

HOLY COMMUNION



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 20

September 20, 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: Kalila Barnett, Ryan Conant, Sheila Converse, Deborah Dines, Cynthia Evans, Kathy Feeney, Ally Goulette, Catriana Hall, Rob Hiller, Bernie Klim Sr., Libby Klim, Richard Laine, Maria Nunes, Bobbie Perry, Wayne Porter, Jean & Kevin Pulsifer, Cathy Roberts, Betty Savery, Shirley Thomas, Rowland Rice Egerton-Warburton, Nash Waterman, John Verrier, Andrew, Vanessa

Men & Women serving in our Armed Services: Ben Hall

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Remain seated.

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

²***Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.***

³Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴***Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.***

⁵Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

⁶***O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.***

³⁷He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

³⁸***Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.***

³⁹He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

⁴⁰***They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.***

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

⁴²***For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.***

⁴³So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

⁴⁴***He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,***

⁴⁵That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

The people sit.

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

²¹To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

All stand.

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

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

[Jesus said,] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Kristine Holmes

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

This morning we pray especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Julia our Bishop; for David our interim priest and Kris our deacon; and for all the baptized of this congregation whose ministries sustain the life of this parish.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for all world leaders, especially for our president, for the Congress of the United States and all who govern the courts, for our governor and all our state and local officials.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

This morning we pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we remember now either silently or aloud....
Silence

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

This morning we give thanks and gratitude for family and friends, in whose honor the altar flowers have been given.
Silence

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

We pray 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.
Silence

The celebrant adds the concluding collect

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 331)
The priest stands and says the absolution.

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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Clergy & Staff

Interim Priest: The Rev. David Fredrickson;
Deacon: The Rev. Kristine Holmes;
Director of Music: David N. Burnham
Children & Youth Formation Minister: Wendy Reardon

Assisting at Today's Liturgy

Usher: Jerry Plante; **Chalice Bearer:** Cathy Cowell; **Lector:** Laurie Plante;
Altar Guild: Cathy Cowell, Priscilla Wheatley, & Joan Roller

Welcome to Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Weekly Reminder

Wed 23 rd	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thurs 24 th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun 27 th	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Chapel Service
	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Church Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ October 4th - Blessing of the Animals at both services.
- ❖ October 4th – Evensong at 4:30 pm in the Chapel.
- ❖ October 7th – Vespers returns Wednesdays at 6pm.
- ❖ October 24th – Choral Workshop at 10am (all are invited)
- ❖ November 22nd – Christmas Craft Fair and Pie Sale

Learn More About
The Episcopal Church



Saint Gabriel's
Children & Youth Formation



I'm New Here
"About the Parish"



Stewardship
Make a Pledge Payment

