

ST. GABRIEL'S † SAN GABRIEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**THE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

AUGUST 14, 2022

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## WELCOME TO ST. GABRIEL'S~SAN GABRIEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**W**e are glad that you have joined us as we encounter God in our worship together. If today is your first visit, we want you to know that St. Gabriel's is a welcoming and authentically inclusive faith community, which means that you are welcome just as you are – wholly made in the image of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We'd like to get to know you, so please share your contact info by filling out a blue information card, they are on the info table at the entrance. You can place it in the collection plate, send an email to the office, or text the clergy for coffee or tea!

**F**aith formation is important for the spiritual development of us all. Special attention is given to our children, it's the Jesus way! A Children's Story is provided at the beginning of the service and child care is provided for children up to kindergarten age. Sunday school will resume in September. The children attend classes after the Children's story and before the Peace. Because Eucharist is essential to our faith journey please bring your children for Communion!

**C**offee hour is like a second communion at St. Gabriel's, it builds community! We invite you to bring a treat if you can and regardless, visit with one another for awhile after service! While our in-person services and gatherings are mask-optional, you will not feel uncomfortable wearing one at St. Gabriel's because we recognize that there are people who have diverse reasons for taking every necessary health precaution possible. God bless you and thank you for being part of our faith community!

### MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

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

**ACOLYTE**

**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER**

**LECTOR: 1ST READING/PSALM**

**LECTOR: 2ND READING**

**USHERS/GREETERS**

**TELLERS (Vestry Member+Volunteer)**



The Rev. Daniel Vélez Rivera  
*Celebrant*

Mr. Ted Singer  
*Guest Accompanist*

# THE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

## — HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II —

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

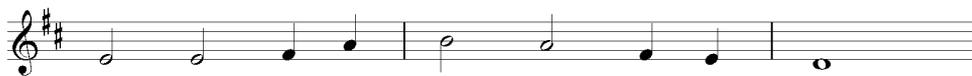
### COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



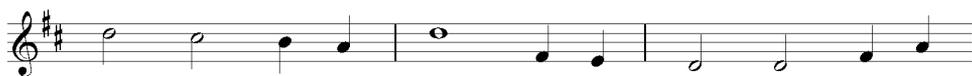
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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 GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## KNOW THE STORY, HEAR THE STORY

*Children are invited 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 return for the Peace and Eucharist.*





## THE READINGS

### THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:10-11

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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 34:1-9

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
God's praise shall be in my mouth forever.
- 2 **I will glory in the Lord; \***  
**let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt the name together.

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**4 I sought the Lord who answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear, \*  
and they will be delivered.

**8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in God!**

9 Fear the Lord, you the saints, \*  
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## GALATIANS 4:4-7

*Lector* A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

TASTE AND SEE

Refrain

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.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord  
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*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*

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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

*People of every age are invited to choose one of the prayers and read it aloud*

*Lector* Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Lector* Grant that every member of the Church may be enlightened by your Spirit to serve you with humility.

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Lector* We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and persons in formation;

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

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

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

*Lector* We pray for greater love in the world and to remember Bishop Curry's words, "if it's not about love, it's not about God."

*People* **That we may always welcome the unconditional gifts of God.**

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

*People* **That they may be delivered from their grief and their distress.**

*Lector* We thank you for the mission of the Borderland Ministries, for St. Gabriel's partnership with the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and for those whose prayer and craft bring hope and light to many souls living in the refugee and immigration shelters.

*People* **May their work bring healing and reconciliation in our time.**

*Lector* We remember your saints who have entered into glory, especially for the soul of Hugo Arze; may he and all the saints departed rest in peace.

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray for our own needs, and for the needs of others.

*Your prayers of intercession and petition may be offered now, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. Please pray for those on our Prayer List on pg 22-23.*

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

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

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

### THE ABSOLUTION

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

*People* **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*This Holy Eucharist is dedicated to the memory of Hugo Arze*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## SING OUT, MY SOUL



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



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



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



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



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



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

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PRESENTATION HYMN

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS



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

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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

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

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*Then the Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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**FRACTION ANTHEM****SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

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



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



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



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

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.



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

*The Church affirms the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Believers of all denominations are invited to receive the Sacrament. To receive the bread extend your hands forward. We are unable to share a common cup at this time due to Covid restrictions, so the celebrant will instinct (dip) the bread into the wine before giving it to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion today but would like a blessing, come forward during Communion, cross your arms over your chest, and you will be given a blessing in the name of God.*

COMMUNION HYMN

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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COMMUNION HYMN

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of the Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.

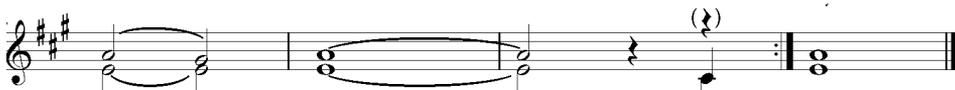
*Refrain*



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the



last day. 3 Un - day.

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**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION HONORING VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS**

*People*      **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of the Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving for those who cannot partake in the physical Communion of your Body and Blood. Together with them, we remember your death, proclaim your resurrection; and await your coming in glory.**

**And since they cannot physically receive you today in the Holy Sacrament, we beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen them with your grace, Lord Jesus, and may they never be separated from you. May we all live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**      *Please stand if you are able*

*Celebrant*    Let us Pray.

*People*      **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant*    May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short,  
grace to do something big for something good,  
grace to remember that the world is too dangerous now  
for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

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

*People*      **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL 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 DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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## AUGUST 15: ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

On August 15, the church celebrates the Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin. Saint Mary, the mother of Christ, has been celebrated since the earliest days of the Christian church. Today's Gospel from Luke is the "Song of Praise" that was sung by Mary when her cousin Elizabeth recognized her as the mother of the Lord (*Luke 1:43*). Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist when her cousin, who was pregnant with Jesus, came to see her. Holy scripture reminds us that:



*St. Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel's Virgen de Guadalupe statue, always present at the 3pm service and at the yearly celebration of the Virgen de Guadalupe on December 12.*

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy'" (*Luke 1:41-44*).

"Mary's Song of Praise" is also called "The Magnificat" because its opening line in Latin is: "Magnificat anima mea Dominum," "My soul magnifies the Lord."

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## PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers...

### THE CHURCH

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

**In our parish**, we pray for Cassie McDonnell-Olson, Ian Olson, Joey, and Archie.

**In our Diocese**, we pray for the Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, St. Catherine's, St. Christopher's, St. Margaret's, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, and Stuart Hall.

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for The Diocese of Northern Mexico in La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

### ST. GABRIEL'S COMMUNITY

**All members of Saint Gabriel's ~ San Gabriel, St. Gabriel's @ Ashby Ponds, Saint James', and the students and staff of the Belmont Ridge Middle School.**

**St. Gabriel's Lay Leaders & Staff** David (Dj) Gunning, Susan McGlohn, Abi Hernández Cruz, and Eva María Torres.

**St. Gabriel's Music Ministers** Peter Schweitzer, Carmelo Saavedra, and members of our church choirs.

**St. Gabriel's Sunday School Teachers, Child Care Providers & Helpers**  
**A special thanks to our teachers for inspiring our children with creative and heartfelt Christian formation lessons.**

### **All volunteers of St. Gabriel's Social Justice Ministries**

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

**St. Gabriel's Vestry** Rob Buchanan (*Senior Warden/2024*), Carla Rhoads (*Junior Warden/2024*), Steve Rice (*Treasurer/2023*), Dj Gunning (*Clerk*), Karen Ballesteros (*2023*), Paula Callaghan Morató (*2024*), César Frías (*2024*), José

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Mejía (2024), Isamar Ortega (2025), Sue Schweitzer (2023), Eileen Shaffer (2025), and Eva María Torres Herrera (2024).

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

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

**We pray for our college students:** Grace Shaffer; Aidan Baron, Lindsey Thompson; Isabella Ballesteros, Samara Umazor 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, and Elinore McLain.

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

## THE WORLD

Our prayers for President Biden, Vice President Harris, members of the United States Congress, Governor Youngkin, Mayor Burke, and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and for elected officials throughout the world. For the victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse, and natural disasters in the United States and around the world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BISHOPS VISITATION WITH CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS**

On Sunday, October 23rd at 3pm the Rt. Reverend Susan Goff, Ecclesiastical Authority of the Virginia Diocese, will visit St. Gabriel's. During a bishop's visitation Confirmations are held and also a beautiful Episcopal tradition of being received for those who come from other Christian denominations. The reception to the Episcopal Church comes with a personal blessing from the Bishop.

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

For more information or to register send a text or email Father Daniel or speak with him after the service.

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

### **BOOK CLUB RETURNS**

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

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

### **AN INVITATION TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are in need of additional Sunday School teachers, and all are invited to consider teaching or assisting to teach Sunday school beginning in September. Anyone from age 15 to adults are welcome to discern this ministry of Christian formation. Sunday school helps children form their belief in the Trinitarian God and affirms the values they learn at home, at school, with friends, and everywhere. Pray about this opportunity and contact Fr. Daniel for more information.

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## HUMP DAY BIBLE STUDY:

### A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS, WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM

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

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

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

## SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH BBQ: OCTOBER 1

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW VISION TASK FORCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WORSHIP

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

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

#### **3:00 pm Misa Dominical en español**

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

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

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

#### **The Chapel in the Woods**

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

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