



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHERS' DAY 8 MAY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

*The Good Shepherd*

Paul Benoit, 1893-1979

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 208

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!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped,  
he rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
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!

## 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we  
hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where  
he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43).

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM (23) *Please respond at the half-verse*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green  
pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me  
along right pathways for his Name's  
sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I shall fear no  
evil; \* for you are with me; your rod  
and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the  
presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life, \* and  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord for  
ever.

## The Epistle

A Reading from The Revelation to John (7:9-17).

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then

he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 646

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| 1. The King of love my shepherd is,<br>whose goodness faileth never;<br>I nothing lack if I am his,<br>and he is mine for ever.                 | 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br>with thee, dear Lord, beside me;<br>thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br>thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2. Where streams of living water flow,<br>my ransomed soul he leadeth,<br>and where the verdant pastures grow,<br>with food celestial feedeth.  | 5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;<br>thy unction grace bestoweth;<br>and oh, what transport of delight<br>from thy pure chalice floweth!     |
| 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br>but yet in love he sought me,<br>and on his shoulder gently laid,<br>and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 6. And so through all the length of days<br>thy goodness faileth never:<br>Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise<br>within thy house for ever.     |

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (10:22-30).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**A**t that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Becky Williamson

**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 II)

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. The People may stand, sit, or kneel.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Reader 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.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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)*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 377**

1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? the Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

### **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,

*continued*

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 708

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

L.N. Clerambault, 1676-1749

*Caprice Sur Les Grand Jeux*

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### 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](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org) or [nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto: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.

#### Imago Dei Middle School

##### COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The 2022 Commencement ceremony for this year's graduates of Imago Dei Middle School will be at the Tucson Museum of Art,

on Friday, May 20th, beginning at 5:45 PM. All of us are invited to witness this milestone in the lives of these young scholars. My hope is that enough of us attend to provide a significant showing for St. Francis. If you are interested in attending the commencement ceremony, kindly send me an email – [Isiogu@aol.com](mailto:Isiogu@aol.com) or call/text me – (517) 230-7149. It would be great if there are enough of us such that we can arrange a car-pool to the event.

*Orji Isiogu*

#### Organist This Morning

Sophia Witte, our Handbell Ensemble director, is at the organ this morning.

#### A Fond Farewell

For the past two years we have been fortunate to have Fr. Nelson in our lives. Now he has to move on; but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate! Join us after the service on

Sunday, May 22, for refreshments and a light lunch in his honor.

He needs to travel light and fit into a NYC apartment, so St. Francis is collecting a purse to assist him on his travels to the Big Apple. If you would like to make a cash donation, please send, or bring, it to the Parish Finance Office by Wednesday, May 18.

### Make a difference

Please come to the Parish Hall after the service this morning to sign the fourteen cards for the campers of Camp Genesis. These kids are the children of incarcerated parents and they will be heading off to camp in June. Please show your support for these kids by signing ALL the cards. Thank you.

*Rena Robbins*

### This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 11a	Social Activities, Conference Room
Tuesday, 4p	Vestry, Conf Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Memorials Committee, Conference Room
Thursday, 10a	Library Committee, Library
Saturday, 4p	Holy Eucharist, Parish Hall

### Smile!

It's time for a new photo directory and we want to capture all the smiling faces here at St. Francis! The pictorial directory is a wonderful resource for each member of our parish and a lasting record of our church life. For this enormous undertaking to be a wild success we need your help. We need every member of our church family to sign-up for a

portrait session.

Our very own George Grove will be taking photographs of every member of St. Francis beginning on Tuesday, May 17. Photos will be taken on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday in Meeting Room 2 (across from the library).

Join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 15, after the service, to sign-up for the first week of photo sessions, and keep an eye out for additional information and scheduling opportunities in the coming weeks.

\*Please note that we are unable to accommodate pets in photos—people only.

### Exciting Barbari Family News

Two members of our Afghan family, Razieh (youngest daughter) and their father, Mohammad, are becoming US citizens on Friday, May 20. The Naturalization Oath Ceremony will take place on the 2nd floor Special Proceedings Courtroom. Mohammad is scheduled for the 10 am ceremony and Razieh, the 1:30 pm ceremony. I'm sure they would be thrilled to see any of their St. Francis family in attendance. For more information contact Carol Vleck ([carol.vleck@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vleck@gmail.com)) or Jylene Wright (812-455-2476). *Jylene Wright*

### 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*

### 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 hap-

pen, 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 [jinrats@gmail.com](mailto:jinrats@gmail.com).

### 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*

### 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.

## Exploring the thought of C.S. Lewis

Clive Staples Lewis was arguably the greatest Christian apologist—as in 'one who speaks or writes in defense of someone or something'—of the twentieth century. (His books and essays are read and admired across all denominational lines in the twenty-first century too.) In his writings Lewis tackled many of the teachings of the church which trouble, or at least have the tendency to puzzle, contemporary Christians; he approaches them with clarity and a genuine interest in making them not only understandable, but also a solid foundation upon which to build a lasting faith. Lewis brings to his apologetic work the same depth of understanding and deftness of thought he exhibits in his celebrated work as a scholar.

Would you be interested in joining a study/discussion group on the thought of C.S. Lewis? If so, email Gerald at [gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org) and he will be glad to get information to you on a proposed recurring class devoted to this great Christian thinker.

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