

HOLY COMMUNION



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: Ryan Conant, Sheila Converse, Howard Carter Davis, Cynthia Evans, Kathy Feeney, Nancy Griswold, Catriana Hall, Rob Hiller, Bernie Klim, Sr., Libby Klim, Richard Laine, Adriano Lima, Wayne Porter, Jean & Kevin Pulsifer, Cathy Roberts, Betty Savery, Shirley Thomas, Rowland Rice Egerton-Warburton, Nash Waterman, Vanessa

The Word of God

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

PRELUDE

Ballad

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Entrance Rite

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake and sing the song

#181 *St. Ethelwald*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

S 278 *William Mathias*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Remain seated.

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

**²*Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.***

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**⁴*Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.***

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

**¹⁵*My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.***

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your lovingkindness save me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

#1 v. 1 *Christe sanctorum*

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

[Jesus told his disciples,] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
St. Gabriel's Choir

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you;
and give you peace,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you,
The Lord be gracious unto you.
Amen.

FESTAL DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

S 128 *Mathias*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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 and 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**

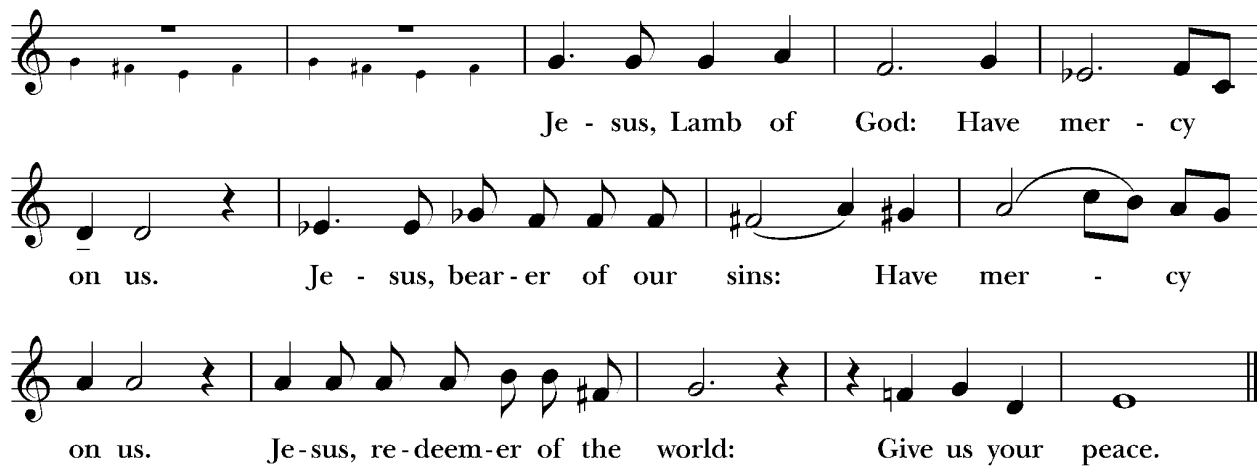
THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant and People

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

INVITATION**COMMUNION HYMN***Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*#178 *Alleluia No. 1***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER***After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and Singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING*The Priest blesses the people.***RECESSIONAL HYMN***Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*#492 *Finnian***DISMISSAL**

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

*People**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***POSTLUDE****Finale****Eric H. Thiman**

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of our mothers, who were good friends and neighbors,
Natalie C. Atwood given by her daughter Susan Gilmore &
Caroline M. Bush given by her daughter Deborah C. Bush*

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: James Knight; Tanya Ambrosi;
Chalice Bearer: Carol Dildine; **Lector:** Elizabeth Leatham;
Altar Guild: Carol Dildine & Pam Norweb

Welcome to Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Weekly Reminder

Tues 5th	12:30 p.m.	Knitting Ministry
Wed 6 th	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers
	6:45 p.m.	Lectio Divina
Thurs 7 th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun 10 th	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Church Service
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Church Service



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Lectio Divina continues Wednesday evenings following Vespers in the library.
- ❖ If you would like someone to be added to the parish prayer list, please email or call the office. This is to include those serving in the military.

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The Episcopal Church



Saint Gabriel's
Children & Youth Formation



Saint Gabriel's
Mission Trip 2026



I'm New Here
"About the Parish"



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