

ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 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 the service and child care is provided for children up to kindergarten age. Sunday school will resume in September. The children attend classes after the Children's story and before the Peace. 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! We invite you to bring a treat if you can and regardless, visit with one another for awhile after service! While our in-person services and gatherings are mask-optional, you will not feel uncomfortable wearing one at St. Gabriel's because we recognize that there are people who have diverse reasons for taking every necessary health precaution possible. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

*Servers are not currently being preassigned. Please arrive at least ten minutes early if you can assist and tell a clergy person that you can help!
Liturgical volunteers are welcome for the following roles:*

ACOLYTE

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM

LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (Vestry Member+Volunteer)



The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Celebrant

Mr. Peter Schweitzer
Director of Music

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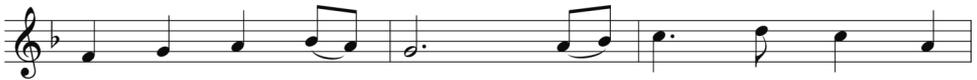
— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness, And as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come



in this place.

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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.**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise
 God, all crea - tures high and low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise God in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre -
 a - tor, Word, and Spi - rit one. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase our faith in You and the fervor for your Holy name, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 for a Biblical message related to the lessons of the day.

Children up to Pre-K age can join Ms. Mildred and Ms. Nellie in the nursery after the story; they will return for the Peace and Eucharist.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

SIRACH 10:12-18

Lector A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 112

Read responsively by the whole verse

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 **For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

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- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 **The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE



'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,



'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,



and when we find our - selves in the place just right,



'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.



When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to



bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will



be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher!'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

THE SERMON

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

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, and persons in formation;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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

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

Lector We pray for greater love in the world and to 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 victims of war in Ukraine and Russia, for the victims of the ongoing gun violence in our country, and for all women who are denied agency over their bodies.

People **That they may be delivered from their grief and 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 ask your guidance as we seek a place of worship and mission, all together under one roof; the body of Christ.

People **Fill us with hope and energy to continue loving and serving you and our neighbors as ourselves.**

Lector We remember 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 pg 22-23.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

A PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

M. Patterson

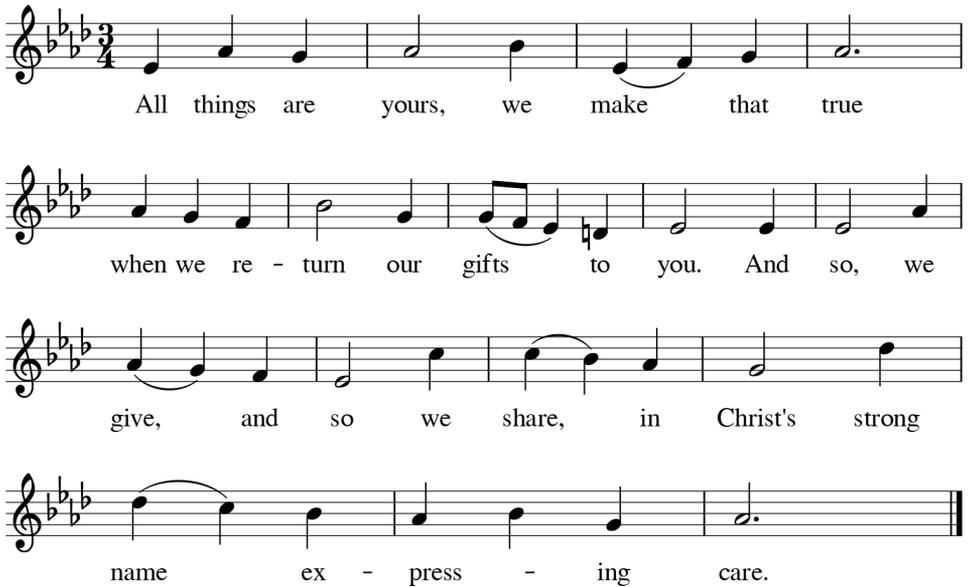
*Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation
How we long to know you, how we strive to serve you.
Help us now to love you even more.*

*Give us humble hearts to praise you, and listening ears to hear your voice,
wiling hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you and we bring this prayer before you.
Create in us, humble hearts*

*When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace your freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord find us, draw us close to you again.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS



All things are yours, we make that true
when we re - turn our gifts to you. And so, we
give, and so we share, in Christ's strong
name ex - press - ing care.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM**SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing,



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

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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 celebrant will instinct (dip) the bread into the wine before giving it to you. 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:



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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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



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

QUIERO ESTAR SEÑOR EN TU PRESENCIA

Estrofas 1, 2

1. Quie - ro es - tar, Se - ñor, en tu pre - sen -
 y lle - var - te hoy mis ma - nos lle -
 2. Con el pan, Se - ñor, lle - vo mi vi -
 a tu al - tar, Se - ñor, lle - vo mi es - pi -

1. cia. Quie-ro es - tar, Se - ñor,
 nas y en - tre - gar - te hoy
 2. da, con el cá - liz van,
 ga, a tu al - tar de a - mor

1. jun - to a tu me - sa mor.
 to - do mi a -
 2. van mis he - ri - das;
 mi co - ra - zón.

Estribillo

Tó - ma - lo ya - cép - ta - lo, Se - ñor,
 Tó - ma - lo, trans - fór - ma - lo, Se - ñor,

es mi co - se - cha.
 en

pu - ra o - fren - da.

Estrofa 3

3. Quie-ro es - tar, Se - ñor, jun-to a tu
Quie-ro es - tar, Se - ñor, en tu pre -

3. me - sa y en - tre - gar mi
sen - cia y en - tre - gar mi

3. vi - da en - te - ra. co - ra - zón.

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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:
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

Down the mountain the river flows
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
the river is rushing and the river is here.

Refrain

The riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, the
riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The
riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter and
we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

The river of God is teeming with life
and all who touch it can be revived;
and those who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

Refrain

Up to the mountain we love to go
to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run--
we dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

THE CHURCH

We pray for the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; The Bishops of the Diocese of Virginia: +Susan Goff and +Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, for Bishop-elect Mark Stevenson; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel+ and Deacon Holly.

In our parish, we pray for Elinore McLain.

In our Diocese, we pray for all Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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 the 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, 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

For the multigenerational community education ministry volunteers, for the Prayer Shawl and Prayer Square ministry participants, for the ESL volunteers, for the spiritual companions of the Alliance of Women with Love participants; and for the Educando con Amor volunteers.

St. Gabriel's Vestry Rob Buchanan (*Senior Warden/2024*), Carla Rhoads (*Junior Warden/2024*), Steve Rice (*Treasurer/2023*), Dj Gunning (*Clerk*), Karen Ballesteros (*2023*), Paula Callaghan Morató (*2024*), César Frías (*2024*), José Mejía (*2024*), Isamar Ortega (*2025*), Sue Schweitzer (*2023*), Eileen Shaffer (*2025*), and Eva María Torres Herrera (*2024*).

We pray for the New Vision Task Force charged by the congregation to explore options for St. Gabriel's to move under one roof: Janet Taliaferro & Parker Gallagher (co-chairs), Peter Schweitzer, Jennifer Smith, John Jacobs, Octavio Somuano, Bruce LeLacheur, Chuck Mitchell, Carla Rhoads, and Rob Buchanan.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community: Margaret Schweitzer; Martha Meléndez; Deacon Ema Rosero-Nordalm; Victoria Delgado; Nina Frymoyer; María Miller; The Abernethy family; Dainise Patterson; Aura Mojica; Lorena Thompson; María Flores; Máximo Vélez; Laura Argueta vda. de López; George Dyson; Anthony Holley; Rob Buchanan; Sheri Muilenburg; Katherine Clayton; Tony and Lesina Visgaitis and family; Mario Roberto Mejía Arias; Juanita Gardner; Michael and Laura Smith & family; Worrall family; Cindy LoSasso; Rob Schwartzman; John Shook; Kelly Wilkinson and family; Rigoberto Somuano and Concepción Rojas; Griselda Frías; Phyllis Simpson; Shelly Rodriguez; Janice Queen; Peter Schweitzer and family; Gonzalo Mendoza; Myrta Mercado; Jack Cusack; Ethan Newland and family; Ruth Brown; Molly Mitchell; Jack and Betty Barden; Gideon Darden.

We pray for our college students: Grace Shaffer; Aidan Baron, Lindsey Thompson; Isabella Ballesteros, Samara Umanzor Ortega, Brad Mejía, Zane Knowlton, McKayla Shaffer, Preston Newland, Jacob Denzin, Avera Worrall, Abi Hernandez-Cruz, Annie Cusack, Michelle Balderrama Burgoa, Danny Costanza, Conor Rice, Eddie Queen, Nina Costanza, Leslie Lewis, Marie Victoria Frías Pomárez, Elinore McLain, and Samantha Smith.

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

ST. GABRIEL TURNS 20! ANNIVERSARY MASS

What a joy to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Church with a special celebratory service on the actual anniversary date of our first public service: **Wednesday, September 21st at 7pm at St. James'**. This is an occasion to celebrate and remember how our faith community feeds us, sustains us, and enriches our lives. Your presence and the presence of the Holy Spirit at St. Gabriel's over the years are the most important part of this anniversary, especially as we rely on God's guidance and light during as we explore our options for a new Church home. Let's give thanks and praise to God for the love of the Holy Spirit through St. Gabriel's!

BISHOPS VISITATION WITH CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS

On Sunday, October 23rd at 3pm the Rt. Reverend Susan Goff, Ecclesiastical Authority of the Virginia Diocese, will visit us. There will be one bilingual service only on that day. During a bishop's visitation Confirmations are held and also a beautiful Episcopal tradition of the Reception to The Episcopal Church for those who come from other Christian denominations. The Reception comes with a personal blessing for each person from the Bishop.

We invite you to be Received to the Church by Bishop Susan Goff if in your walk with Christ at St. Gabriel's you feel spiritually fed, have a sense of belonging, feel acknowledged as the person that God made you, have received the sacraments along with members of your family, have the opportunity to serve God through community service, can freely pray and are prayed for, and more. With the Bishop's blessing you become formally part of this holy, catholic and apostolic Church. For more information or to register send a text or email Father Daniel or speak with him after the service.

There will be two meetings after the service in the Cafeteria and we ask that you attend at least one of these meetings: Sunday October 9 and Sunday October 16.

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH BBQ: OCTOBER 8

Save the date for a time to gather and celebrate the Feast of Saint Gabriel with great food, entertainment, fun events, and the joy of being with our parish family! Stay tuned for more information and thanks to Cindy LoSasso the volunteer BBQ coordinator! Time: 12-3pm, Place: St. James parking lot

BOOK CLUB RETURNS

Join us for fellowship and conversation at September book club! We will be reading Michael Curry's *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*. Non-readers are also welcome to attend and join in the conversation.

Wednesday, September 7th @ 6pm on the patio at Wegman's in Leesburg (*If it storms, we will move indoors to the upstairs cafe area.*)

HUMP DAY BIBLE STUDY:

A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS, WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM

Being a parent comes with blessings and challenges at every age and stage of life. What guidance can we get from the Bible to help us parent with the Holy Spirit? Come, listen, share, and pray. No advanced study or reading is required, the passage for the day will be presented and discussed with Jim Lockett and Jennifer Smith! Wednesday's at 1pm.

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/HumpDayBibleStudy>

Meeting ID: 883 7914 7464 **Passcode:** 12345

PRAYER FOR THE NEW VISION TASK FORCE

charged by our parishioners to explore options for us to move together under one roof

Blessed Lord we ask that you guide the New Vision Task Force members and our faith community as we discern and seek a center for mission and ministry; a place where we can worship you and from where we can do the ministries that Christ commanded on behalf of the community around us and the world. May we hear the Spirit of God on our journey. Amen

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

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church started public worship in the Fall of 2002 to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the growing communities of Leesburg, Lansdowne, and Ashburn in Loudoun County, Virginia. Our mission is to "Encounter God, Build Meaningful Relationships, and Make a Difference in the World" through inspiring worship, faith-building discipleship, warm fellowship, heartfelt pastoral care, active evangelism, outreach, and service. We live into our mission statement through word and deed, with God's help!

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

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

WORSHIP

10:00 am Sunday Mass in English

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

3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español

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

St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds Chapel

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

The Chapel in the Woods

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

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