



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
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Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
4 MAY 2025

ORGAN PRELUDE

G. Winston Cassler, 1906-90

Morning has broken

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

Together 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. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God)

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

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (*Please be seated*)

A Lesson 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM (30) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me. | 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. |
| 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health. | 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 SECOND LESSON

A Lesson 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 416, stanzas 1-4 (*sung to the tune 'Dix'*)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.

HYMN 416, STANZAS 5-6

5. For the Church which evermore
 lifteth holy hands above,
 offering up on every shore
 thy pure sacrifice of love,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For each perfect gift of thine
 to the world so freely given,
 faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

THE SERMON: The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

Creation Care Presentation by Julian Garcia, an 8th grader from Imago Dei Middle School.

CREATION CARE PLEDGE

[Loving] We will share out stories of love and concern for the Earth and link with others who care about protecting the sacred web of life.

[Liberating] We will stand with those most vulnerable to the harmful effects of environmental degradation and climate change—women, children, poor people, and communities of color, refugees, and migrants.

[Life-giving] We will change our habits and choices in order to live more simply, humbly, and gently on the Earth.

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) *The people may stand, sit, or kneel*

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will

for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather:

We pay our respects to the Pasqua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;

bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

AT THE OFFERTORY

The Flower that Shattered the Stone

sung by Tish Stril, Larry Howell, and Susan Burch

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours,

yet you have given us dominion over all things.

Receive the symbols of our labor and love which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

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 may stand, sit, or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, simply cross your arms over your chest. After receiving Communion, if you would like personal prayers for yourself or others, members of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be available in the Chapel to pray with and for you.

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 Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 529

1. In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!

Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

3. In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Thomas Roseingrave, 1690-1750

Allegro Pomposo

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@stfranciscgvaz.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.

Creation Care Sunday

Today we are celebrating *Creation Care Sunday*. Francis of Assisi loved all of God's creation, animals and plants, humanity and rocks, wind and the entire universe. He said "all creatures are brothers and sisters under God." As Christians we are called to model for all humankind how to love and care for this earth. We were given the joy of the earth's garden. St. Francis could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate and we are his followers.

Thank you Randy Peterson, Imago Dei Development Officer for providing support and transportation for our speaker, Julian Garcia.

Prison Ministry

Camp Genesis will be happening in June. The Rev. Canon Kim Crecca has written an article in the current AZ EPISCOPALIAN magazine titled *The Forgotten Prisoners Children of Incarcerated Loved Ones*. If you don't receive the magazine you will find copies of the article on the Prison Ministry table in May for you to take. If you would like to support Camp Genesis by contributing to the cost of backpacks and scholarships to attend camp, it would be most graciously appreciated. There will be bright green donation enve-

lopes on the Prison Ministry table during the month of May. Thank you for your amazing support of Prison Ministry and Camp Genesis. *Rena Robbins*

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Holy Eucharist will be celebrated May 10 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

A Note from Your Stewardship Committee

Many Arizona churches have grown to depend on the financial support that is often most generously forthcoming from its snowbird parishioners, even though they are still supporting their home church "up north." As for your St. Francis Church, we will be praying for your safe journey home and your safe return to us. Will you kindly consider making (or continue making) the pledge to St. Francis over the summer and continue until you return to us? We value your worship, fellowship, and friendship. Please let us know how we can pray for you too. God Bless you all.

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conf Rm
Tuesday, 1:30p	Grief Support Group, St. Francis Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Friday, 3p	Contemporary Band
Saturday, 4p	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Social Activities

It's Spring and we have some fun activities planned! On Saturday, May 17, at 3 PM, we will be having a Ladies Tea, and all the ladies are invited. We will be serving delicious tea sandwiches, scones, macarons and other delightful, sweet treats. And of course, we'll be serving tea, hot and cold. This will be a

wonderful time to bring a friend or two to join you for the fun. And bring your favorite teacup.

On Friday, June 27, we'll begin our Summer Movie Potluck Series which will continue July 25, and August 29, and September 26. Watch NEWS FROM THE PEWS for the movie titles. Good food and great movies—a fun way to spend a summer evening with friends.

For all Social Activities events, sign-ups will be in the Parish Hall after the services or in the Parish Office during the week. We look forward to having you join us and plan to bring a friend.

Boutique 20% Off Sales in May

The Boutique will be closing the end of May for the summer, but to thank all of you for shopping with us during the year, we're offering all merchandise (except Rosaries and St. Francis statuary) at 20% OFF EVERY SUNDAY. We are adding new beautiful items weekly, so now is the time to find those special gifts you may need over the summer months. Your support is so important as all profits go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Come see us after the 9 o'clock service. *Jylene Wright*

Imago Dei Graduation

Graduation for 20 Imago Dei scholars is set for Thursday, May 15 at Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Avenue in Tucson, at 5:30 PM. You are cordially invited to attend as "honorary grandparents!" To celebrate the accomplishments of these 20 scholars, please consider giving a donation to the fund to gift each of the graduating scholars with \$100, a gift which has been the tradition at St. Francis in the Valley since 2011. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to St. Francis, with the notation "Imago Dei Graduation Gift" on

the memo line. You may put your check in the offering basket, mail it to the church, deliver it to the Parish Office, or stop by the Imago Dei table at Coffee Hour on Sundays, May 4 or 11. *Barbara Bundy*

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, and July 2025, 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: Kelly Davis, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Stephen North, Wil, Carolyn, Jerry Lounsberry, Sue, Bonnie Haifley, Laura Thomas, Eva Jenkins, Joanne Wolfe Sprague, Marion Lewald, Jill Lebar, Isaac Garcia.

Remembering those who have died: Roger Williams, Ann Zublin, Shoo Adams, Mary Messick, Ken Jakubiak

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