

HOLY COMMUNION



Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 | 8:00AM

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: John Abbot, Heather Bradley, Ryan Conant, Sheila Converse, Howard Carter Davis, Donna Duddy, Marisa & Anthony Eilers, Cynthia Evans, Kathy Feeney, James Good, Nancy Griswold, Catriana Hall, Rob Hiller, Bernie Klim, Sr., Libby Klim, Bernie Klim, Jr., Richard Laine, Patricia Leite, Adriano Lima, Danny Miller, Mary Moller, Jimmy O'Maiza, Wayne Porter, Jean & Kevin Pulsifer, Cathy Roberts, Betty Savery, Karen Silva, Ben Smith, Maria Stanley, Matthew Stanley & Family, Adam Stauff, Patricia Voigt, Rowland Rice Egerton-Warburton, Nash Waterman, Carol Zefeber, Michelle, Tori, Matt, Beau, Lukoff

Men & Women serving in our Armed Services: Ben Hall, Ned Havel, James Kinney, Andriy Noble & Patrick O'Brien

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY & GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 324)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Remain seated.

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²***The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; ****

I came to grief and sorrow.

⁹Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

¹⁰***How shall I repay the LORD ****

for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹²***I will fulfill my vows to the LORD ****

in the presence of all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight of the LORD *

is the death of his servants.

¹⁴***O LORD, I am your servant; ****

***I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.***

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶***I will fulfill my vows to the LORD ****

in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷In the courts of the LORD's house, *

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

All stand.

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

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

¹³Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he

was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Fredrickson

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us who journey on the way with Christ, risen and ever-present in mystery, pray for the world with all our heart and mind, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church universal and for this community of faith, that we may wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the apostolic teaching, to common life, to the breaking of bread and the life of prayer, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all nations and people of this wide earth, that we may be delivered from human devices of oppression, and from false idols and futile ways, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all who grieve or who are desperate or haunted by violence may know the hidden strength of Christ present, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the homeless, those without food, those tempted by vengeance and driven to rage, that they may find refuge and strength in the one who walks with them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the children of calamity, and for our own children, that they may come to know and to claim the promises of God to all generations, near and far, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our Rector Search Committee. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide them with wisdom and discernment in transitioning this parish to where God intends to take us. We pray for our future rector. We ask the Holy Spirit to stir in their heart and mind a call towards this parish. We pray for our interim priest Dave, as he leads us through this transition. We ask the Holy Spirit to give him patience, wisdom, strength, tenderness and boldness. We pray for our deacon, Kris. We ask the Holy Spirit to give her peace, healing, comfort and strength. We pray for all of us here at St. Gabriel's. We ask the Holy Spirit to give each of us patience, open-mindedness and grace. Help us to support each other and create community. We ask that not our will, but yours, be done. May we grow together in Christ towards seeking and sharing your Kingdom with others, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those on our parish prayer list and those we remember now either silently or aloud,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Great Thanksgiving (BCP p. 340)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

SANCTUS (BCP p. 341)

Celebrant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

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.***

INVITATION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people.

DISMISSAL

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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Welcome to Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Weekly Reminder

Tues 21 st	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wed 22 nd	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers
	6:45 p.m.	Lectio Divina
Thurs 23 rd	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun 26 th	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Church Service
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Church Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Lectio Divina continues Wednesday evenings following Vespers in the library.
- ❖ Purging Prayer list May 1st. If you want someone to remain on the prayer list or add someone new, please call the office. This is to include those serving in the military.

Learn More About
The Episcopal Church



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I'm New Here
"About the Parish"



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