



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE EPIPHANY (TRANSFERRED)

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### ORGAN PRELUDE

*From heaven above to earth I come*

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN 124

1. What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King,  
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

2. True spake the prophet from afar  
who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
and eastern sages with amaze  
upon the wondrous token gaze.

3. The guiding star above is bright;  
within them shines a clearer light,  
and leads them on with power benign  
to seek the Giver of the sign.

4. O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek thy face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of thy light to use.

5. To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

### THE OPENING SENTENCE

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

Celebrant 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.

People *Amen.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah (60:1-6).

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



## THE PSALM (72:1-7, 10-14)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's  
Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righ-  
teously \* and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring pros-  
perity to the people, \* and the little  
hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the  
people; \* he shall rescue the poor and  
crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and  
moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon  
the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flour-  
ish; \* there shall be abundance of  
peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
shall pay tribute, \* and the kings of  
Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,  
\* and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who  
cries out in distress, \* and the op-  
pressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and  
poor; \* he shall preserve the lives of  
the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from op-  
pression and violence, \* and dear  
shall their blood be in his sight.

## The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:1-12)

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



## GRADUAL HYMN 128

1. We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever,  
ceasing never  
over us all to reign.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

3. Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising,  
gladly raising,  
worship him, God Most High.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing,  
bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

5. Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia:  
alleluia the earth replies.  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

## THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (2:1-12).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired

of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

**THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form II)**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Reader We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand.  
People We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of  
this land.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2)*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 115**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Priest* God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation:

*People* and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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 him thanks and praise.



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand, sit, or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Together* Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

**AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*People* God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Together* 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.

## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN 119

1. As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger-bed;  
there to bend the knee before  
him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus! every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down:  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*How bright appears the Morning Star*

E. Hovland, 1924-2013



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *We Welcome You*

A warm welcome to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish please speak with Fr. Warren or Fr. Nelson after the service or get in touch with them via email at: frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org or nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org. Please take the time to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher, greeter, or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

### *Organist Today*

Sophia Witte, director of our Handbell Ensemble, is at the organ this morning.

### *This Week at St. Francis*

Tuesday, 9a      Men's Group, Classroom  
Wednesday, 9a    Holy Eucharist, Chapel

### *Annual Parish Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church will be held Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. You are most cordially invited to attend. If you are responsible for a report please get it to the Parish Administrator via email (you can provide either a Word document or type your report into the body of an email) at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org by Tuesday, January 18. The earlier the better, please.

### *St. Francis Boutique*

It's easy shopping at our Boutique, now open on Wednesdays from 10 AM until 2 PM and on Sundays following the service. We continue to get new, unique items for sale and all are reasonably priced. So come take a look, knowing that whatever you buy is

going to help those in need in our community via the Rector's Discretionary Fund. It's a win/win for all when you buy in the Boutique. *Jylene Wright*

### *Tuition Tax Credits*

Our good friends at Imago Dei Middle School have this timely message for us:

"You can help educate some of Tucson's most vulnerable children—at no cost to you. The AZ Private School Tuition Tax Credit Program allows you to put your state tax dollars to work changing lives through education at Tucson's Imago Dei Middle School, offering an Episcopal private-school education to low-income 5th-through-8th-graders. Unlike tuition-driven private schools, Imago Dei serves only children living in poverty, so all of our students receive full scholarships. We meet our students where they are and offer the structure and resources to help them grow into all that they can be. Learn more about helping through the Tax Credit Program at [www.az-esf.org](http://www.az-esf.org). Thank You and a joyous Christmas season from all of us at IDMS!"

### *Cruzando Fronteras*

Cruzando needs chap stick, small jars of Vicks, white socks for children and adults, and Pampers/Luvs in sizes 2 to 5. Look for the collection spot in the Parish Hall.

### *Current Covid Protocols*

Please note the following Covid 19 protocols:

- masks are required for in-person worship,
- all pews are now open for seating,
- the main (East) door into the Narthex is now open to welcome worshippers,
- worshippers wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive the elements at



one of two standing Communion stations at the front of the church,

• Communion wafers are no longer in plastic baggies, and

• Communion wine is available by intinction (only) for those wishing to receive it.

To avoid crowding the center aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward—please remember to follow Usher's directions; masks are still required in large groups such as worship services for the time being.

### *Tracking Stewardship*

Thanks to all who have filled-out and sent in their Estimate of Giving forms; we are on our way to establishing our new budget. If you have not as yet had a chance to complete and submit your form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. If you have not received your stewardship materials, just stop in at the Parish Office and we will be happy to provide them. You may also submit your pledging information to Finance Officer Deborah by phone; give her a call at 625-1370. To date we have received 117 Estimate of Giving forms (up from 111 last week) with \$281,611 pledged (up from \$273,782 last week).

### *Prayer Chain*

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnrats@gmail.com.

### *Home Communion*

St. Francis is once again offering home Communion to parishioners unable to attend church services. If you would like a Lay Eucharistic Volunteer to bring you the Sacrament, please contact Deacon Becky (480-204-0022) or via email (1beckyw@cox.net).

### *Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for January*

Serving cookies and pouring juice and coffee is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Contact Gail Haight (520-490-2739) and let her know you want to lend a hand.

### *Library Resource Center Now Open for Business*

Your church Library Resource Center is waiting for you to stop by and select books to read from its collections of 100s of books. It is located in the hallway from the Parish Hall main meeting room and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am until Noon and Sunday after church. Wednesdays and Thursdays there is a volunteer to help you find what you are looking for.

The emphasis of our collection is spirituality, self-improvement, learning to listen and learn, and helping us live wonderful lives and sharing that with others. The library volunteers have been very busy for the past months processing books for your enjoyment.

Come in, browse the shelves and ask for help. That is what we are here for.

*Joyce Davison*, Your Librarian

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