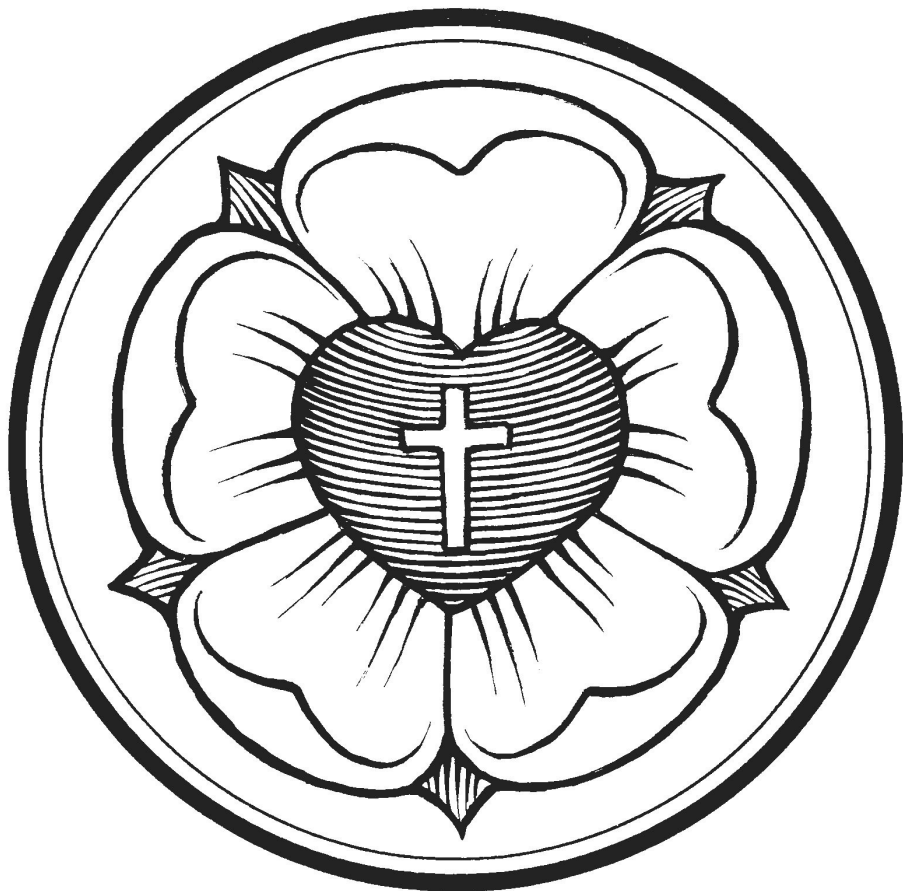

ST. GABRIEL'S + SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 31, 2021

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 at St. Gabriel's!

Faith formation is important for our spiritual development and we pay special attention to the care of our children. The Children's Story at the beginning of every service is part of the liturgy and it is provided before children typically go to Sunday school and child care. Given ongoing Covid restrictions we are not offering Sunday school or child care until further notice. The Eucharist is an essential part of worship, we invite you to please bring your child to the Altar for Communion regardless of their age.

Coffee 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 with you after service! In the spirit of being connected, we ask that you consider sharing your contact information if we don't already have it. Blue (or yellow) info cards can be found on the table at the entrance, you can place it in the collection basket or give to the clergy. The clergy want to get to know you, so feel free to send an email or text and make an appointment. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Servers are not currently being preassigned. Please arrive at least ten minutes early if you can assist and tell a clergy person that you can help!

Liturgical volunteers are welcome for the following roles:

ACOLYTE

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM

LECTOR: 2ND READING

USHERS/GREETERS

TELLERS (Vestry Member+ Volunteer)



The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera
Celebrant

The Ven. Holly Hanback
Deacon

Mr. Peter Schweitzer
Director of Music

Ms. Anica Lee
Director of the Choir

Ms. Susannah Harding
Postulant to the Diaconate

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

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

— HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY

1., 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for
2. From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:

1. Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Thanks be to you for ev - er!

2., 3. Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. D.C.

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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 and merciful God,
it is only by your gift that your faithful people
offer you true and laudable service:
Grant that we may run without stumbling
to obtain your heavenly promises;
through Jesus Christ 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.*

*Given Covid restrictions and for
the care and safety of all, we will not provide
Sunday school or child care until further notice.*



THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Lector A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 119:1-8

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees ***
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 **You laid down your commandments, ***
that we should fully keep them.

-
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 **Then I should not be put to shame, ***
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 **I will keep your statutes; ***
do not utterly forsake me.

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 9:11-14

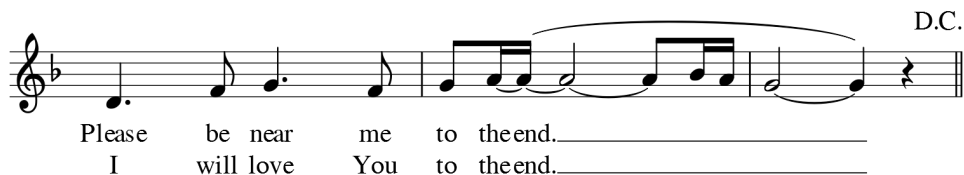
Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

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. Let us pray for all who live, study, and work in Leesburg and in the surrounding cities and towns. We pray for our local, state, and federal elected officials; we pray for all first responders. Pray for justice and peace.

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. We pray for those infected and affected by COVID and other diseases, and for their caretakers.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and dignity grow in our nation and among all peoples. We commend to you the immigrant and refugee families here and around the world, We pray for the hungry, the oppressed, and for those in jails and prisons.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We ask your prayers for all who have died; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

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.

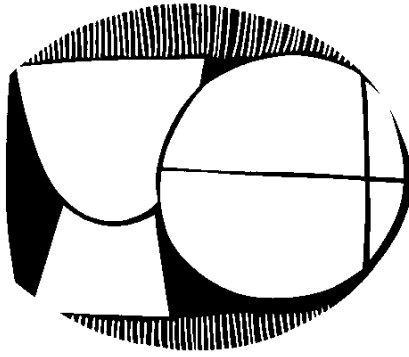
People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD

Refrain

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

Verses

All:
Come, Lord Je-sus!
Cantors:

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

Come, Lord Je - sus!

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

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

All:

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

D.C.

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PRESENTATION HYMN

ALL THAT WE HAVE



All that we have and all that we of-fer Comes from a



heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and



give what we need, All done in his name.

God is our light and our stronghold,

Jesus, redeemer, our way;

Spirit of life walk beside us,

guide us and help us to pray: *Refrain*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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. 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:



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Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

TASTE AND SEE

Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.'

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 BENDED KNEE

Musical staff 1 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and ends with a half note G.


1. On___ bend - ed knee I come,___ with a hum - ble heart I come_
(2. On)___ bend - ed knee we come,___ with a hum - ble heart we come_

Musical staff 2 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and ends with a half note G.

___ bow - ing down be - fore___ Your ho - ly throne___
___ bow - ing down be - fore___ Your ho - ly throne___

Musical staff 3 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and ends with a half note G.

___ Lift-ing ho - ly hands to You___ as I pledge my love a - new,___ I
___ Lift-ing ho - ly hands to You___ as we pledge our love a - new,___ we

Musical staff 4 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and ends with a half note G.

wor - ship You in spir - it; I wor - ship You in truth_
wor - ship You in spir - it; we wor - ship You in truth_

Musical staff 5 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and ends with a half note G.

___ makemy life a ho - ly praise___ un-toYou.___ 2. On___
___ makeour lives a ho - ly praise___ un-toYou.___

Musical staff 6 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and ends with a half note G.

Makeour lives a ho - ly praise___ un - to You._____

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I hun - ger and thirst____ for You.____



I hun - ger and thirst____ for You.____



1. In the des - sert of my need,____ You're the foun -
2. Heav-en's Man - na, Bread of Life,____ fill this emp -
3. Draw me clos - er to Your heart,____ to the truth



- tain that I seek.____ You're the Liv -
- ti - ness in - side.____ Noth - ing else
of all You are.____ Ev - 'ry day



- ing Wa - ter I keep run - ning to.____
can sat - is - fy me like You do.____
I need You, Lord, to make me new.____



I hun - ger and thirst____ for You.____

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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN


A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,





doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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 Peter Brownrigg.

In our Diocese, we pray for All Souls, Mechanicsville; Christ Church, Millwood.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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: María Fortunato; Juan César de la Cruz Castillo; John Shook; Mary Terry; 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; Cindy LoSasso; 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; Stephanie Modzelesky; Bonnie Klem-Barnes; Barbara Ewell; 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; Worrall family; Andrea Palmer; 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW DOES A CHRISTIAN CHURCH RECONCILE CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN AS WE ARE DOING TODAY?

I was asked to explain why I would invite people to wear Halloween costumes at church today given that it is rooted in pagan traditions. All Saints' Day (Day of the Dead) comes from the pagan religious rituals and traditions. Christian religions have incorporated such traditions and have given them other names, such as All Saints Day or All Soul's Day. There are other traditions that Christians celebrate which we've inherited and appropriated from pagan beliefs. For instance, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, the Day of the Dead or All Saints Dead, Christmas Day (not the celebration of the birth of God's Son but the date, December 25th), and the baptismal ritual (not only as a pagan ritual but as a Jewish initiation ritual of birth). There are other customs that are not necessarily religious but are incorporated into religious traditions such as a bride wearing white to marry because the color represents purity, virginity and virtue. Christians have historically borrowed from many religious traditions.

I entrust you with this article: <https://historycollection.com/10-christian-holidays-beliefs-steeped-pagan-traditions/8/>

ALL SAINTS' / ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

Today is the last day to submit the names of those you wish to be remembered at our Día de los Muertos (All Souls) service on Tuesday and our All Saints' Sunday service next week. Names can be submitted by filling out the form on the next page and dropping it in the collection plate, or by emailing info@saintgabriels.net with the information.

INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL AT STARBUCKS

All are invited to Starbucks for Coffee Hour. We can visit, talk about faith, and have coffee after the service. Starbucks is next to CVS in Lansdowne Town Center: 19310 Front St, Leesburg, VA 20176. We will continue talking about the Episcopal Church, the Prayer Book, about faith, and how we serve the people of God through St. Gabriel's. If you are unable to come in person you can join us via Zoom—just go to <https://tinyurl.com/StGinquirerClass2021>

BIBLE STUDY

Adult formation this fall focuses on **PRAYER**. All are welcome and invited to join us! A 6-week Bible study kicked on September 30, using the 1st and 2nd Books of Chronicles as the biblical source to explore ways in which we might develop a passionate love for God through our “conversations with God”, otherwise known as prayer! This six-session study looks at how we can live up to our potential, experience God's presence, and learn more about listening and talking to God . **Thursday mornings until Nov. 4th, from 8:00 am to 8:30am**. The Zoom link can be found on the church calendar, by clicking on the link from the calendar it will take you directly to the Zoom meeting. The calendar can be found on the parish website: <https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar>

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. GABRIEL’S~SAN GABRIEL

“All things come from Thee, and from Thine own have we given Thee.”
1 Chronicles 29:14

This scripture reminds us that all we have comes from God, and therefore as God’s creation, we should give back with time, treasure, and talent in whatever ways we can. In 2021 the Vestry wisely decided not to have a formal stewardship campaign given the uncertainty brought upon us by the pandemic. We asked parishioners to keep their 2020 pledge amount, and many did – thank you! While we are still living in times of uncertainty, there seems to be more hope in the world regarding COVID than at this time last year, therefore the Stewardship Committee asks that, if possible, you please continue giving to St. Gabriel’s~San Gabriel and complete your 2021 pledge.

Some parishioners didn’t submit a pledge card in 2021, but you continued giving – God bless you and thank you! If you are one of those persons who continued giving but didn't fill a pledge card, could you please email the office stating that you wish to have all of your 2021 donations attributed toward your 2021 pledge? You can call or email Dj at dj@saintgabriels.net with the intended 2021 stewardship pledge.

Also, the 2022 Stewardship season is near, so stay tuned: a letter will be sent to you soon! Thank you for faithfully giving from what God has given you!

In gratitude,
St. Gabriel's Stewardship Committee

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44



Parishioners pray at St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel's 2019 ofrenda on Dia de los Muertos. An ofrenda is a traditional Mexican altar dedicated to people who have died, elaborately decorated with flowers, candles, photos, and other objects intended to welcome the departed to the altar.

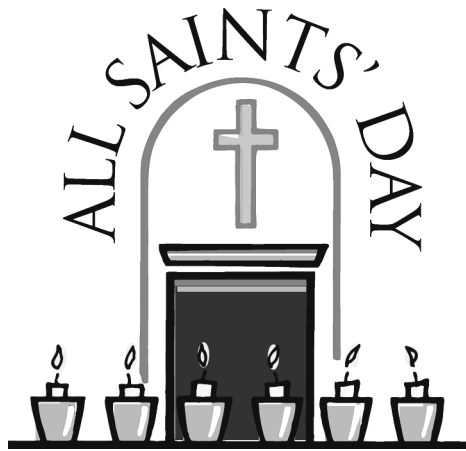
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



Join us for Día de los Muertos on **Tuesday, November 2nd at 7pm**
in the parking lot at St. James'.

(In case of inclement weather, we will move the service inside.)

Email the names and photos of those you'd like remembered on our ofrenda to info@saintgabriels.net or better yet, join us for this prayerful & solemn occasion to celebrate your loved ones, bring your offerings and photos!



In observation of **All Saints' Day**,

St. Gabriel's will remember those who have passed away at our
Día de los Muertos prayer service on **Tuesday, November 2nd**,
and at the All Saints' Sunday services on **Sunday, November 7th**.

If you would like a loved one's name remembered in prayer, please
email the office at info@saintgabriels.net with the information below.

The list will also appear in the bulletin on All Saints' Sunday.

NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY TODAY!

Remembered by: _____
(your name)

In memory of:

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

St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds Chapel

Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd. Ashburn, VA 20147

3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español

San Gabriel en St. James'

14 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg

St. Gabriel's Chapel in the Woods

Open any time you wish to pray

Corner of Battlefield Pkwy/Ft. Evans Rd.

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