



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector  
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The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 MAY 2022

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Jesus Christ, with us abide*

S. Karg-Elert, 1877-1933

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN 8**

1. Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.,  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O** God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20).

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM (30)** *Please respond at the half-verse*

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \* and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \* and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \* you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \* give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \* his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \* but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \* You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, \* and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \* I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \* will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \* O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \* O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**The Epistle**

A Reading from The Revelation to John (5:11-14).

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN 212

1. Awake, arise, lift up your voice,  
let Easter music swell;  
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice  
and on his praises dwell.
2. Oh, with what gladness and surprise  
the saints their Savior greet;  
nor will they trust their ears and eyes  
but by his hands and feet,
3. those hands of liberal love indeed  
in infinite degree,  
those feet still free to move and bleed  
for millions and for me.
4. His enemies had sealed the stone  
as Pilate gave them leave,  
lest dead and friendless and alone  
he should their skill deceive.
5. O Dead arise! O Friendless stand  
by seraphim adored!  
O Solitude again command  
your host from heaven restored!

### THE GOSPEL *(Please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (21:1-19).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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**

Deacon Filled with joy in this Easter season let us, with confidence and hope, place our needs before our loving Father.

Lector Let us pray.

For all the holy people of God, that we may embrace the cross and follow Christ as ministers of reconciliation in a broken world; Lord, in your mercy,

*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For the peoples and leaders of nations, that we may preserve and care for the blessings of this world; Lord, in your mercy,  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For the alienated and rejected, that all may come to a renewed hope in God's love for all people; Lord, in your mercy,  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For this community, that during this holy season God's grace may abound in us and strengthen our resolve to love one another as Christ loves us; Lord, in your mercy,  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For the sick, the suffering, the isolated and the lonely, (especially...); that we may place our cares upon God, our hope and consolation; Lord, in your mercy,  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For all who serve in our Armed forces and all those close to our hearts who are serving in harm's way; hold them safely in the palm of your hand; Lord, in your mercy.  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For those who have died, (especially ...); that they may share new life in God's heavenly kingdom; Lord, in your mercy,  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives; Lord, in your mercy,  
*People Hear our prayer.*

Lector 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.*

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others (*the people may add personal petitions*).

Deacon O God of our redemption, Grant that we, who celebrate the joy of our Lord's resurrection, may walk the path of life with renewed faith and a right heart to devoutly serve you in our brothers and sisters, through Christ our savior. **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 SENTENCE

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 343

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone,  
but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding-place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread,  
and do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.
4. Lord, sup with us in love divine  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

## 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.

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 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...  
...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**

*Worshippers wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive the elements 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 460, omit starred stanzas**

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

3. Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Healey Willan, 1880-1968

*Gelobt sei Gott*

**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.

*National Day of Prayer*

St. Francis will be one of five churches participating in the National Day of Prayer on

Thursday, May 5. You are cordially invited to attend the service, which begins at NOON in the Church, and the lunch to follow in the Parish Hall.

*Relief for Ukrainian Refugees*

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe. Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide

assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

### Volunteers Urgently Needed

The more we do to enhance our outreach to the community and to our parishioners, the more help we need to make things happen, AND the more opportunity there is for service to your Parish. By 'help' we mean people, ready, willing, and able to pitch in. Of the several areas of parish life in need of volunteer help, one of the most important—and *most urgently needed*—is for audio and visual (sound and camera) assistance for Sunday services and for occasional events such as memorial services; i.e. we need help with anything that requires recording and broadcasting. We have good folks eager to train you for this important ministry. Let Gerald know of your interest ([gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org)).

### Prayer Chain

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

### This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Tuesday, 12 p	Stephen Ministry, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 10a	Stewardship, Conference Room
Thursday, 12p	Nat'l Day of Prayer Service, Church
Thursday, 12:30p	Nat'l Day of Prayer lunch, Parish Hall

### Episcopal Prison Ministry

If you are joyfully praying for a camper at Camp Genesis, Chapel Rock, keep up the prayers. You are doing a great job.

If anyone is interested in praying for the incarcerated women Deacon Kim Crecca told us about at the Lenten Supper on March 16, please contact Rena Robbins at 541-221-8434 or [foggybud@gmail.com](mailto:foggybud@gmail.com) for more information. *Rena*

### Boutique Bargains in May

The Boutique will be open through May, but closed during the summer. Now is the time to find those special unique gifts for your family and friends at prices you can afford. Your support is so important as all profits go to the Rector's Discretionary fund. Come see us during coffee hour! You'll like what you see!

*Jylene Wright*

### TeleCare Ministry

Our TeleCare Ministry is looking for several volunteers to make phone calls to parish members on a quarterly basis. This is a wonderful ministry that enables our members to remain in contact with the church. If you are interested in making phone calls please contact Deacon Becky at 480-204-0022 to discuss this valuable ministry.

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