

ST. GABRIEL'S [†] SAN GABRIEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 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 and Sunday school will resume this Fall. The children return from child care and Sunday school 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

At St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel the ministers for worship include the congregation, the clergy, and the staff. If you'd like to volunteer for one of the following roles, let one of the clergy or seminarian know. It is preferred that liturgical volunteers arrive at least ten minutes prior to the service

ACOLYTE

LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM

USHERS/GREETERS

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR: 2ND READING

TELLERS (*Vestry Member + Volunteer*)

The Rev. Philene Ware Dunn
Celebrant

The Vnbl. Holly Hanback
Deacon

Mrs. Dana M. Jean
Seminarian

Mr. Peter Schweitzer
Director of Music

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ON JORDAN'S BANK, THE BAPTIST'S CRY



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.



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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.**



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

The first two purple candles are lit.

HYMN**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 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

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

Read responsively by the whole verse

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously ***
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

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- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever, *and may all the earth be filled with his glory!**
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

Lector A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a specific musical phrase or measure. The lyrics are as follows:

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Zi - on, that bring-est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the

call from the ways un - tred: Pre - pare in the des - er - t a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they per - ish, like
feed his flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Por aquel tiempo se presentó Juan el Bautista en el desierto de Judea. En su proclamación decía: "¡Vuélvanse a Dios, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca!"

Juan era aquel de quien Dios había dicho por medio del profeta Isaías: "Una voz grita en el desierto: 'Preparen el camino del Señor; ábranle un camino recto'."

La ropa de Juan estaba hecha de pelo de camello, y se la sujetaba al cuerpo con un cinturón de cuero; su comida era langostas y miel del monte. La gente de Jerusalén y todos los de la región de Judea y de la región cercana al Jordán salían a oírle. Confesaban sus pecados y Juan los bautizaba en el río Jordán.

Pero cuando Juan vio que muchos fariseos y saduceos iban a que los bautizara, les dijo: "¡Raza de víboras! ¿Quién les ha dicho a ustedes que van a librarse del terrible castigo que se acerca? Pórtense de tal modo que se vea claramente que se han vuelto al Señor, y no presuman diciéndose a sí mismos: 'Nosotros somos descendientes de Abraham'; porque les aseguro que incluso a estas piedras Dios puede convertirlas en descendientes de Abraham. El hacha ya está lista para cortar los árboles de raíz. Todo árbol que no da buen fruto, se corta y se echa al fuego. Yo, en verdad, los bautizo con agua para invitarlos a que se vuelvan a Dios; pero el que viene después de mí los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego. Él es más poderoso que yo, que ni siquiera merezco llevarle sus sandalias. Trae su pala en la mano y limpiará el trigo y lo separará de la paja. Guardará su trigo en el granero, pero quemará la paja en un fuego que nunca se apagará."

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

THE SERMON

Mrs. Dana M. Jean
Seminarian

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

Reader Creator God, we pray for your holy Church, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming; we pray for all who believe, for those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith. May we all receive the light of Christ and live into our mission to proclaim the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader Redeeming God, we pray for those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. We pray for all who live and work in this community and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader Life Giving God, we pray for the poor, the persecuted, those affected by war and gun violence, the sick, and all who suffer; for migrants, refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; relieve us and protect us. O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Reader Eternal God, we pray for all who have died, especially for Edwin Alexander López. We also pray for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Come Lord Jesus.**

Please pray for those on our Prayer List on pages 22-23.

You may offer your prayers of intercession and petition either aloud or in the silence of your heart.

Celebrant Let us Pray.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear
your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed
in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, who may be walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

People

Amen.

CONFESSON OF SIN

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

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

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

This Holy Eucharist is Dedicated
to the Memory of Edwin Alexander López

OFFERTORY HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED



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 - scand;
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 - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER 2

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your

Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Gabriel, St. James, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

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

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD *Where all are welcome!*

The Church affirms the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Believers of all denominations are invited to receive the Sacrament. To receive the bread extend your hands forward. We are not sharing a common cup at this time, 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. Gluten-free wafers are available.

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 -

mighty 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,

great is Your glo - ri - ous name, — Je -
— sus, — the name.

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COMMUNION HYMN

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
us a Saviour, when half spent was the night.
death now save us, and share our even - ery load.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant Let us Pray.

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 ADVENT BLESSING

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path;
And the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, ✠ The Son,
and The Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Verses



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin - kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
May our lives your love your con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.

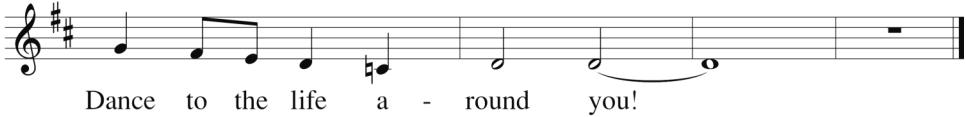
Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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 Bishop-elect Mark Stevenson; for our clergy: Fr. Daniel+ and Deacon Holly; and for our seminarian, Dana.

In our parish, we pray for Shelly & José Rodríguez.

In our Diocese, we pray for Grace Church, Bremo Bluff; Meade Memorial, Alexandria; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Matthew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond; Varina Church, Richmond.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

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, 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: Fernando Mosquera Sinisterra; Donald Barber; Máximo Vélez; Robert Joseph Rouse; Theresa Shields; Molly Mitchell; Colwin Bocasan; Hermelinda Araki; Margaret Schweitzer; Martha Meléndez; Victoria Delgado; Nina Frymoyer; The Abernethy family; Dainise Patterson; Aura Mojica; María Flores; Laura Argueta vda. de López; George Dyson; Anthony Holley; 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; Shelly Rodriguez; Janice Queen; Peter Schweitzer and family; Gonzalo Mendoza; Myrta Mercado; Jack Cusack; Ethan Newland and family; Ruth Brown; 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, Samantha Smith, and Kyra Baron.

We pray for our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces: Jamaal A. Boyd (U.S. Army), Joseph Castillejos (U.S. Army), and Karyna Beatriz Saavedra (U.S. Marines).

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

DEC 9 | LAS POSADAS

Join us **Friday, December 9th at 7pm** at St. James' for Las Posadas: An Advent remembrance of the time when Mary and Joseph sought room at an Inn to bring the Son of God into the world. This is a service of prayer and song, there will also be cookie decorating during the hospitality time. All materials will be provided as well as hot chocolate and treats!

DEC 11 | MISA GUADALUPANA

Join us for a St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel tradition: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Sunday, December 11th at 5pm** at St. James'. We will celebrate the Mother of God and Patron Saint of the Americas, as she appeared to Juan Diego in the image of a Mexican woman. The service will begin at 5pm with a procession to the church, where the mother of Christ will be honored with a beautiful altar background, a live mariachi band, Holy Eucharist and a folkloric dance troupe. The worship service will be followed by hospitality in the form of food, drink and great company!

DEC 14 | VIGIL: 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SANDY HOOK

On Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm, Loudoun Interfaith Bridges, Loudoun NAACP, and Loudoun Moms Demand Action will be holding a vigil to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of tragedy at Sandy Hook. Speak with Anne Donohue for more information.

DEC 17 | MISA DE AGUINALDO

A "newer" Advent tradition at St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel! Join us for the second Misa de Aguinaldo, a service of Holy Eucharist and Music, **Saturday, December 17 at 5:30am** at St. James'. *5:30am is NOT a typo*, the service begins before first light, a Filipino and Puerto Rican tradition. Breakfast will be provided after the service in the Parish Hall.

JAN 8 | BAPTISMS

The next services for Baptisms will take place on Sunday January 8th, which in 2023 is the commemoration of the Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord! Register with Fr. Daniel.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 9	Fri	7:00p	Las Posadas <i>San Gabriel @ St. James: Church and Parish Hall</i>
Dec 11	Sun	5:00p	Misa Guadalupana <i>San Gabriel @ St. James: Church and Parish Hall</i>
Dec 17	Sat	5:30a	Misa de Aguinaldo <i>San Gabriel @ St. James: Church and Parish Hall</i>
Dec 24	Sat	5:00p	Christmas Eve Service With Musical Prelude <i>Belmont Ridge Middle School</i>
Dec 25	Sun	1:00p	Misa de Navidad <i>San Gabriel @ St. James</i>

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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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