



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
16 APRIL 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Awake, my heart, with gladness

Flor Peters, 1903-86

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 208, stanzas 1,2, 4 & 5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!

Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia*

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.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new
covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellow-
ship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 22-32).

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that
are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by
God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you,
as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite
plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those out-
side the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was
impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (16) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 | Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." | 7 | I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night. |
| 2 | All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people. | 8 | I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. |
| 3 | But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied. | 9 | My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope. |
| 4 | Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. | 10 | For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit. |
| 5 | O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot. | 11 | You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. |
| 6 | My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage. | | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a

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little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 209

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:
4. that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (20:19-31).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY: The Very 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 VI)

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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 HYMN 304

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
 in awe and wonder to recall
 his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
 That love that made us makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
 His presence, always near,
 is in such friendship better known:
 we see, and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,
 we'll go our different ways,
 and as his people in the world,
 we'll live and speak his praise.

At the Presentation

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
 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 every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed
for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed
death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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,
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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. 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,

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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 174

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Gordon Young. 1919-98

Prelude in Classical Style

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. 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.

Organist this morning
Sophia Witte is at the organ this morning.

This Week at St. Francis

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| Monday, 10a | Handbells, Loft |
| Monday, 10a | Hearts & Hands, Meeting Room 2 |
| Tuesday, 9a | Men's Group, Conference Room |
| Wednesday, 9a | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| Thursday, 11:30a | Deanery Service, Chapel |
| Thursday, 12p | Deanery Lunch, Vulliamy Room |
| Thursday, 1p | Library Cmte, Library |
| Saturday, 9a | Green Team, Meeting Room 2 |

Hearts & Hands Prison Ministry for April

The Hearts & Hands Ministry for April is backpacks for children attending Camp Genesis at Chapel Rock. To qualify for the camp the camper must have an incarcerated immediate family member (not just women in Perryville). This is a week of fun activities for the campers with similar family situations. If you would like to participate in providing backpacks, you can write a check to St. Francis then write the 'Camp Genesis' in the memo line. You can put your check into the offering basket on Sunday, mail it to the Church, or take it in to the Parish Office. The backpacks will be filled on May 1.

Multiple things happen with your gift. First, you will receive credit for your tax purposes. Second, St. Francis will not have to pay the Diocesan assessment on this contribution as long as you designate your gift to 'Camp Genesis.' And third, and most importantly, the children will receive a backpack at summer camp.

Items for the backpack can also be purchased from *Amazon Wish List* for the backpacks by scanning the QR code on the flyer available at the Prison Ministry table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

Quilt Raffle Drawing Winners

The drawing for the two beautifully hand stitched quilts was held Easter Sunday during coffee hour and the two winners were Gloria Cadwalader and Wendy Hill. Many thanks to all who participated in this raffle as it generated \$245, which goes directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. *Jylene Wright*

Thank You

A huge 'thank you' from all Social Activities

Team members to parishioners who contributed to the success of our St. Francis family Seder. Eighty folks enjoyed a great meal while learning and participating in a traditional Passover meal instructed by Fr. Warren. It was a wonderful addition to our Easter experience.

Food Bank Ministry Another Hearts & Hands Ministry

We at St. Francis collect nonperishable food for food banks all year. You can deposit your nonperishable food donations in the box outside the St. Francis Parish Hall.

In addition, the Sahuarita Food Bank on La Cañada Drive—next to the Good Shepherd Church—collects cardboard. The Food Bank bundles the cardboard, brings the bundles to a recycling facility, and receives money for each bundle. If you would like to help, you can deposit your cardboard at the southwest corner of the Sahuarita Food Bank on La Cañada Drive. The "cardboard box receptacle" is in front of the metal doors that hide trash. What an easy way to recycle our cardboard AND help the Food Bank.

If you would like to donate money to the food bank, you can write a check to St. Francis with 'Food Bank' in the memo line. You can put your check into the offering basket on Sunday, mail it to the church or take it in to the Parish Office.

Many things happen thanks to your gift. First, you will receive credit for your tax purposes. Second, St. Francis will not have to pay the Diocesan assessment on this contribution as long as you designate your gift to "Food Bank." And third, and most importantly, you will be helping to alleviate food insecurity in our community.

Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 23, St. Francis will celebrate Earth Day. As Franciscans we are called to make a difference with the goal of living more simply, gently and humbly on our Earth. On Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, the Green Team and Landscaping Crew will plant drought-resistant native plants and prepare seed packets to be distributed Sunday. During coffee hour, a slideshow will highlight the beauty of wild Arizona and the practical action that the Landscaping Crew and Green Team are taking which includes: water bottle refill fountain, upgraded recycling bins, water harvesting berms, and rock distribution to minimize monsoon erosion. Also, if you're interested, a tour of the grounds will take place after church. Grab your coffee, cookie and do a "walk about" of the beautiful St. Francis grounds. And remember "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito in the room." Happy Earth Day!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$30.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, and July 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

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Sue Howell, Kathy Ravine, Linda Ravenelle, Dick Kosnick, Clyde Tardy, Kelly Davis, Jenny Ryan, Jean Schwafel, Eileen Fanning, Shirley Underwood, Amanda, Frank Brown, Roger Williams, Delilah Wegrzyn, Guadalupe Ochoa, Tom Moorhead, Edgar, Miguel, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth

Remembering those who have died: Phebe Anderson, Robert Law, Carol Putnam

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