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ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 19, 2021

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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. You can also send an email or text the clergy for a coffee/tea!

**F**aith formation is important for our spiritual development; special attention is given to children's formation too. A Story is provided at the beginning of every service, and given Covid restrictions we will not offer Sunday school again in January. Child care will resume in December for children up to kindergarten age. Eucharist is essential to our faith life so please bring your children of all ages to Communion!

**C**offee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's. For the safety and security of all parishioners due to Covid we are not hosting coffee hour until further notice, however, you are welcome to invite a friend or a newcomer to have coffee or go to lunch after the service. There is a faith formation group that meets at Panera at noon in the Lansdowne Town Center (19327 Promenade Drive) for refreshments and God talk to further nourish our 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*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME!



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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

*People* **Amen.**

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## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant* O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow.

*People* **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

*Celebrant* O King of the nations, you alone can fulfill their desires: cornerstone, you make opposing nations one. Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

*People* **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

*Celebrant* O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Savior: come and save us, Lord our God.

*People* **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

*The fourth (purple) candle is lit.*

## HYMN

## O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *remain standing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Purify our conscience, Almighty God,  
by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ,  
at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself;  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.*



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## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST READING

MICAH 5:2-5A

*Lector* A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 80:1-7

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, \***  
**how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \***  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

*Lector*      A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will."

He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*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.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

SING OUT, MY SOUL



1. Sing out, my soul, for God has raised and  
 2. The proud of heart he shall make low and  
 3. Glo - ry to you, the God of all cre -



1. blessed me And looked on me with kind - ly, lov - ing  
 2. hum - ble. The gen - tle, poor and hun - gry shall be  
 3. a - tion. Glo - ry to you, O Christ, the prom - ised



1. eyes. A ser - vant low - ly, yet am I be - lov - ed.  
 2. filled. O Is - ra - el! God shall up - hold the prom - ise  
 3. one. Glo - ry to you, O Spir - it of Com - pas - sion.



1. This won - drous God has done great things for me.  
 2. Made long a - go to you and A - bra - ham.  
 3. In - spire our hearts to sing our moth - er's song.



1-3. For - ev - er - more, O might - y God of mer - cy,



1-3. I will sing praise, for ho - ly is your name!

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

**THE SERMON**

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

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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

*Any person is invited to choose one of the prayers and read it aloud*

- Lector* We pray for all of God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Michael, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel and Deacon Holly; for Susie – postulant to the diaconate, and for Dj – aspirant to Holy Orders. We pray for the parishioners of St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel and all faith communities.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We pray for those who host our places of worship and office: the students and staff of Belmont Ridge Middle School, the congregation of St. James', and for the Ashby Ponds community. We pray for all those who seek God and a deeper knowledge of God, especially those who do not yet know that Saint Gabriel's will be their church home.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We ask your prayers for peace, goodwill among nations, and the well-being of all people. Lord, may we welcome Christmas into our hearts with the innocence of a child.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We pray for all who live, study, and work in Leesburg and in the surrounding cities and towns. We pray for justice; for our local, state, and federal elected officials and for all first responders.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We pray for the good earth that God has given us, and for the wisdom to conserve it. We pray for those affected by natural disasters, especially the recent tornadoes. We pray for those infected and affected by COVID and other diseases, and for their caretakers.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Lector* We ask your prayers for all who have died, especially Teresa de Jesús Barrios-Pino and Corina Balderrama Morales; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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*Lector* We ask your prayers for those on our prayer list and for those who have nobody to pray for them.

*Your own 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* **Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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 memory of  
Teresa de Jesús Barrios-Pino and Corina Balderrama Morales.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## SING OF MARY, PURE AND LOWLY



1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and  
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of  
3 Glo - ry be to God the



low - ly, vir - gin - mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of  
Ma - ry, in the home at Naz - a - reth, toil and  
Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; glo - ry



God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle  
lab - or can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to  
be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in



child. Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the  
death. Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he  
One. From the heart of bless - ed Ma - ry, from all



Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our ve - ry  
went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and  
saints the song a - scends, and the Church the strain re -



bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.  
suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

## TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for 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.**

*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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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

## JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em -  
man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -  
deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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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

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



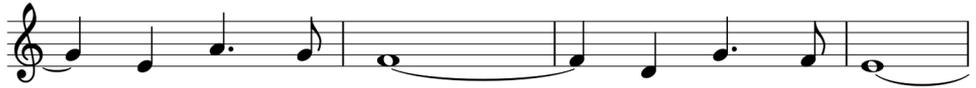
years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNION HYMN****EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL**

Em - man - u - el,

Em - man - u - el,



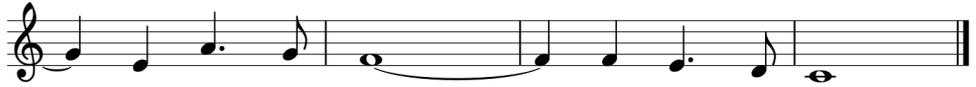
His name is called

Em - man - u - el:



God with us,

re - vealed in us!



His name is called

Em - man - u - el.

*by Bob McGee, Copyright © 1976 C.A. Music (Music Services), All rights reserved. Reprinted under CCLI #11069487***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 ADVENT BLESSING**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, ✠ The Son, and The Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever more.

*People* **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SOON AND VERY SOON

1. Soon and ver - y soon \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No more cry - in' there \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. No more dy - in' there \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King; \_\_\_\_\_

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 3. No more dy - in' there \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
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 4. Soon and ver - y soon \_\_\_\_\_ we are goin' to see the King;

1.2. | 3.4.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

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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, postulant to the diaconate, and for Dj, aspirant to Holy Orders.

**In our parish**, we pray for Omar Carranza & Karen Añazgo, Jhonattan, Nicolas, Isabella, Talissa.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for St. Asaph's, Bowling Green; St. James, Montross; St. Paul's, Montross.

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

## 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:** Ma. Teresa, Ma. Gabriela, Ma. Carolina & Iván Antonio Romero; María Irene Cintrón; Joan Morton; Janet

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Knowlton; Susan Schultz; Michael and Laura Smith & family; Jacqueline Rivera; Worrall family; Cindy LoSasso; Rob Schwartzman; Daniel Hung; María Fortunato; 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; Paul Chin; John Cummings; 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; Ruthie Rice; Sheri Muilenburg; Leslie Furtick; 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:** 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, and Marie Victoria Frías Pomárez

**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 Northam, 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

### STEWARDSHIP: 2021 END OF YEAR AND 2022 PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to all who submitted pledge cards for our late summer campaign for 2021 to help us solidify our budget for the rest of the year. As the year winds down, pledge progress statements will be sent soon, and you can always check your pledge balance using our REALM system.

*A reminder* : please submit your 2022 pledge card! You can do it electronically at <https://onrealm.org/saintgabriels/AddPledge/pledge2022>

### INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL: ON BREAK IN DECEMBER

Our inquirer's class and coffee hour at Panera is taking a break for the month of December. We will gather again in the new year! We encourage you to take this time in Advent to participate in things such as today's gift wrapping.

## PARISH CALENDAR

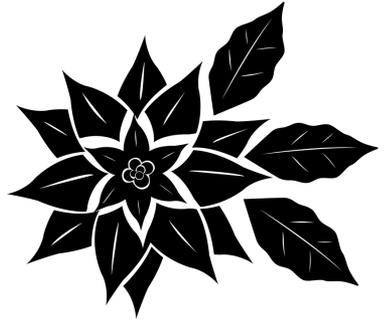
<b>Dec 20 Mon</b>	<b>1:00p</b>	Advent Midday prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays) <i>Zoom link on parish calendar</i>
<b>Dec 22 Wed</b>	<b>1:00p</b>	Advent Midday prayer (Mondays and Wednesdays) <i>Zoom link on parish calendar</i>
<b>Dec 24 Fri</b>	<b>5:00p</b>	Christmas Eve Service with Musical Prelude <i>Belmont Ridge Middle School and on Zoom/Facebook Live</i>
<b>Dec 25 Sat</b>	<b>1:00p</b>	Christmas Day Service with Holy Baptisms <i>San Gabriel @ St. James' and on Facebook Live</i>
<b>Dec 26 Sun</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	Service of Lessons and Carols <i>on Zoom/Facebook Live</i>
<b>Jan 8 Sat</b>	<b>5:00p</b>	Burning of the Greens <i>At the farm of our parishioner Michael Newland; Directions will be forthcoming.</i>

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# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to contribute towards the purchase of the flowers which will adorn our altar on Christmas eve and on the First Sunday after Christmas.

The suggested donation is \$15.00. You can donate in memory or honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person, group, or special occasion.



Please fill out this page and make the check payable to St. Gabriel's, please mark the memo line "*Christmas Flowers*". You can also make your donation via e-giving by going to <https://onrealm.org/saintgabriels/Give> and make sure to select "flower donations" from the fund drop-down list.

*Deadline to be printed in the bulletin is Wednesday, December 21, 2021.*

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**In thanksgiving for**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**All forms received in the office by Wednesday, December 22,  
will be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins.**

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

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church started public worship in the Spring of 2003 to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the growing communities of Leesburg, Lansdowne, and Ashburn in Loudoun County, Virginia. Our mission is to "Encounter God, Build Meaningful Relationships, and Make a Difference in the World" through inspiring worship, faith-building discipleship, warm fellowship, heartfelt pastoral care, active evangelism, outreach, and service. We live into our mission statement through word and deed, with God's help!

St. Gabriel's is a welcoming, hospitable, and inclusive faith community, open to people at any stage in their faith journey with Christ. We value human diversity and seek to be a church that reflects the breadth of those who live in our community. We have life-long Christians as well as spiritual seekers and we welcome you just as God made you, without conditions or barriers. In our worship services you can dress up or dress down, God doesn't care what you wear, nor do we! We extend an invitation to get to know you so that you can develop your faith and we hope that you will invite others to share the spiritual gifts that you find here!

St. Gabriel's is the first bilingual (English-Spanish), multicultural and multiethnic Episcopal congregation in Loudoun County. Worship takes place in four locations and in two languages: the English-language services are at the Belmont Ridge Middle School each Sunday and at Ashby Ponds on the third Tuesday of every month. The Spanish-language service is at Saint James' in Leesburg, and in warm months we worship one Saturday a month at the Chapel in the Woods. We invite you to help us continue building the kingdom of God in this corner of Leesburg through prayer, love, commitment to God and community, joyful worship, and Christian service. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, know that this is a loving community. Blessings and peace!

### WORSHIP

**10:00 am Sunday Mass in English**

*Belmont Ridge Middle School  
19045 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg*

**3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español**

*San Gabriel en St. James'  
14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg*

### **St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds Chapel**

*Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am  
21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd. Ashburn, VA 20147*

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