



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)**  
30 APRIL 2023

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Brother James' Air*

M. Searle Wright, 1918-2004

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING 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.

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**

**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 (2:42-47).

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the  
apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would  
sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.  
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at  
home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the

goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM (23)** *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *<br>I shall not be in want.   | 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. |
| 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.  | 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.           |
| 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. |   |

**The Epistle**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:19-25)

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN 646

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

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (10:1-10).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**HOMILY:** The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through

him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form VI)**

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

*Silence*

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

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

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

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

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We 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**

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

### **AT THE OFFERTORY**

*arr. Susan E. Geschke*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
The St. Francis Handbell Ensemble*

### **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 his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Together* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



## **AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Please remember to follow Usher's directions.*

## **PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)**

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Together* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
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**

Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706

*Voluntary on 'Old 100th'*

## We Welcome You

A WARM WELCOME to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish, please speak with Fr. Warren or get in touch with him via email at [frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org). Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

### This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 12p	National Day of Prayer Service, Church
Thursday, 1p	National Day of Prayer Luncheon, Parish Hall
Saturday, 2:30p	Kentucky Derby Party, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room

### Hearts & Hands

#### Imago Dei Middle School Partnership

You are invited to participate in our partnership ministry with the Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson. Imago Dei is a tuition-free, community-supported school that serves boys and girls in Grades 5-8 from low-income families. The school is focused on educating the whole child and breaking cycles of poverty.

St. Francis has been in partnership with Imago Dei since 2011. This year, as in years past, we will once again purchase \$100 Visa Gift Cards for each of the twenty graduating scholars in recognition of their academic achievement. Our goal is to raise \$2000. This

will be a HEART AND HANDS MINISTRY for May. If you would like to contribute to making graduation a little more special for these twenty Imago Dei scholars, please make a donation of any amount by 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, or deliver it to the Parish Office. A table will be set up during coffee hour to receive donations the first Sunday in May.

Many things happen with your gift. First, you will receive credit for your tax purposes. Second, St. Francis will not have to pay the Diocesan assessment on this contribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Graduation will be held May 19 at 5:30 PM at the Tucson Museum of Art. You are cordially invited to be there as honorary grandparents. Contact Barbara Bundy (571-332-8713, [bjbundy@verizon.net](mailto:bjbundy@verizon.net)) if you have any questions about the St. Francis partnership ministry with Imago Dei.

### National Day of Prayer

Join us at NOON on Thursday, May 4, for a service in recognition of the National Day of Prayer; a luncheon will follow in the Parish Hall. More information about the National Day of Prayer is available at [www.national-dayofprayer.org](http://www.national-dayofprayer.org).

### Last Chance to Get Derby Party Tickets

The 149th RUN FOR THE ROSES Kentucky Derby Party is this Saturday, May 6. The festivities start at 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall where we will watch the race LIVE on the big screen. There will be wagering (if you're so inclined) on the horses, a hat contest for the ladies, a special mint julep bar, and lots of

food—all for the amazingly low price of \$5 a person. Don't miss out—tickets are available this morning in the Parish Hall —get yours today.

## Holy Eucharist at the Grand Canyon

The Rev. Pam Hyde, Canon for Creation Care and former Assistant Rector here at St. Francis, will be celebrating Holy Eucharist at the very edge of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon—within Grand Canyon National Park—at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 20. Registration and attendance will be available on a first-come basis. Accessing the site and attending the worship service may be difficult as walking along a paved trail to the outdoor site will be required. For more information and to register, please go to <https://forms.gle/rKq7h89WPXUEoWR56>. Registration is limited to 45 people and spots are filling up fast!

## Food Bank Ministry

Another Hearts & Hands Ministry

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

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

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

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

## Spring Shopping in the Boutique

Spring has sprung and the Boutique has many new items to offer, including new, different-sized St. Francis statues, painted and unpainted. There are colorful new handbags, table runners and crosses, AND the prices on our beautiful Hummel figurines have been reduced. Open after the 9 AM service, come take a look. The Boutique will close the end of May and reopen in the fall after Labor Day.

*Jylene Wright*

## A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

## Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, and July 2023, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

## Organ Preludes & Postludes

If you've ever wondered why the titles of some organ pieces—like our postlude this morning—begin with 'voluntary on...' it's because—in days of yore—the organist was expected to play pieces before the service (prelude) and after the service (postlude) *voluntarily*, that is, without pay. (I know you think I'm making this up, but it's actually true.) Of course, as you might expect, it's easy to conclude listening too was (and is) a voluntary act. In our day organ preludes and postludes are considered to be *liturgical music*, carefully chosen and integral to the service; a part of it, not something 'appended' and played by the organist voluntarily. For many people the organ prelude—especially the prelude—is an important part of their preparation for worship and they appreciate being able to hear it without having to contend with others talking during it. Please be courteous to your fellow worshippers who would like to listen to the music played on the organ. (The organist gets paid whether or not anyone listens; the old 'voluntary' days are a thing of the past.) *Gerald*

## C.S. Lewis Class Takes a Detour

We are still considering a detour, for those interested, to look in detail at Mortimer J. Adler's book *HOW TO THINK ABOUT GOD*. Adler take a close and careful look at the subject from a purely philosophical point of view. Is it reasonable, he asks, to think such a being as God exists? Can we come to such a conclusion without recourse to the teachings of religion?

The book is available from Amazon at ± \$15. Let Gerald know if you're interested in the class - [gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org) - and we'll set a time and place to meet.

## Prayer Chain

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

## Prayer Requests

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

Remembering those who have died: Pray for the departed

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