



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY 17 APRIL 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (*A mighty Fortress is our God*)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 207

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| 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! | 3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4. Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

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

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (65:17-25).

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (118:1-2, 14-24) *Please respond at the half-verse*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

14 The LORD is my strength and my
song, * and he has become my salva-
tion.

15 There is a sound of exultation and
victory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the LORD has tri-
umphed! * the right hand of the LORD
is exalted! the right hand of the LORD
has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteous-
ness; * I will enter them; I will offer
thanks to the LORD.

20 “This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-
swered me * and have become my salva-
tion.

22 The same stone which the builders
rejected * has become the chief corner-
stone.

23 This is the LORD’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:19-26).

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he

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must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 199

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

4. Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (20:1-18).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Filled with joy on this Easter Day let us, with confidence and hope, place our needs before our loving Father.

Lector Let us pray.

For all the holy people of God, that we may embrace the cross and follow Christ as ministers of reconciliation in a broken world; Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For the peoples and leaders of nations, that we may preserve and care for the blessings of this world; Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For the alienated and rejected, that all may come to a renewed hope in God's love for all people; Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For this community, that during this holy season God's grace may abound in us and strengthen our resolve to love one another as Christ loves us; Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For the sick, the suffering, the isolated and the lonely, (especially...); that we may place our cares upon God, our hope and consolation; Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For all who serve in our Armed forces and all those close to our hearts who are serving in harm's way; hold them safely in the palm of your hand; Lord, in your mercy.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Lector For those who have died, (especially ...); that they may share new life in God's heavenly kingdom; Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Lector For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives; Lord, in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others (*the people may add personal petitions*).

Deacon O God of our redemption, Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may walk the path of life with renewed faith and a right heart to devoutly serve you in our brothers and sisters, through Christ our savior. **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)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, angelic voices cry, Singing evermore on high, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life, Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to day! We too sing for joy and say Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, Pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who slumbered in the grave Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings That the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away, Let us sing by night and day, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*-words: Michael Weisse, c.1480-c.1530
-setting by Richard Shephard, b. 1949*

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 180

1. He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ch. M. Widor 1844-1937

Toccata, Symphony 5, Opus 42 (1879)

Easter Flowers

FOR THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ARE GIVEN BY

Chris & Ginny Arundell in thanksgiving for
the Arundell and Garay families;

David Blackburn in memory of Jeannette
Blackburn, Milton Blackburn, and Peter
Blackburn;

Tom & Gloria Cadwalader in memory of
Cadwalader and Bonsecours family mem-
bers;

Bart & Janet DallaMura in memory of Bart
& Elizabeth DallaMura and Ira & Alice Brin,
and in thanksgiving for all their family;

John (Jack) Davis in memory of Roberta J.
Davis;

David & Edna Dunn in memory of Georgina
Dunn, Harold Dunn, and Maud Warry;

Sandy & Mark Eckstein in memory of their
parents Anthony & Ginny Eckstein and Rich-
ard & Bert Shaw, and in thanksgiving for
Kristine Hoiland and her family—Darrin Jr.;

Charles Gardner in memory of loved ones;

Linda & Bob Hutson in memory of Ward
& Eloise Hutson and Taylor & Gerry Swann,
and in thanksgiving for their children and
grandchildren;

Reginald Kahrmanis in thanksgiving for
spouse Tamara and daughter Kathryn and
family Brad, Amelia and Bryce;

Joyce Kaminski in memory of her parents;

Mona Kiefer in memory of her husband
Charles Kiefer, and in memory of Chuck &
Leonora Kiefer, and John & Eve Watt;

Norma J. McEachran in memory of Thomas
McEachran;

Peter & Margaret Murphy in thanksgiving
for their 57th wedding anniversary, and for
their family and friends;

Norma Pool in memory of John Pool;

Al & Brenda Quick in support of the people
of Ukraine;

Julianne Reppenhagen in memory of Char-
lie Reppenhagen and Colton Givner;

Erik Ringkjob in memory of Barbara Ringk-
job and Erling Ringkjob;

Jean & Jack Ross in memory of Cora S. Ross
and Kathryn M. Draper;

Mark & Tisha Stril in memory of Grace &
Lloyd Cochran, and Mary & Julian Stril, and
in thanksgiving for their kids and grandkids;

Donna Tolbert in memory of Ed & Peggy
Langley, Joe & Ann Lenihan, and Wes & Mir-
iam Dow;

Bobbi Tucker in thanksgiving for her fam-
ily and friends—human and canine, past and
present;

Elaine Walker in memory of Roger & Barba-
ra Miller (former St. Francis parishioners);

Don & Diane Ward in memory of Ken Guinn,
Sally Clark, and Marcie Meline;

Penelope & Roger Williams in memory of
Diane Bailey;

Becky Williamson (Deacon Becky) in mem-
ory of Sue Moody, Virginia Reedy, Woody
Williamson, and Jim Williamson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everybody's Favorite Easter Postlude

Without a doubt the great French organist
and composer Charles Marie Widor's most
famous piece is the last movement of his Or-
gan Symphony No. 5, the splendid and much-
played TOCCATA. Widor (pronounced Vee-
door) was proud of the piece and pleased
with the fame it brought him, although he
disliked the way it was usually played: much
too fast. The work's technical difficulties are
well known, even to non-organists, and play-
ing it is something of an endurance test. In

his 89th year Widor recorded the piece at Saint-Sulpice, Paris (where he served for nearly 64 years as a 'provisional' or 'interim' organist), at quite a slow tempo. Although Widor's TOCCATA became a model for other French composers, his 5th Symphony TOCCATA stands alone as the greatest work of its kind. Some of us—the present writer, for example—have been smart enough never to learn it (and so are never expected to play it). Our organist, Michael, *can* play it, so enjoy.

Gerald Near

Parish Hall Dedication

Immediately after the service this morning, Fr. Warren will be dedicating the Maggie Covert Parish Hall in honor of Maggie's generous gift to St. Francis in the Valley. Please join us at coffee hour to recognize Maggie and her generosity.

Volunteers 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.

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