



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION:
EASTER DAY
31 MARCH 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

David N. Johnson, 1922-87

Trumpet Tune in C

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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9).

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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 Second Lesson

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11).

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one un-

timely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 208

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

all glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!

Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their
worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 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

R.S. Thatcher, 1888-1957

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness: 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen. 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 unwearyed strains Jesus' resurrection. 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.

-words: John of Damascus, tr. John Mason Neale

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name.

People *Amen.*

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.

ANTIPHON

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes
resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands
is life on life for you and me.

*Joy! joy! joy to the heart
and all in this good day's dawning!*

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain
looked down from Golgotha's stony slope

and let the blood flow from his flesh
to fill the springs of living hope.

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died
in darkest hurt upon the tree
to offer us the worlds of light
that live inside the Trinity.

*words: John Bennett, b. 1920
music: William Albright, 1944-98*

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.

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

David W. Blackburn in memory of Jeanette Blackburn, Milton Blackburn, and Peter Blackburn; **Tom & Gloria Cadwalader** in memory of deceased members of the Cadwalader and Bonsecours families, and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren; **Janet DallaMura** in memory of Bart DallaMura, Ira & Alice Brin, Bart & Elizabeth DallaMura, and in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren; **Ford & Cathy Demming** in memory of Jean, Bud, David, and Debbie Demming; Dewey, Johnnie Bell, Mary & Virgil Geen; Larry Wayne Speed, and in thanksgiving for Granite, Wendy & Clint Demming and Georgia Ivey Demming; **Carolyn A. Gates & Wil Wiemer** in memory of Col Alvin A. Heidner, Louise S. Heidner, Dale Gates, Vincent H. Wiemer, Rupert Wiemer and Hans G. Wiemer; **Sue Girardeau** in

memory of her husband Marvin Girardeau and her sister Peggy Bevington and in thanksgiving for her daughters and grandchildren; **Larry Howell** in memory of Suzanne (Sue) Howell; **Neal W. Hursh** in memory of Louise A. Hursh; **Reg Kahrmanis** in thanksgiving for the lives of Katie and Brad, Mic and Bryce Rossa; **Joyce Kaminski** in memory of her parents; **Gary LaBarre** in memory of Barbara LaBarre; **Jan Misner** in memory of James Allen Lawrence and Helen Misner, and in thanksgiving for Don Misner and their family; **Carolyn Moorehead** in memory of Vera Hughes; **Gerald Near & Michael Case** in memory of their friend Norma Pool, and in thanksgiving for the hard work of St. Francis Parish Choir members; **Linda Pantoja** in memory of her parents Louise and Gordon Pixley and in thanksgiving for her daughter Cynthia Griffith and son Paul Pantoja, and the blessings of friends and family; **Jim Ratley** in memory of Julie Ann Ratley; **Nancy Symons** in thanksgiving for daughters Kristin and Allyson and grandchildren Elena, Andreas, Peter and Catie; **Bob & Sharon Thornby** in thanksgiving for their children William, Robert, Charles, Candace, Elisa, and Kenneth; **Donna Tolbert** in memory of Ed & Peggy Langley, Wes & Miriam Dow, Jane & Tom Carter, Ann & Joe Lenihan, Adam Langley and Kevin Langley, and in thanksgiving for Alice Bennett and Deana Sartr; **Bobbi Tucker** in memory of her sister Eileen Fanning and others lost—human and canine; **Elaine Walker** in thanksgiving for Dick Walker and Melinda Walker.

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a Men's Group, Conf Rm
Wednesday, 9a Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Prayer Chain

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

Easter Baskets

A huge thank you from the HEARTS & HANDS Easter Basket project. Thanks to all of you who donated baskets, toys and candy. Over 100 baskets were filled on Wednesday, March 27, by many parishioners who had as much fun filling them as we know the children will have receiving them. Thank you!

Time With the Treasurer

Those interested in a more in-depth look at the 2024 first quarter financial results are invited to join me in the Conference Room on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. I will share summarized data of actuals versus budget and provide pertinent information regarding major variances, and there will be time for Q&A, so please bring your questions. If I am unable to answer immediately, I will respond ASAP. See you there.

Gloria Cadwalader, Treasurer

Celebrate Easter Sale

Alleluia! He is risen! Happy Easter everyone! Such a glorious day and the Boutique wants to help you celebrate with best buys ever, marking ALL Easter merchandise 30% OFF. It's not too late to add decorations for the gathering you are hosting today and/or it's a great time to buy those beautiful items for next Easter's celebration. Please, come see us after the 9 o'clock service.

Jylene Wright

A Personal Presentation

Join Chris Arundell in the Parish Hall at 10 AM on Wednesday, April 10, for a Powerpoint presentation on his experience as a young boy in the Philippine Islands, where he was imprisoned in a Japanese civilian prison camp (American, British and Allied citizens) for three and a half years before being liberated by American and Allied Forces under the command of General Douglas MacArthur in the spring of 1945—seventy-nine years ago this spring.

Camp Genesis Update

A check has been sent to Deacon Kim Crecca in the amount of \$3,440. This will cover the camp fee and backpack for eight campers. Thank you for your amazing generosity! Please join us on Saturday, April 13, at 10 AM in the Parish Hall for our REENTRY SIMULATION event. A sign-up sheet is available at the Prison Ministry table on Sundays. The event is free and lunch is included. It is an interactive program simulating the barriers and obstacles newly released inmates experience in the first 30 days post release. Members of the hosting group are former inmates who will actively participate and answer questions. Hope to see there! We need a minimum of 20 and maximum of 50 people to join us April 13th. *Rena Robbins*

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