ship You.
 real joy giv-er, and the ap-ple of my eye.
 an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.



You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To You a-lone may my



spi-rit yield. You a-lone are my



heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship You.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

GRACE ALONE

1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and step of faith;
 2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we hope to teach;

ev - ery dif - ference we will make is on - ly by his grace.
 ev - ery - where we share his peace is on - ly by his grace.

Ev - ery moun - tain we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine;
 Ev - ery lov - ing word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way;

ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by his grace.
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by his grace. Grace a -

lone which God sup - plies; strength un - known he will pro - vide. Christ in

us, our cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a - lone.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

LENTEN CREATION CARE

Don't forget our creation care discussion this evening on Zoom at 6pm! If you don't have a copy of the creation care calendar, pick one up on your way out of church.

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



Because the world can change a lot in 40 days.
Lenten Creation Care 2022



VAIPL's theme this year is **"It's Time to Act."** During the six weeks of Lent discuss with your families, co-workers, and faith community the urgency to reduce our country's reliance on fossil fuels which are severely threatening the health of the Earth. We can make a difference, but we have to first acknowledge the scale of the problem and seek to change the attitudes and behaviors of our government and corporate sectors. It's time to act! This calendar will help you prioritize care for Earth and neighbor as spiritual practice.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Week Theme- Rethinking Food as a Faith Community (Ecclesiastes 3:13)						
February 27 Prayer: In Exodus, you gave to your people manna and quail in the wilderness. We seek not to be greedy with our hoarding of resources, the excess of our eating and the destruction of the environment. Amen	28 Meatless Monday It takes 12 lbs of grain to produce 1 pound of hamburger. The same amount of grain could make 8 loaves of bread or 24 plates of spaghetti. Support local farmers and legislation that supports them.	March 1 This day is set aside to acknowledge our mortality. Reflect on how our excesses and addiction to luxury have harmed our world. Implement ways to faithfully care for the Earth at bit.ly/GreenLivingWorship	2 Ash Wednesday Try fasting & reflecting during the day about the source of environmental injustices. Environmental injustices happen where people have little or no voice in decisions because of racial, gender, or economic discrimination.	3 World Wildlife Day Put out bird food and enjoy watching these and other creatures find your gift. Birds will almost certainly find the food you share with them.	4 Bring your own boxes or bags for produce. Eliminating our dependence on plastic bags reduces their presence in landfills & the need for further use of fossil fuels to produce plastics.	5 If there is no recycling program in your area, contact your local governing body and suggest that a recycling program be implemented. Find a recycling center near you at https://usar911.com/
Week Theme- Supporting Accessible Transportation for All (Isaiah 57:14)						
6 Prayer: Creator of all that is, we seek to live in the light, walk gently on your Earth, always looking for a way to replenish what has been lost and to heal what has been damaged. Amen	7 Meatless Monday Food in the U.S. travels an average of 1,300 miles to supermarket. Buy from local producers to support your local economy to avoid transporting food long distances. Find a local market at farmersmarketonline.com	8 International Women's Day Women are often responsible for getting everyone where they need to go. If you are the "taxi" driver for your family, try cutting back on trips. Read tips about saving fuel at bit.ly/DanvilleTransit	9 VAIPL is advocating for zero fares so that people can continue to rely on public transportation to commute to work, school, and play. Sign the petition at bit.ly/ZeroFare	10 Advocate for safe and accessible bicycle lanes, ask your workplace for bike racks and other ways to make commuting by bike easier. Work to make sidewalks safe. Learn more at www.bikeleague.org	11 Make a habit of asking your neighbors if they need anything if you are going to the grocery store in order to cut down on single trips made, or invite them to join you.	12 Try parking your car for a day or a week. Take public transit instead. It saves wear and tear on your car and reduces emissions from single use vehicles.
Week Theme- Demanding Energy Justice and Conserving Our Energy (Matthew 5:14-15)						
13 Prayer: God, creator of all light and power, open my eyes to the ways I can conserve energy and strengthen my resolve to make them daily habits. Amen	14 Meatless Monday Cut out a portion of meat in your diet, by eating veggies for one day a week, or by limiting foods from animals. Learn how to eat healthier at mayoclinic.org	15 Small appliances, including cell phone and tablet chargers, continue to draw power even when they are off. Consider unplugging your appliances when they're off.	16 75% of the energy used in laundry comes from heating the water. Studies show that washing in cold water preserves colors and is just as effective as using warm/hot water.	17 Run your dishwasher only with a full load. Don't use heat when drying your dishes. Doing this can cut dishwasher energy use as much as 15-20% depending on the machine.	18 Turning your thermostat back 10-15 degrees for 8 hours can save 5-15% on your heating bill.	19 Contact your local utility to find resources on energy efficiency. Many utilities offer reduced cost energy audits, rebates on energy-saving appliances and low-cost weatherization programs.

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 Toady Clune.

In our Diocese, we pray for North Farnham Parish, Warsaw; Church of Our Saviour, Charlottesville; St. John's, Warsaw.

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 Korea.

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: George Dyson; Anthony Holley;

Sumanth Reddimalla; 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; 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!) 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

WALK WITH THE WORD: A LENTEN OUTDOORS 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.

The Word we will discuss: Isaiah 30:19-21

¹⁹ People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. ²⁰ Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. ²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Join us as we walk and talk, enjoying fellowship and discussion with our faith community!

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

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

PARISH CALENDAR

Mar 6 Sun	6:00pm	Creation Care Fast: Discussion and Prayers <i>Zoom</i>
Mar 12 Sat	8:30am	Walk With The Word <i>Meet at King St. Coffee</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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