HOLY COMMUNION



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 | 10:00AM

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church | Marion, Massachusetts

W E L C O M E

Here for the first time? We're glad you have joined us!
You're welcome here just as you are.

The Episcopal Church

Our tradition is part of the global Anglican Communion, a diverse, worldwide fellowship of roughly 85 million Christians spread across 165 countries united through communion with the See of Canterbury in England. We follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, and trace our origins back to Christ, his disciples, and the early church. We affirm that the One God is known in the three persons of the Trinity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as expressed in the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. As part of our Anglican heritage we believe in the centrality of Holy Scripture, tradition, and reason in our worship and life of faith. The Holy Eucharist is the heart of our faith communities.

Who We Are

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Parish welcomes all people and meets everyone where they are on their spiritual journey with Christ. We do our best to be a community of faith celebrating and sharing Christ's love with one another, our communities, and the world. There are many ministries and programs here which help us all to better know Christ. St. Gabriel's is open and affirming community that welcomes everybody regardless of race, color, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, political affiliation, religious heritage or anything else that divides and separates us.

The Liturgy & Books

Worship in the Episcopal Church is drawn from both contemporary and ancient sources, and is aided by books and a bulletin. *The Book of Common Prayer* is the red book and the two hymnals are marked as *Hymnal 1982*, the blue one, and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, the black and red one.

Church School

Youth Formation (Church School) is available for all children and youth ages 4 and up from Sept - June starting at 9:30AM. During the 10 AM worship service, parents and young children are welcome to the library where the worship service is being streamed. An Usher can help you and your family locate both spaces.

Newsletter

St. Gabriel's newsletter, *Tidings*, is a weekly email with reminders about important events in the life of our parish. Please call the parish office (508) 748-1507 and give us your email address so we can keep you abreast of all that is happening in our parish community.

Parish Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the week:

For Healing: Kalila Barnett, Levi Borges, Ryan Conant, Sheila Converse, Deborah Dines, Tim Dyer, Cynthia Evans, Kathy Feeney, Catriana Hall, Arnold Hill, Rob Hiller, Bernie Klim Sr., Libby Klim, Richard Laine, Maria Nunes, Wayne Porter, Jean & Kevin Pulsifer, Cathy Roberts, Betty Savery, Shirley Thomas, Rowland Rice Egerton-Warburton, John Verrier, Andrew, Vanessa

Men & Women serving in our Armed Services: Ben Hall

The Word of God

When the prelude begins, please practice silence and ready your heart for worship.

PRELUDE **Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme** ***Awake, calls the voice to us*** **Johann Sebastian Bach**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Read from Scripture: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

Let us Pray: ***As we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son, Jesus, who is our light in the world so that we no long walk in darkness. May our lives be a light to others. Amen.***

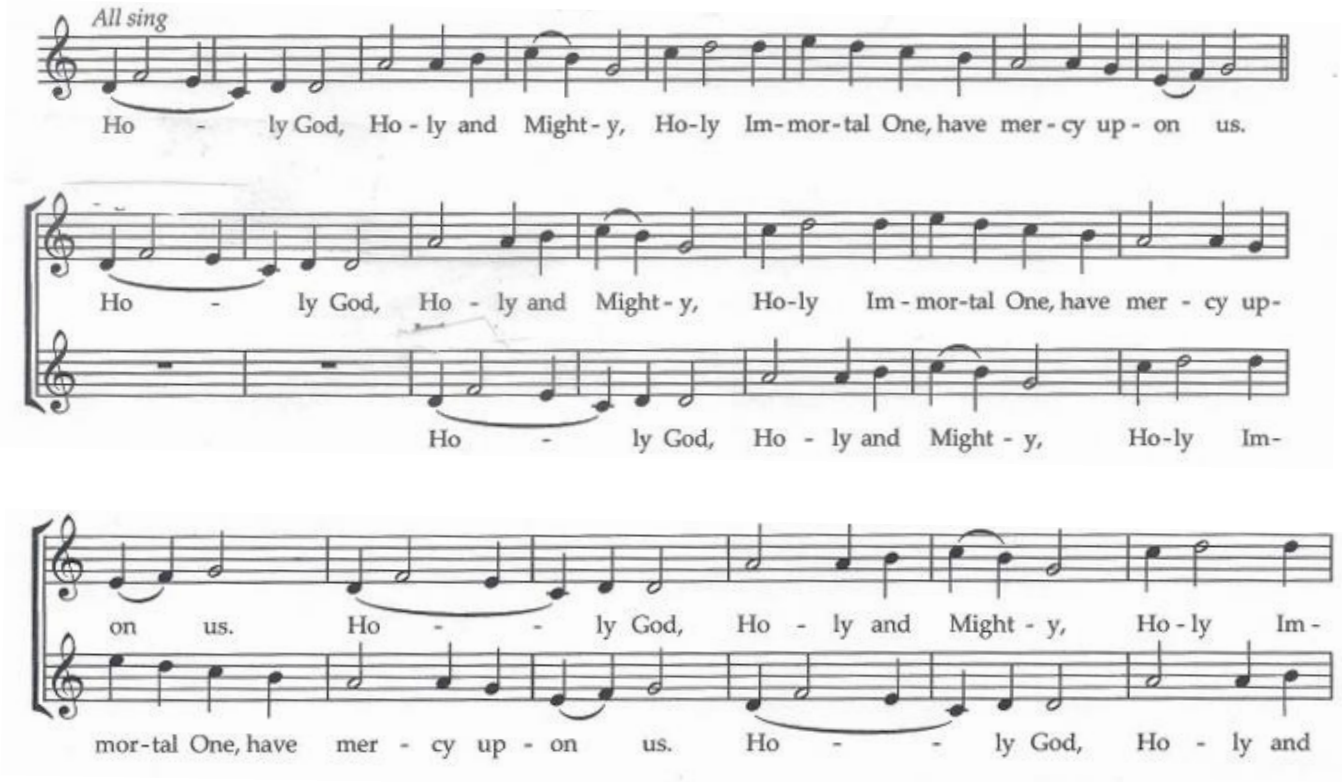
PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Lo! he comes, with clouds descending** **#57, *Helmsley***

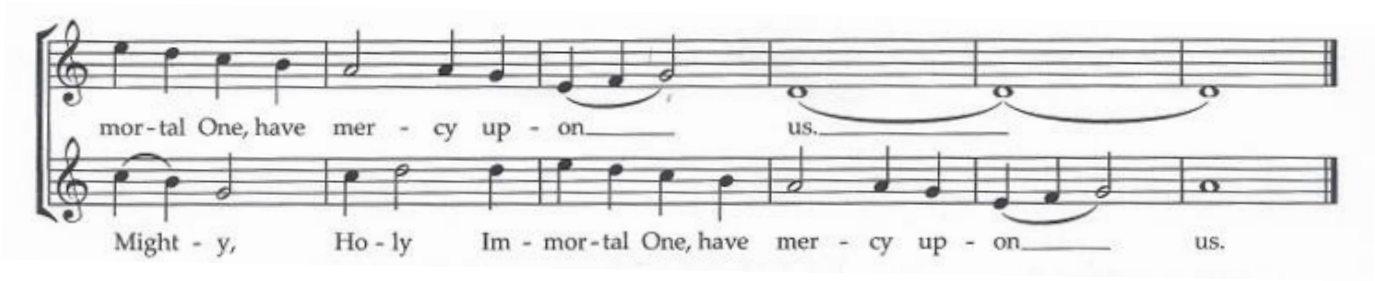
Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People ***You come to your people and set them free.***

TRISAGION ***Holy God*** **Richard Fabian**
The following is sung, all standing





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9
The people sit.
A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5]You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8]Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***
Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Remain seated.
[1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2]***In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ****
stir up your strength and come to help us.
[3]Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

[4]***O LORD God of hosts, ****
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
[5]You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
[6]***You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ****
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
[7]Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
[16]***Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ****
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
[17]And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
[18]***Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; ****
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN **Come sing, ye choirs exultant** **#235, v. 1** ***Ach Gott, vom Himmelreiche***

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

All stand.

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

[Jesus said,] [24]"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN **Come sing, ye choirs exultant #235, v. 2 *Ach Gott, vom Himmelreiche***

THE SERMON **The Rev. David A. Fredrickson**

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)
All stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
All remain standing.

As we begin the Advent season, let us offer our prayers to the Holy One saying: Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, have mercy.

That we may discover God's Word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, have mercy.

That the Divine Spirit and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, have mercy.

That we may come to recognize in the congregation gathered this morning that Jesus the Christ is with us here and now to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, have mercy.

That God's coming into the days and years of human history may be always new, and always brimming with the light that will drive all the darkness away, let us pray to the Lord;

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray now for our own needs and the needs of others.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we remember now either silently or aloud.
silence

We continue to pray for our Rector Search Committee. May the Holy Spirit guide them with wisdom and discernment. We pray for our future rector candidates as they discern where they are called to go. May the Holy Spirit bless them with peace, comfort and discernment as they do this work. Finally, we pray for our St. Gabriel's parish family that we may continue to grow together in Christ and seek his will in all that we undertake.
silence

The Celebrant will add the concluding collect

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

At the conclusion of the Confession the Priest stands and declares Absolution on the people.

THE PEACE
All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ***"Sleepers, wake!" (Wachet auf)*** **Bach**
St. Gabriel's Choir

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has know the sight,
no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our king;
forever let our praises ring.

DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*** **#380 v. 3** ***Old 100th***

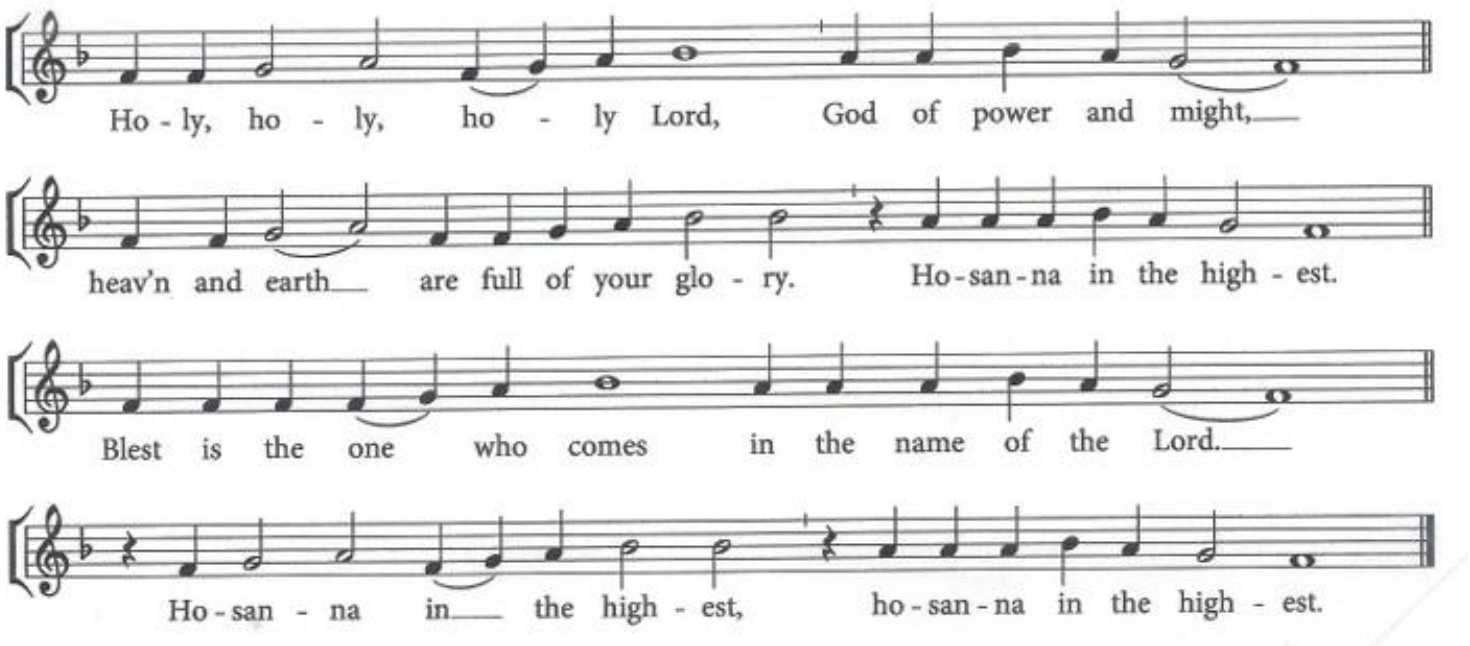
The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS ***Holy, holy, holy*** **Richard Proulx**
Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

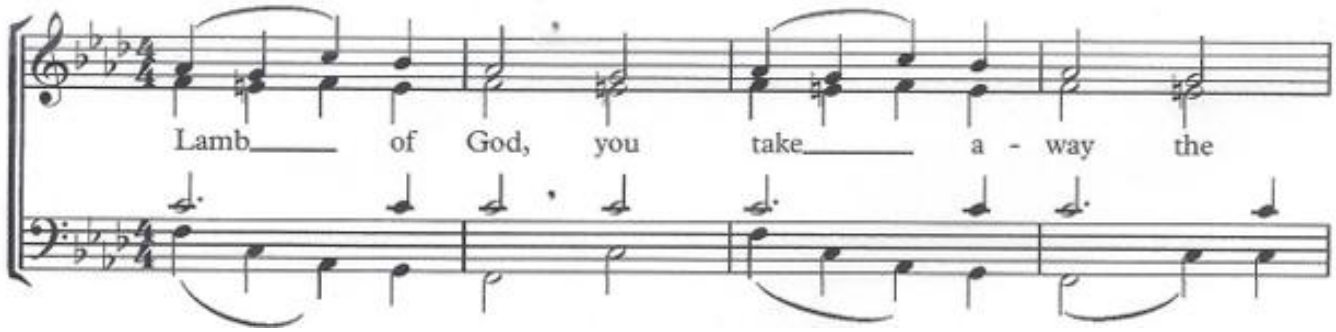
The Celebrant continues

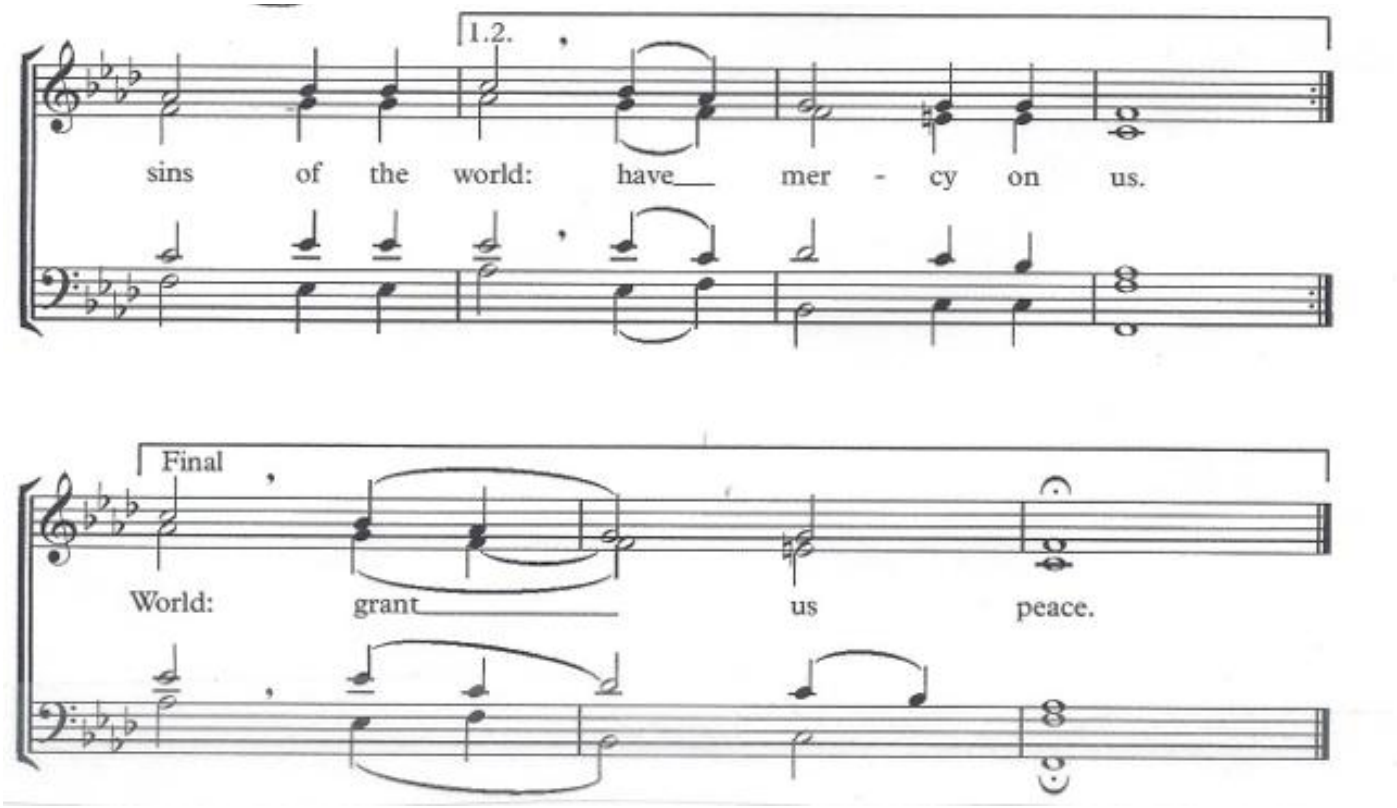
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Gabriel all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. ***AMEN***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

The Breaking of the Bread

AGNUS DEI **Proulx**





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord** **#11 LEVAS James E. Moore, Jr.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray,

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Rejoice! rejoice, believers** **#68 *Llangloffan***

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord

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

POSTLUDE **Wachet auf** **Johann Gottfried Walther**

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SAINT GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Invites you to celebrate Christmas with us.

Christmas Pageant
Do you Believe?
Sunday, December 20th - 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services
Family Service at 4:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Morning Communion Service
Friday, December 25th - 10 a.m.

Lessons & Carols
Sunday, January 3rd - 10 a.m.

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Clergy & Staff

Interim Priest: The Rev. David Fredrickson;
Deacon: The Rev. Kristine Holmes;
Director of Music: David N. Burnham

Assisting at Today's Liturgy

Ushers: Jim Marlow; Ron Wisner; **Chalice Bearer:** Laura Soares;
Lector: Beth Burnham;
Altar Guild: Maureen O'Donnell & Robin Muise

The altar greens are dedicated to all the new members of Saint Gabriel's parish.

Weekly Reminder

Today	11:00 a.m.	Advent Wreath Making
Wed 2nd	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers
	6:30 p.m.	Lectio Divina
Thurs 3rd	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun 6th	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Chapel Service
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Church Service
	4:00 p.m.	Sippican Winter Concert



Join us in the parish hall after church for coffee hour hosted by Donna Verrier.

COFFEE HOUR ANGELS

We need your help!

Dec. 6 • Laurie Knight – *Thank you!*
Dec. 13 • Heike Milhench – *Thank you!*
Dec. 20 • Coffee Hour Host Needed

Want to be a Coffee Angel? Contact the office.

Announcements

- Sippican Choral Society Concert Sunday, December 6th at 4pm.
- Christmas Flower Orders are due Monday, December 14th.

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