

HOLY COMMUNION



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: 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

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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

All stand.

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

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

[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 one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Empowered by the Lord's promise that he will do whatever we ask in his name, let us pray, saying: We ask this in Jesus' name.

For the church of God and for its leaders, that our lives may be for the glory of God alone, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For more vigorous efforts to unite all Christian peoples, lest factions and jealousies prevent the spread of the gospel, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For all who exercise the ministry of preaching, that their words may be full of the Spirit and of wisdom, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For those among us whose hearts are troubled and anxious that they may find support in our care, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For this local parish community, that our belief in God will be deepened by the word and sacrament we share, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

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: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

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

Silence

let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

For the departed, especially Natalie C. Atwood & Caroline M. Bush in whose honor and memory the altar flowers have been given, that they continue to support us with their love in the communion of saints, let us pray: ***We ask this in Jesus' name.***

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

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

*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

Usher: Bill Parziale;

Chalice Bearer: Richard Poyant; **Lector:** Susan Poyant;

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

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



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"About the Parish"



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