



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:
EASTER DAY
9 APRIL 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Malcolm Archer, b. 1952

A Thornbury Fanfare

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 207

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!
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!
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!
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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43).

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to ap-

pear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4).

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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 garden-er, 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 Very 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

O sons and daughters let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King, alleluia. The King of heaven, the glorious King, o'er death and hell rose triumphing, alleluia. On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise, alleluia. To God your hearts and voices raise, in laud and jubilee and praise, alleluia.

*-words attr. Jean Tisserand, 15th c.
-tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
-setting freely adapted from a motet by
Volkmar Leisring, ca. 1588-1637*

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

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 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

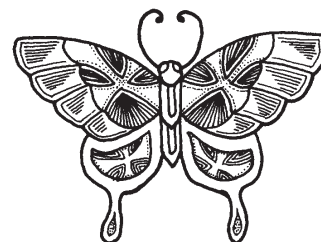
James Biery, b. 1956

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter

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 after the service or get in touch with him via email at: frwarren@st-francisgvaz.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.



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; **Leslie Bindschadler** in loving memory of Bill & Pat Clumpner, Guy & Helen Clumpner, Ernie & Helen Taylor, Jo Coffey and in thanksgiving for Kristen Olson; **David Blackburn** in loving memory of Jeanette Blackburn, Milton Blackburn, and Peter Blackburn; **Patricia Bloss** in loving memory of Brian Bloss, and Marie Poat, and in thanksgiving for Braden Cody O'flynn; **Ruth Bradley** in loving memory of James Bradley; **Tom & Gloria Cadwalader** in loving memory of deceased members of Tom Cadwalader's family and deceased members of Gloria Cadwalader's family, and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren; **Bart & Janet DallaMura** in loving memory of their parents and friends, and in thanksgiving for all their children; **Joyce Davison** in thanksgiving for family, Kyle, Debi, Rachel, Jason, and Rowan; **David & Edna Dunn** in loving memory of Maud Warry, Georgina Dunn, and Harold Dunn; **Charles Gardner** in memory of loved ones; **Carolyn A. Gates & Wil Wiemer** in loving memory of Alvin Heidner, Louise Heidner, and Vincent H. Wiemer; **Eva Jenkins** in loving memory of Charles Jenkins; **Joyce Kaminski** in loving memory of her parents; **Mike & Christie Kuebler** in loving memory of their parents and children Tim & Vince; **Malone-Neimeyer Family** in loving memory of William & Sarah Malone, Frank & Anne Neimeyer, and Walter & Marjorie Sanders; **Jan & Don Misner** in loving memory of Helen Misner, James Allyn Lawrence; **Paul & Janet Ohri** in loving memory of Ken Krupicka; **Linda Pantoja** in loving memory of her

mother and father Louise & Gordon Pixley, and in thanksgiving for her son Paul Pantoja and daughter Cynthia Griffith; **Norma Pool** in recognition of family, friends, and pets here and gone; **James Ratley** in loving memory of Julie A. Ratley; **Vincent & Joyce Remillard** in loving memory of Madeleine Remillard, Leonel Remillard, Ruth Tiber, and Emil Tiber; **Erik Ringkjob** in loving memory of Barbara Ringkjob and Erling Ringkjob; **Jean & Jack Ross** in loving memory of their parents, son, and all extended family; **Stephen & Diane Schwarzmans** in loving memory of T.W. & Ann Schwarzmans, and Herbert & Dorothy DeCenzo; **Kristi Thompson** in loving memory of her husband Paul Thompson; **Robert & Sharon Thornby** in thanksgiving for God's blessings; **Bobbi Tucker** in loving memory of "those I've loved and lost—human and canine"; **Elaine Walker** in thanksgiving for Dick Walker and Melinda Walker

Prayer Chain

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

Hearts & Hands

The Hearts & Hands Ministry for April is backpacks for children attending Camp Genesis at Chapel Rock. To qualify for the camp the camper must have an incarcerated immediate family member (not just women in Perryville). This is a week of fun activities for the campers with similar family situations. If you would like to participate in providing backpacks, you can write a check to St. Francis then write the 'Camp Genesis' 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. The backpacks will be filled on May 1.

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 as long as you designate your gift to 'Camp Genesis.' And third, and most importantly, the children will receive a backpack at summer camp.

Items for the backpack can also be purchased from Amazon Wish List for the backpacks by scanning the QR code on the flyer available at the Prison Ministry table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

Paws Patrol

The February drive to raise St. Francis Church donations for the non-profit agency Paws Patrol is completed. St. Francis members gave \$334 to benefit the cause, a project that was suggested to honor the church's namesake, St. Francis of Assisi. Many thanks to all contributors!

Easter Baskets

A very sincere THANK YOU to all of the generous parishioners who donated baskets, Easter grass, toys and candy. A great group met to fill those baskets and, because of your generosity and their efforts, 100 children at the Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales will have a happy Easter. Thanks to all of you!

Solo Journeymen

Solo friends, it has been a while since we have been together. We are again planning an after-church lunch and we will meet at the Quail Creek Grill at 11:45 AM Sunday, April 16. Sign up in the Parish Hall after service today if you would like to attend. We look forward to catching up with old and new friends. Please remember that you are responsible for the purchase of your meal. The address for the Grill is 1490 N. Quail Range

Loop. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Thompson at 520-207-0465.

Creation Care reduce, reuse, recycle

The St. Francis Green Team is looking for people who feel called to be involved in caring for and protecting the earth. If you're interested in taking an active part to make St. Francis and the community more aware of recycling, water conservation and energy efficiency please contact: Susan Burch (sburch33@gmail.com) or Jon Nichols (jonnichols10@gmail.com).

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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