

ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**ST. GABRIEL**  
AND ALL ANGELS

SEPTEMBER 26, 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!

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*

### 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*

#### ACOLYTES

#### LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

**LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM, LECTOR: 2ND READING**

#### USHERS/GREETERS

**TELLERS (Vestry Member + a Volunteer)**

# THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, AND ALL ANGELS

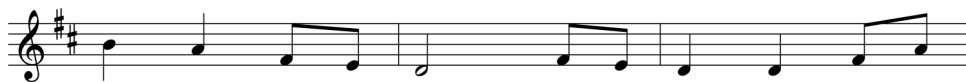
## — HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### SING A NEW CHURCH



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in  
 2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, Robed in  
 3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the  
 4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the  
 5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



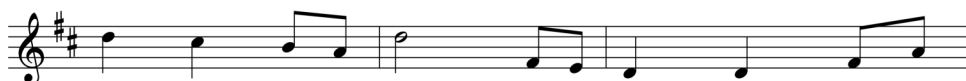
our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of  
 ho - li - ness and light, Male and fe - male in God's  
 Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion  
 art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and  
 hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er



Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:  
 im - age, Male and fe - male, God's de - light:  
 prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.  
 jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.  
 wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in



splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new Church in - to



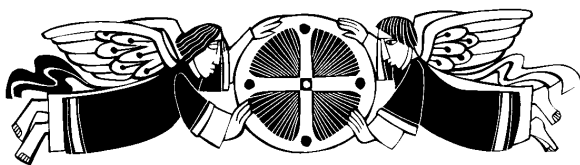
be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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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. **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!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

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

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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.

*All*              **Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY**

*Children are invited to the front for  
the children's Biblical message.*

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



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## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 28:10-17

*Lector*      A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 103:19-22

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Lector*        A reading from the Revelation to St. John.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world — he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

*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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## SEQUENCE HYMN

## SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD



Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place, I can



feel His might-y pow-er and His grace. I can



hear the brush of an-gels wings, I see glo-ry on each face;



Sure-ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:47-51

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

## THE SERMON

Mrs. Susannah Harding  
*Postulant to the Diaconate*

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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 ask your prayers for all of God's creation; 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, especially for the people affected by the recent hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, and earthquakes. Pray for the Earth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We ask your prayers for those infected and affected by COVID and other diseases; we pray for their caretakers. We pray for the hungry, the oppressed, and for those in jails and prisons.

*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 especially for the Haitian and Afghan refugees and exiles.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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*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.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY HYMN

IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

Refrain

In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the  
dawn of e - ter - nal day. All cre - a - tion will rise to  
dance and sing the glo - ry of the Lord!

Verses

1. And on that day will jus - tice tri - umph, on that  
2. Then shall the na - tions throng to - geth - er to the  
3. And they shall beat their swords to plow - shares; there will  
4. For Is - ra - el shall be de - liv - ered, and the  
5. And on that day of Christ in glo - ry, God will  
6. O give us eyes to see your glo - ry, give us

1. day will all be free: free from want, free from  
2. moun - tain of the Lord: they shall walk in the  
3. be an end to war: one in peace, one in  
4. des - ert lands will bloom. Say to all, "Do not  
5. wipe a - way our tears, and the dead shall rise  
6. hearts to un - der - stand. Let our ears hear your

to Refrain

1. fear, \_\_\_\_\_ free to live!  
2. light \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord!  
3. love, \_\_\_\_\_ one in God!  
4. fear. Here is your God!"  
5. up \_\_\_\_\_ from their graves!  
6. voice \_\_\_\_\_ 'til you come!

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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 the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations. 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 hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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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.**

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*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!**

Refrain

The Refrain is written on three staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. 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.'

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.

The first verse is written on three staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the first line. The lyrics are: 'Praise shall al - ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord'.

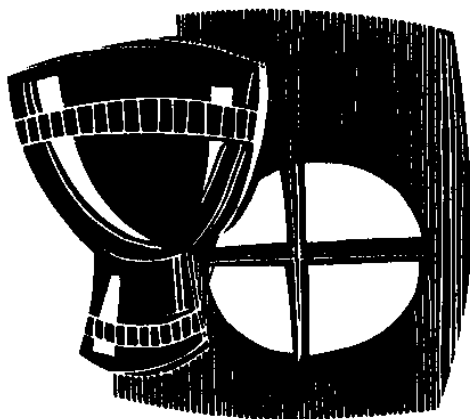
Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord

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.*

## JOY OF MY DESIRE

Joy of my de - sire, all consum - ing fire,  
Lord of glo - ry, Rose of Sha - ron, rare and sweet  
You are now my peace, com fort - er and friend.  
Won - der - ful, so beau - ti - ful You are to me.\_\_\_\_  
I wor - ship You in spir - it and in\_\_ truth.  
I wor - ship You in spir - it and in\_\_ truth. There will  
nev - er be a friend as dear to me as You.\_\_\_\_

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# COMMUNION HYMN

THE NAME

Ab - ba Fa - ther, Liv - ing Wa - ter;

Shep - herd, Ser - vant and King,\_\_\_

Mas - ter, Teach - er, Lord and keep - er,

Coun - sel - or, Prince\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ Peace.\_\_\_ Al -

might-y Cre - a - tor;\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, Sav - ior;\_\_\_ Ad -

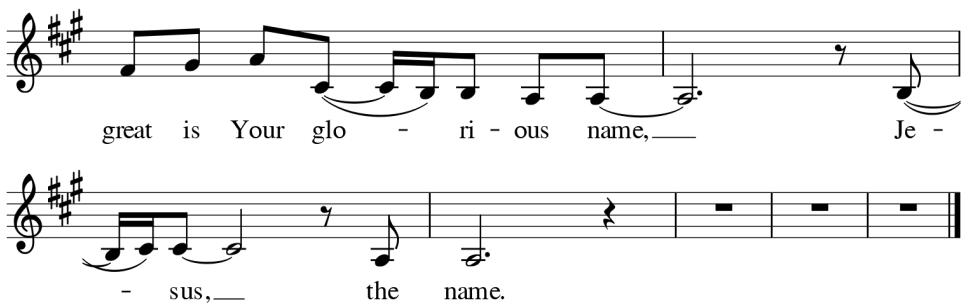
- o - nai\_\_\_ and\_\_\_ the Rock,\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na, Mes - si - ah,\_\_\_ Yah - weh, Je - ho - va, Al -

- pha, O - me - ga, God.\_\_\_\_\_

Friend and Heal - er, Christ, Re - deem - er,





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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 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.

*Refrain*



Come build a church with soul and spir - it, come build a church of



flesh and bone. We need no tow - er ris - ing sky-ward; no house of wood, or



glass, or stone. Come build a church with hu - man frail - ty.



Come build a church of flesh and blood. Je-sus shall be its



sure foun - da - tion. It shall be built by the hand of God.



1 Let us see the tongues of fi - re. Let us hear the  
2 Let us know the love un-ceas - ing, which a-lone can  
3 Guide our feet in peace - ful path - ways. Teach us peace of



great wind roar. Let us know the awe and won - der,  
loose the bounds, reach-ing out a - cross the cha - sms,  
heart and mind; peace with God and all God's chil - dren;



that we've on - ly glimpsed be - fore. Let us feel the  
bring-ing walls of ha - tred down. Let us taste the  
till we leave our wars be - hind. Sure-ly joy will



strength of pas - sion, which can make us laugh and weep.  
sweet com - mun - ion, where the cir - cle nev - er ends.  
come and find us like a breeze that cools the night;

Let us know this great a - wake - ning.  
 Hold us in the sweet con - nec - tion,  
 like the rain up - on the des - ert;

*to refrain*

For so long we've been a - sleep. \_\_\_\_\_  
 turn - ing strang - ers in - to friends. \_\_\_\_\_  
 like a can - dle's gen - tle light. \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

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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 those being baptized today at the 3pm service: Kelsy Sofía Villalobos Leiva, Bianca Rubia Villalobos Leiva, and Bastian Jorel Rivera Villalobos, and for their Godparents and families.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Aquia Church, Stafford; Cople Parish, Hague; and for St. Matthew's, Sterling.

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the United States.

### 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/2021*), 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:** John Shook; Mary Terry; Rvda. Mary Kay Brown, Maureen Carey-Back; Rony González Reyes; María Miller; Lucas Mateo Rosales Zapata; Kelly Wilkinson; Rigoberto Somuano and Concepción

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Rojas; Griselda Frías; Phyllis Simpson; Tom Wilkinson; Dave Powell; Page Bradley; Shelly Rodriguez; Rosa Ramírez; Janice Queen; Cindy LoSasso; Amaya Family; Isabel Sagastume; María Balcázar and family; Nathan; María Miranda and Ernesto López; Jassil, Karen & Freddy Baltazar; José Ortega; Rossil, Kaylee Martínez; Blanca Lidia Hernández; Mary Brenda Joyner; Medardo Morales; Elizabeth Bulger; Mario Quintanilla; Agostini Family; Cathy Benedict; Nila Aguilar; Alberto Ramos Lucas; Stephanie Modzelesky; Janet Spielman; Bonnie Klem-Barnes; Barbara Ewell; Bobbie Wilkinson; Paul Chin; John Cummings; María Eugenia Corro; Bob Cusack; 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LET US PRAY FOR THE AFGHAN REFUGEES AND EXILEES ARRIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

More than 3,000 Afghan refugees and exiles that have arrived at Dulles Airport are living in local military bases until they are resettled in the United States. St. Gabriel's will share volunteer and donation information as soon as we receive it through local community organizations that are finding ways to support these individuals and families. More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime please hold them in your prayers.

### CHECK OUT THIS YOUTUBE RECORDING! FR. DANIEL, GUEST SPEAKER AT ASHBY PONDS

Fr. Daniel was invited to speak to the Ashby Ponds residents in Ashburn this week where he spoke about the diversity in our congregation, the diversity in Loudoun County, and how St. Gabriel's uses what God has given us to minister, love, and share the Good News of Christ to reach all of God's children. Happy feast day of our patron saint this weekend!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2LqN8rmdxQ>

### INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR ALL AT STARBUCKS

All are invited to a conversation on Sundays at Starbucks for the next few weeks after the 10 am service at noon! We will learn more about the Episcopal Church, the Prayer Book, and have the opportunity to talk about our faith and how we serve the people of God through St. Gabriel's. Sundays at noon at the new Starbucks next to CVS in Lansdowne Town Center: 19310 Front St, Leesburg, VA 20176. 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 kicks off 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 . **From September 30th – Nov. 4th, 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

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**NEW CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS**

We have a new address! St. James’ recently relocated their offices to another building on campus, and the address for both St. James’ and St. Gabriel’s has changed. Please update your records with our new mailing address:

St. Gabriel’s ~ San Gabriel Episcopal Church  
8 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg, VA 20176

**If you have a recurring donation setup via your bank’s billpay system, please remember to update our address there as well!**

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Sep 26 Sun</b>	<b>12:00p</b>	Inquirer’s Class for All <i>Starbucks Lansdowne &amp; Zoom – Ask Fr. Daniel for info</i>
<b>Sep 30 Thu</b>	<b>8:00a</b>	6-week morning Bible study through Nov. 4th <i>For link visit: <a href="https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar">https://www.saintgabriels.net/calendar</a> Ask Jennifer Smith for info</i>
<b>Oct 2 Sat</b>	<b>3:00p</b>	Blessing of the Animals ( <i>Bilingual</i> ) <i>St. Gabriel’s Chapel in the Woods</i>

## BLESSINGS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL'S

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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