



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
21 MAY 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gladys Jameson, 1889-1973

Christ Dying, Rising, and Reigning

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 427

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!
3. No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
5. Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:6-14).

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up

toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (68:1-10, 33-36) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him. | 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel. |
| 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. | 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary. |
| 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful. | 10 Your people found their home in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. |
| 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him! | 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord. |
| 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation! | 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. |
| 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places. | 35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies. |
| 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, * when you marched through the wilderness, | 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11).

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 483

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;
3. the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.
4. To them the cross with all its shame,
with all its grace is given;
their name, an everlasting name;
their joy, the joy of heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.
6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

THE GOSPEL (please stand, as you are able)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (17:1-11).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified

you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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 325

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| 1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. | 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. |
| 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees; when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. | |

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 603

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,
his arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth,
to draw an answering love.

2. Still east and west his love extends
and always, near or far,
he calls and claims us as his friends
and loves us as we are.

3. Where generation, class, or race
divide us to our shame,
he sees not labels but a face,
a person, and a name.

4. Thus freely loved, though fully known,
may I in Christ be free
to welcome and accept his own
as Christ accepted me.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

John Dunstable, ca. 1370-1453

Deo gracias

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@stfranciscgvaz.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

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| Wednesday, 9a | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| Wednesday, 9:30a | DOK, Vulliamy Room |
| Thursday, 10a | VBS Volunteer Mtg Conference Room |
| Thursday, 1p | Library Committee, Library |

Next Sunday

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Day of Pentecost (be sure to wear something red) and—as Memorial Day follows the next day (Monday)—we will also be recognizing that national holiday as part of the service. In-

cluded in that recognition will be the reading of names of our loved ones who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. If you have names to be read (please remember to include the service—Army, Navy, etc.), send them on to Deborah in the Parish Finance Office. You can reach her by calling the Parish Office (520-625-1370) or, via email, at deborah@stfranciscgvaz.org. NOTE PLEASE that incense will be used Pentecost Sunday (May 28) and Trinity Sunday (June 4).

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

Hearts & Hands Ministry

Imago Dei Middle School Partnership

Heartfelt thanks to all who generously contributed both donations and prayers to the Imago Dei Middle School 2023 Graduates. Together we successfully reached our goal of giving each graduating scholar a \$100 Visa gift card. The cards were distributed at graduation last Friday. Know that your graduation gift is much appreciated.

Barbara Bundy

Solo Journeymen

Solo friends, we are planning another after church lunch. We will meet at the Coyote Grill at 11:45 AM on Sunday, June 6. Sign up in the Parish Hall after the morning service May 21 or 28 if you would like to attend. (Please remember that you are responsible for the purchase of your meal.) The address for the Grill is 4201 S. Camino del Sol. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Thompson at 520-207-0465.

Time with the Treasurer

If you are interested in a more in-depth look at our current financial position this year, please join me in the Conference Room on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 11 AM to NOON. I will share summarized data of actuals versus budget and provide pertinent information regarding major variances. There will be time for Q&A...so please bring your questions. If I am not able to answer immediately, I will get your answer to you ASAP. *Gloria Cadwalader*, Parish Treasurer

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 Thursday, 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!

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

Remembering those who have died: Bart DallaMura

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