



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector
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The Rev. Linda Hutson, Deacon

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 APRIL 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

James Biery, b. 1956

This joyful Eastertide

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING 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. *Refrain*

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him
who died. *Refrain*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the
world to thee. *Refrain*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

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.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 *Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:12-19).

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (4) *Please respond at the half-verse*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the First Letter of John (3:1-7).

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 if you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (24:36b-48).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Judith Turberg

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 *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*

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.

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:
*We pay our respects to the Pasqua 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 SENTENCE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 707

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his
likeness. We ask this in his name.

People Amen.

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
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

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,
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 210

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;

and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Paul O. Manz, 1919-2009

Lift high the cross

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 after the service or get in touch with him via email at: frwarren@st-francisgvaz.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.

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conf Rm
Tuesday, 10:30a	Time with the Treasurer, Conference Room
Tuesday, 2p	SAT, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Daughters of the King Sunday

On Easter Eve in the month of April, 1885, the original Chapter of the Order of the DAUGHTERS OF THE KING was formed at an Episcopal church in New York City. On April 18, 2004, the CLARE CHAPTER of the Order of the Daughters of the King was established. In light of these two anniversaries, members of Clare Chapter will perform most of the liturgical and social duties this Sunday: altar guild, greeters, ushers, crucifer, acolyte, lector, leader of Prayers of the People, preacher and coffee hour hostesses. (Deacon Becky, if she chooses, could be named an honorary Daughter for the day; unfortunately, Fr. Warren does not meet one of the primary requirements.) In addition, at the request of Fr. Warren, a team of DAUGHTERS will resume the practice, halted during the pandemic, of offering prayers for individuals in the Chapel

during communion. If you would like prayers for yourself or loved ones, simply go to the Chapel after receiving communion and the prayer team will offer prayers for your intention.

Time With the Treasurer

Those interested in a more in-depth look at the 2024 first quarter financial results are invited to join me in the Conference Room on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. I will share summarized data of actuals versus budget and provide pertinent information regarding major variances, and there will be time for Q&A, so please bring your questions. If I am unable to answer immediately, I will respond ASAP. See you there.

Gloria Cadwalader, Treasurer

Earth Day, Sunday, April 21

At St. Francis *Caring for Creation* is a priority that we will celebrate Sunday, April 21. The Sunday service will follow this theme. We encourage you to bring a permanent mug from home for Coffee Hour, enjoy the PowerPoint presentation (thanks Ann), join the sing along, celebrate the new trees (thanks Jon for watering) and learn more about recycling and solar panels. This will be a fun day and we look forward to seeing who has the most unique mug. *Susan Burch*

Celebrate Easter Sale

Alleluia! He is risen! Happy Easter everyone! Such a glorious day and the Boutique wants to help you celebrate with best buys ever, marking ALL Easter merchandise 30% OFF. It's not too late to add decorations for the gathering you are hosting today and/or it's a great time to buy those beautiful items for next Easter's celebration. Please, come see us after the 9 o'clock service.

Jylene Wright

Solo Journeyers

The Solo Group will again be getting together for a luncheon at 11:30 AM, Sunday, April 28, at the Quail Creek Grill (1490 Quail Range Loop, Green Valley, AZ 85614). WiFi is available throughout the Grill, no password required. Sign up in the Parish Hall on either Sunday, April 14 or 21. Contact Kristi Thompson (520-207-0465) for more information. Sunday Brunch Menu: <https://www.quailcreekhoa.org/web/quail-creek-hoa/grill-at-quail-creek>

Prison Ministry

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON KIM CRECCA

Dear Members of St Francis,

I am so grateful for your outpouring of generosity on behalf of the children who attend Camp Genesis. Thanks to you, we can be sure that everyone who wants to attend, can attend. Since most of their families live at or below the poverty level, an experience like Camp Genesis would be cost prohibitive. The opportunity to be among other children who share the experience of having an incarcerated loved one, is life changing. They discover they are not alone, make new friends and often times meet Jesus for the first time. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of these beautiful kids.

Blessings, *Rev. Kim Crecca*

Music Notes

The tune of our OPENING HYMN—*Lift high the cross* (sung this morning in honor of The Daughters of the King)—was written by British composer and organist Sir Sydney Hugo Nicholson, known primarily as the founder of THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC. AS organist Nicholson served at Carlisle and Manchester Cathedrals and, from 1919 to

1928 at Westminster Abbey. (He died in 1947 and is buried in the Abbey.) In addition to several descants, our Hymnal includes Nicholson's setting of the beautiful Sarum prayer *God be in my head, and in my understanding*. All hymn tunes have a name—some of them rather cranky, e.g. *Sine nomine* (tr. 'without a name')—and the tune name for *Lift high the cross* is, aptly, CRUCIFER. Crucifers are the ones we can always count on to 'Lift high the cross.'

An English cathedral organist's duties usually include conducting the cathedral choir; sometimes that's all they do, the 'sub organist' taking care of most, if not all, of the organ playing. Nicholson's interest in choral singing—and especially the training of boy trebles—led him to found, in 1927, the School of English Church Music (now known as the Royal School of Church Music, or the RSCM.) Although usually associated with the Anglican Church and its musical traditions, the RSCM is actually an interdenominational body with branches the world over. The training of young choristers now includes girls as well as boys, as well it should. *Gerald*

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotion booklets for May, June, and July 2024 are now available in the Parish Hall and Parish Office.

Urgent Need

We are looking for crucifers, acolytes, servers, and Altar Guild members, and the need is great and urgent. If you have experience in any of these areas of service, please consider stepping up to help. If you haven't experience but are willing to learn, we will be delighted to train you. Questions? Get in touch with Fr. Warren and let him know of your interest.

Hearts & Hands

► Save the Date! IMAGO DEI GRADUATION is on Friday, May 17! More information as the date gets closer.

► KUDOS to Bea Dow for her faithful ministry to the women at CASA PALOMA. For the last 22 years Bea has provided these women clothing for interviews as well as for everyday life, birthday gift cards, and the newspaper. Bea has been tireless in her efforts. Thank you Bea!

Parish Newsletter Deadline

Copy for the first of two Summer Issues (May/June) of the Parish Newsletter—THE FRANCISCAN STAFF—is now due. Please send your copy via email to gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org in Word doc format, or simply type it into the body of an email.

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

A Note from your Treasurer

MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$35,696	\$43,820
Operating Expenses	Actual	Budget
	\$77,705	\$53,776

YEAR TO DATE

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$196,083	\$191,008
Operating Expenses	Actual	Budget
	\$198,779	\$178,220

Values include the Annual Trust Allocation

and exclude Capital Project Income and Expense. The Income for the Easter Day service is not included in the March Financials, but will be reported in the April Financials.

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Henry Witte, John Witte, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Sandra Findley, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Jason Camp, Roger Williams, Ellen Sax, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, The Rev. Pat Kirk, Ann Zublin, BrandE Faupell, Skyler

Remembering those who have died: pray for the deceased.

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