



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector
The Rev. Nelson Mendoza, Curate
The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ROGATION SUNDAY) 22 MAY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Vruechten'

James Biery, b. 1956

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:9-15).

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city

of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (67) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 | May God be merciful to us and bless us,
* show us the light of his countenance
and come to us. | 5 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. |
| 2 | Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations. | 6 | The earth has brought forth her in-
crease; * may God, our own God, give
us his blessing. |
| 3 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. | 7 | May God give us his blessing, * and
may all the ends of the earth stand in
awe of him. |
| 4 | Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
* for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. | | |

The Epistle

A Reading from The Revelation to John (21:10; 21:22—22:5).

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 405

1. All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

2. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings.

3. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky,

4. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (14:23-29).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The 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 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 510

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| 1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours. | 3. In vain we tune our formal songs,
in vain we strive to rise:
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies. |
| 2. See how we trifle here below,
fond of these earthly toys;
our souls, how heavily they go,
to reach eternal joys. | 4. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours. |

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,
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 533

1. How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.
2. To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands)

Altar flowers are given by Gerald and Michael to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the dedicated and faithful members of the St. Francis in the Valley Parish Choir, past and present.

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 or 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.

A Fond Farewell

Join us in the Parish Hall following the service this morning for refreshments and a light lunch in honor of our Curate, Fr. Nelson Mendoza. Fr. Nelson is moving on to the Big Apple and we want to be sure he leaves in style and with all the good wishes and support of his St. Francis family.

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 parish family to sign-up for a portrait session.

Our very own George Grove will be taking photographs of every member of St. Francis. Photos will be taken on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, unless/until otherwise posted, in Meeting Room 2 (across from the library). Photos will be taken BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule your appointment for a photo

session, stop by the sign-up table in the Parish Hall on Sundays after the service, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office during normal office hours (9 am until Noon, Monday through Thursday). *Please note that we are unable to accommodate pets in photos—people only.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9:30a	Photo Directory Sessions - Mtg Room 2
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30p	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Thursday, 9a	Finance Committee, Conference Room
Thursday, 9:30a	Photo Directory Sessions - Mtg Room 2
Thursday, 2p	C.S. Lewis Class, Parish Hall
Friday, 3p	Julie Ratley Memorial
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10a	Photo Directory Sessions, Mtg Room 2

The Life and Thought of C.S. Lewis

Our first class on the life and thought of the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis will be held on Thursday, May 26, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be looking at Lewis' essay *The World's Last Night*, chapter seven in the collection of essays with the same title, *THE WORLD'S LAST NIGHT*. The essay deals with the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. You are welcome to attend, even if you haven't done your homework.

Third Barbari Family Member to become U.S. Citizen

Now three members of our Afghan family are to become U.S. Citizens this month. Marzieh's ceremony will take place Friday,

May 27, at 10 AM. Here's the address where the Naturalization Oath Ceremony will take place: Second Floor SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS COURTROOM, EVO A. DECONCINI U.S. COURTHOUSE, 405 West Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. For more information contact Carol Vleck (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 happen, 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@stfrancisgvaz.org).

Prayer Chain

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

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.

Cruzando Fronteras

Our parishioners have been most generous in their response to requests for winter needs. Although Vicks and Chapstick are no longer needed, baby diapers are always welcome. The families at La Casa de la Misericordia are most grateful. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Hearts and Hands

Help a neighbor facing hunger. There's a critical need for canned stews, chili, and hearty soups along with canned tuna or chicken. For the month of June, the *Hearts and Hands* committee will be collecting these items for the Sahuarita Food Bank and Community Resource Center.

Please place your donations in the baskets designated for the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Flowers

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

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