A N T E - C O M M U N I O N

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 24

October 18, 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, Tim Dyer, 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, 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 Officiant says

Officiant 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same 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 33:12-23
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom
you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now
if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.
Consider too that this nation is your people." 14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I
have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and
your people, from every people on the face of the earth."
17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight,
and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness
pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be
gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one
shall see me and live." 21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;
22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have
passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 99

Remain seated.

1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble. *
He is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
2 ***The LORD is great in Zion; ****
he is high above all peoples.
3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
4 ***"O mighty King, lover of justice,***
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
6 ***Moses and Aaron among his priests,***
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
8 ***O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; ****
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The people sit.

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

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22
All stand.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with
truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is
it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to
the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to
them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give
therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they
heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

THE SERMON **The Rev. Kristine Holmes, Deacon**

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 our aloud….
Silence

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

This morning we remember especially Donald and Helen Angier, Lenkie Angier Trumbull, Mac Keyser and Lisa Evans, in whose honor and memory the altar flowers have been given.
Silence

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
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 officiant adds the concluding collect

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 331)

THE PEACE
All stand.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)
Officiant and People

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY
Officiant

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE
Officiant

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING
Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***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 Minister: Wendy Reardon

Assisting at Today's Liturgy

Usher: Jerry Plante;
Lector: Merry Conway;
Altar Guild: Pam Norweb & Kathy Reed

Welcome to Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Weekly Reminder

Today	11:00 a.m.	Finance Meeting
Tues 20th	11:00 a.m.	Knitting Ministry
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wed 21st	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers
Thurs 22nd	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 24th	11:00 a.m.	Choral Workshop
Sun 25th	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Chapel Service
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Church Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 20 – The Knitting Ministry has begun and is looking for new members! Beginners and experienced needleworkers alike are welcome. Meetings are held every other Tuesday from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Library.

October 24 – Join us at 11:00 a.m. for a Choral Workshop. All are welcome!

November 22 – Our Christmas Craft Fair & Pie Sale returns with more than 25 vendors expected this year! Come out to support our local vendors and St. Gabriel's Children & Youth Ministry. Proceeds from the event will benefit our Children & Youth Ministry.

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