



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MEMORIAL DAY) 29 MAY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

OPENING HYMN 579

1. Almighty Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low;
wherever, Lord, thy people go,
protect them by thy guarding hand
from every peril on the land.

3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent
to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by thy watchful care
from every peril in the air.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
our people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe're they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

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, 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 (16:16-34).

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing

our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (97) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;
* let the multitude of the isles be glad. | 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities
of Judah rejoice, * because of your
judgments, O Lord. |
| 2 Clouds and darkness are round about
him, * righteousness and justice are
the foundations of his throne. | 9 For you are the Lord, most high over
all the earth; * you are exalted far
above all gods. |
| 3 A fire goes before him * and burns up
his enemies on every side. | 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the
wicked. |
| 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid. | 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are
truehearted. |
| 5 The mountains melt like wax at the
presence of the Lord, * at the presence
of the Lord of the whole earth. | 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name. |
| 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
* and all the peoples see his glory. | |
| 7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! * Bow
down before him, all you gods. | |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from The Revelation to John (22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21).

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 716

1. God bless our native land;
firm may she ever stand
through storm and night:
when the wild tempests rave,
ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.

2. For her our prayers shall rise
to God, above the skies;
on him we wait;
thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (17:20-26).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Nelson Mendoza

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

The People may stand, sit, or kneel

Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord have mercy.”

Lector: For peace in the midst of conflict; for goodwill among nations,
for our world leaders, that they may work diligently toward world peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Lector: For the many men and women who have sacrificed their lives
for the cause of liberty,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Lector: For those who in all times and places have been true and
brave in fulfilling their duty by serving their nation,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Lector: For the countless heroes who risk their lives to save others,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Lector: For all who, in our present time, serve in the Armed Forces of the
United States, that we may honor their dedication and commitment,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Lector: For our loved ones we honor this day,
that they may be at peace in God's love,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord have mercy.*

Deacon: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the
men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much
for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the peo-
ple of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its
disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lector: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Lector 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 324

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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 every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, there we might also be,
and reign with him in glory.

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 657 *(next page)*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Altar flowers are given by Linda Berg to the glory of God and in memory of Marybeth Minkley; and by Donna Tolbert in loving memory of her mother Margaret Langley.

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

Today is Fr. Nelson's last Sunday with us. We wish him nothing but the best in his new calling, and know that he will be a rip-roaring success in the Big Apple.

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

Today, 10a	Photo Directory Sessions, Mtg Room 2
Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9:30a	Photo Directory Sessions - Mtg Room 2
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 10a	Solo Journeymen, Vulliamy Room
Thursday, 10a	Stewardship Cmte, Conference Room
Thursday, 9:30a	Photo Directory Sessions - Mtg Room 2
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 10a	Photo Directory Sessions, Mtg Room 2

Organist Today

We welcome Chris Fresolone to the organ bench this morning, Chris, a New Jersey native, is the assistant director of the Tucson Girl's Chorus, and teaches music at the Gregory School. As an organist he has served at Christ Presbyterian Church and at Casas Adobes Congregational Church, and now enjoys serving as a substitute organist. He received his DMA in 2012 from the University of Arizona, and previously lived in Seattle

and Chicago, where he did undergraduate work at Northwestern University.

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@st-francisgvaz.org).

Please Pray For...

We ask your prayers for: Bob Hutson, Kathy Ravine, Linda Ravenelle, Lee Cornelison, Aurea Mendoza, Clyde Tardy, Jan Hill, Kelly Davis, Daniel Leibovitch, Alex, Doris Kuzmak, Sam Kleinhuis, Sandra Findlay, Sue Howell, and Colton Smith; please continue to pray for the young people attending Camp Genesis, We ask your prayers for those who have

died, and especially for: Lenny Dupree, Julie Ratley, Barbara Phillips, and Anthony Castro.

Prayer Chain

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

Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with The Convocation of Episco-

pal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe. Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

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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