



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7 MAY 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fugue in F Minor

Charles Burney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 518

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (7:55-60).

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (31:1-5, 15-16) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

1. In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
2. Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5. Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

15. My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16. Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”,
and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 470

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (14:1-4).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so

that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: 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) *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.

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)*

Largo

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...

...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 525

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

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5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Charles Gounod

March

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. 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.

Organist this morning

Our guest organist this morning is David Mancini-Conway. David is from Central New York, and is an alumnus of Syracuse University. After graduation, and for many years, he lived in Chicago and its suburbs, and sang, and played the organ and piano for many Protestant and Roman Catholic congregations. David, and his partner, Dan McGuire, now live in Green Valley year round. In addition to his church work, David has also played Shabbat and High Holy Day liturgies for two congregations in Tucson. David greatly enjoys theater pipe organ music, and was fortunate to have access to a 1925 Wurlitzer instrument back in Syracuse. He looks forward

to seeing the various digital and pipe organs of our area. Welcome, David!

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 4p	Vestry, Conference Rm
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Memorials Committee, St. Francis Room
Saturday, 4p	Holy Eucharist, Parish Hall

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon celebration of the Holy Eucharist will take place May 13 in the Parish Hall at 4 PM. Join us!

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 the HEART AND HANDS MINISTRY project 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) if you have any questions about the St. Francis partnership ministry with Imago Dei.

Boutique 20% off Sale

You won't want to miss out on the Boutique's sales during May. Now's the time to shop for Mother's Day as well as for those gifts you'll need to celebrate special occasions during the summer when the Boutique is closed. Our beautiful, unique merchandise is already reasonably priced but with the 20% discount, it's a total win for you AND your purchase helps support those in need in the Green Valley Community as all profits go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. May 28 is our last Sunday before closing for the

summer, so don't delay—come see us after the 9 o'clock service. You'll be glad you did!

Jylene Wright

A Quiet Day – Saturday, May 13

Julian of Norwich

The Rev. Judy Turberg will present a Quiet Day mini-retreat on the 14th century English mystic Julian of Norwich. According to her own account, on May 8, 1373, she received a series of visions while in a state of ecstasy lasting five hours. She wrote a brief summary of these visions at the time, but then after twenty years of meditation on the visions, she wrote the expanded "Revelations of Divine Love" in which her focus is primarily on mysteries of the faith, on prayer, and especially on the love of God.

All are welcome to this Quiet Day sponsored by the Clare Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King here at St. Francis. You do not have to be a Daughter, nor a woman, nor even a member of St. Francis to attend. There is no charge and you do not have to register in advance. Just come, bring a friend, your own bag lunch, and an openness to Julian's remarkable legacy.

We meet from (promptly) 9 am to 3 pm. in the Chapel, ending with Holy Eucharist.

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.

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.

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: 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: Cayo De Mendoza

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