



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Rector*  
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The Rev. Linda Hutson, *Deacon*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**ROGATION SUNDAY - MOTHER'S DAY**  
14 MAY 2023

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Ave Maria*  
*Ave Maria*

Gerald Near, b. 1942  
Sergei Rachmaninoff, 1873-1943

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN 8**

1. Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

**THE OPENING SENTENCE**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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

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 (17:22-31).

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged

in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** (66:7-18) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;  | 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *<br>I will give you oxen and goats. |
| 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.  | 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.                  |
| 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.   | 15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.                                  |
| 10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.   | 16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;                                   |
| 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.                            | 17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.                            |
| 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. | 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.                       |

**The Epistle**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (3:13-22).

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not

*continued*

as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL HYMN 383

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou God of man the Son;  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (14:15-21).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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)*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 488**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **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 405**

#### **Refrain**

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

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

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

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

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

*Andante maestoso*

## 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.

## St. Francis Prison Ministry

If you have a yellow heart for a child from Camp Genesis, it is time to return the hearts to me. I need the yellow heart, a note saying where you have been keeping the heart, and why that location. You can include anything else you want to say to your camper. Please put the heart and note in the Prison Ministry mailbox in the Parish Office or you can hand it to me. I need the hearts before May 20 so they can be placed in the child's backpack. Thank you for praying! *Rena Robbins*

## This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Hearts & Hands, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

## Hearts &amp; Hands

Imago Dei Middle School Partnership  
Imago Dei Graduation is just around the corner! You are cordially invited to attend

graduation as honorary grandparents on Friday, May 19, at 5:45 PM (note the updated time) at the Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Avenue. A cake reception will follow the ceremony. The museum has a small free parking lot and street parking is also available, as are garages and pay lots near the museum. Stop by the table that will be set up at coffee hour to pick up a picture of the graduates that has the graduation information on the back. Also pick up a Prayer for Graduates and hold the 20 graduating scholars in your prayers as they move on to high school from Imago Dei Middle School.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to providing the graduates with a \$100 Visa Gift Card, which has been the tradition here at St. Francis since 2011. If you would still like to contribute to making graduation a little more special for these twenty 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. Multiple 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. Third—and most important—you will support the graduates' achievements and help them take the next step forward!

Please 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.

## 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*

## Afghan Family Visiting Iran

Our Afghan family, co-sponsored by St. Francis in 2017, are now US citizens with good jobs and a beautiful home in Oro Valley. They are Soghra, Marzia, Fatima, Raziya and their father, Mohammad. Many of you have met them at our Thanksgiving dinners. They have a brother and two sisters still living in Iran, and of course miss them very much. The family have decided to fly back to visit them, leaving May 18 and returning in late June. They are US citizens and have all their documentation, so we are praying there will be no problem with them returning. They definitely want to return, including their father Mohammad (in his late 80's) who is adamant about coming back. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers for a great visit with their family and a safe return to the US. *Jylene Wright*

## Vacation Bible School

We are returning to the Jerusalem Marketplace for Vacation Bible School this summer.

The dates are June 19-23 from 8:45 to 11:30 AM. We are expecting a good turnout this year. We will need volunteers to help lead the kids, create crafts, and make snacks. If you think you can volunteer but would like to know more information, please join Tisha Stril at an informational meeting on May 25 at 10 AM in the Conference Room. Tisha will also be available after church on May 28 in the Parish Hall.

We can't provide this program without your help, and it's a fun and easy way to give to the children in the neighboring communities.

## 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.

### Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon celebration of the Holy Eucharist will take place June 10 in the Parish Hall at 4 PM. Join us!

### Financial News

April Income/Expense results:

Operating Income Actual: \$54,180

Operating Income Budget: \$35,262

Operating Expense Actual: \$44,418

Operating Expense Budget: \$49,212

These values exclude Capital Project Income and/or Expense. They will be reported separately on a periodic basis. If you have questions feel free to give me a call or email: (231-290-0436 or treasurer@stfrancisgvaz.org). *Gloria Cadwalader*, Parish Treasurer

### 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, Eileen Fanning, Shirley Underwood, Amanda, Frank Brown, Roger Williams, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Edgar, Miguel, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Lance Parker Eaves, Bob Marshall, Bart DallaMura, Ken Breitenbucher

Remembering those who have died: Cayo De Mendoza, Bonnie Kleeberg, Ed McDonald

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