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Green Valley, Arizona

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
5 MARCH 2023

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*By the waters of Babylon*

J. Pachelbel, 1653-1706

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN 401**

1. The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name  
for ever blest.

2. He by himself hath sworn:  
we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

3. There dwells the Lord, our King,  
the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light,  
for ever reigns.

4. The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee."

5. The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine!  
With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People His mercy endures for ever.*

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.*

#### **TRISAGION**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

#### **THE SALUTATION**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### **THE COLLECT**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE FIRST LESSON**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4a).

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**THE PSALM (121)** *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *<br>from where is my help to come?                          | 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *<br>the LORD is your shade at your right<br>hand,                   |
| 2 My help comes from the LORD, *<br>the maker of heaven and earth.                             | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by<br>day, * nor the moon by night.                                |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved *<br>and he who watches over you will not<br>fall asleep. | 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all<br>evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.                       |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over<br>Israel *<br>shall neither slumber nor sleep;              | 8 The LORD shall watch over your going<br>out and your coming in, * from this<br>time forth for evermore. |

**The Epistle**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN 691

1. My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

2. May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3. While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

### THE GOSPEL *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (3:1-17).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**T**here was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Reader The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Holly Ostlund

**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 IV)**

*Deacon or other leader*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,

“Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,  
we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,  
we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation  
may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,  
we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:

*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.

*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.

*Celebrant* 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.

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

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

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

John Stainer, 1840-1901

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth  
in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into  
the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Priest* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

## 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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...

...for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at one of two standing Communion Stations at the front of the church. 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.*



**PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)**

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

**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 473**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Benedetto Marcello, 1686-1739

*Psalm 20*

## 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 get in touch with him via email at [frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org). Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

## Please Welcome...

...The Rev. Holly Ostlund, our preacher this morning. She will be speaking to us about FOOD FOR THE POOR, a ministry which provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Rev. Ostlund, an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Southeast Florida, will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. We are pleased to have her with us this morning.

## Chapel Rock Sunday

Today is Chapel Rock Sunday throughout the Diocese. Bishop Reddall asks that, on this day, each church and individual member support the Chapel Rock Campership Fund for the benefit of our children and youth. During the summer of 2019 over \$45,000 was awarded to campers in need of financial aid. Please join us in changing lives and help send children and youth to camp this summer! Please write Chapel Rock in the memo line on your check and drop that in the collection basket. You can also go to Chapel Rock's website, <https://chapelrock.net/donate> to contribute securely online.

## Boutique Quilt Raffle

A talented St. Francis parishioner has generously gifted the Boutique with two beautifully hand-stitched quilts, which will be offered in a raffle beginning today, Sunday, March 5. The two lucky winners' numbers will be drawn on Easter Day, with the first ticket drawn choosing which of the two to take home; the second winning ticket will take the other quilt. These unique quilts will be on display each Sunday in the Parish Hall, and raffle tickets may be purchased in the Boutique—\$5 each or 3 for \$10. Be sure to come see these amazing works of art. All funds from this raffle will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which assists those in need in our Green Valley community.

*Jylene Wright*

## Lenten Study Class

Join Fr. Warren for a six-week Lenten Study *Practicing Compassion with all your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* on Thursdays, at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. (The study is part of the Living Compass series.) Register for the class in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday morning. A free study booklet will be provided.

## Lenten Supper Series

The Lenten Supper Speakers' series, NEW BEGINNINGS, continues each Wednesday running through March 29. Each session will start with Stations of the Cross at 5 PM (on March 29 Stations of the Cross will begin at 4:30 PM in the Church), then a simple meal of soup, salad, and dinner roll at 5:30 with the evening's speaker introduced at 6 PM. The cost is \$6 a week or \$25 for the entire five week series if paid in advance. Tickets are on sale in the church office or after Sunday service in the Parish Hall. If you only want

to come for the speaker, that's a freebie; just show up before 6 PM and find a seat. The remaining speaker lineup is:

March 8, Cameron Taylor (Head of School) and The Rev. Susan Smith (Chaplain and Co-Founder) of Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson;

March 15, Jeannie North, *Bereavement Care*;  
 March 22, The Rev. Dr. Sam Dessordi Leite, St. James the Apostle, Tempe: *Franciscan Spirituality and Third Order Franciscans*;

March 29, Gary and Pam Chambers, *Stress Busters—Care for Caregivers of people with Dementia*;

April 5, Fr. Warren: *Seder Supper*

Oh, and by the way, if you're interested in helping with any of our events, the SAT is always in need of helping hands. No long-term commitment is required. If there's something you would like to help with—a single event or several—just contact Tish Stril at [tishastril@gmail.com](mailto:tishastril@gmail.com). You will be welcomed with open arms.

### This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Memorials Committee, St. Francis Room
Wednesday, 10:30a	'Messiah' video presentation, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 5p	Stations of the Cross, Courtyard
Wednesday, 5:30p	Lenten Supper, Parish Hall
Thursday, 10a	Lenten Study, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

### Hearts & Hands

The Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales is hosting their annual Easter Family Dinner again this year. Our Hearts and Hands Committee, as it has for several years, has agreed to contribute 100 filled Easter Baskets for their Children's Easter Egg Hunt. And once again we need and would appreciate YOUR help! Look for the marked container in the Parish Hall for your contributions.

The following is a list of requested items: Easter Baskets, small toys, wrapped candy and grass (paper rather than plastic if you have the choice.) *Please do not put plastic eggs on your list* as we have an abundance of them. If for any reason you would like someone to shop for you, you may write a check to St. Francis and put EASTER BASKETS on the memo line, and someone will do the shopping on your behalf. On Thursday, April 6, you are invited to help assemble our baskets in the Parish Hall at 9 AM.

### Straight From the Heart Art Show

Finally the answer to the question many have been asking, but first...Twenty eight of us volunteered 165 hours of time to greet and educate the 300+ visitors to the art show. This was a BIG project, and so many stepped up to lend a hand and a voice. We continually ran out of brochures and flyers. We printed more, and Deacon Kim came from Tucson twice to bring additional brochures and more art to replace what was selling. The comments and reactions of the visitors were truly amazing. So here is what you all want know, the total donations for art, note-cards, leather craft and cash donations to the artists was \$5,835.46! If you want to know some of the incredible stories we heard, just ask. Thank you. *Rena Robbins*

## Earthquake Relief

Partner with EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT to provide support to people affected by the deadly earthquake along the border between Turkey and Syria. If you would like to donate visit [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) today to make a contribution to the TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE FUND.

## Library News

Come to the library today and check out our new way of searching for a book. You can now find them by Title, Author, and/or Subject—not the old fashion way but by use of a computer, just like the public library! Bring your coffee and cookies and try it out. We are there to help.

## Messiah or Madman?

If Jesus returned today, would you recognize him or her? Would you be open to a holy person; indeed God incarnate who is walking among us? Would you see a liar, a lunatic or the Lord?

Please join me in viewing 10, 45-minute episodes of the very interesting and controversial Netflix series, "Messiah." This is a modern-day fictional story of a Middle Eastern man who shows up with miracles. Some believe he's the second coming of Christ. Others question his mental status and think he's a fake.

We will watch Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, followed by a 15-minute discussion, starting January 18, 2023, concluding on March 29. I hope to see you there!

*Fran Coleman*, deacon candidate ([Fcoleman4444@gmail.com](mailto:Fcoleman4444@gmail.com))

## Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for February, March, and April 2023, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

## Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, [jnrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnrats@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Paula Chamberlain, Kathy Ravine, Linda Ravenelle, Dennis Ballantine, Clyde Tardy, Kelly Davis, Bruno Kalis, Sue Howell, Jenny Ryan, Jean Schwafel, Eileen Fanning, Tom Moorhead, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Carol Putnam, Roger Williams, Harry Lyons, Neil Messick, Delilah Wegrzyn, Guadalupe Ochoa, Joe Turberg, Amanda, Glennia Angel

Remembering those who have died: Neil Helgath, Neil Messick.

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