



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
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Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
22 JANUARY 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706

How bright appears the Morning Star

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 381

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| <p>1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!</p> <p>2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-giving breath:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!</p> | <p>3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!</p> <p>4. God the Father, Light-Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee;
mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity.</p> |
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THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah (9:1-4).

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you

have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (27:1, 5-13) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid? | 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling
an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to
the LORD. |
| 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in
the house of the LORD all the days of
my life; | 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I
call; * have mercy on me and answer
me. |
| 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
* and to seek him in his temple. | 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek
my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek. |
| 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep
me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide
me in the secrecy of his dwelling and
set me high upon a rock. | 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor
turn away your servant in dis-
pleasure. |
| 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me. | 13 You have been my helper; cast me not
away; * do not forsake me, O God of
my salvation. |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-18)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 661

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| 1. They cast their nets in Galilee
just off the hills of brown;
such happy, simple fisherfolk,
before the Lord came down. | 3. Young John who trimmed the flapping sail,
homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net,
head-down was crucified. |
| 2. Contented, peaceful fishermen,
before they ever knew
the peace of God that filled their hearts
brimful, and broke them too. | 4. The peace of God, it is no peace,
but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing—
the marvelous peace of God. |

THE GOSPEL *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (4:12-23).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:
We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of this land.

Silence

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

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE OFFERTORY

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-76

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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 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 530

1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;
2. word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;
3. word of how the Savior's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;
4. word of how the Spirit came
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love
guides us on to heaven above.
5. Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.

We Welcome You

A WARM WELCOME to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish, please speak with Fr. Warren or get in touch with him via email at frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

Annual Parish Meeting

29 January 2023

The St. Francis in the Valley annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, 29 January 2023 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. If you are responsible for a committee report to be included in the published Annual Report, please email your copy as soon as possible to gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org. The deadline for reports is tomorrow, Monday, January 23.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

I'm pleased to announce that Melanie Merkel Atha, Executive Director of Episcopal Peace Fellowship, will be speaking to us today at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. EPF promotes peace and justice. Peace is harmony of all relationships rather than separation and violence. Justice, restorative not retributive, results in no one having too much and no one having too little. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the Franciscan values of peace and justice, please invite them to come to the meeting with you. The outcome will be to determine if we will

participate as a group with other interested Tucson Episcopal parishioners in these values. *Fr. Tom Neyland*

Care Teams

We are looking for a few parishioners willing to prepare a meal for fellow parishioners who might have had recent surgery or an illness. Team members would be asked to fix and deliver a meal to the person in need. Usually this care would cover just a week or two, so you would be asked to cook once or twice at the most. If you feel that you could help with this important service, contact Tommy Reid (520-288-9393 or via e-mail ctreid83@gmail.com).

This Week at St. Francis

Today, 10:30a	EPF, Conference Room
Monday, 11:30p	Social Activities, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10:30a	'Messiah' Video, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Next Sunday	Annual Parish Meeting

Messiah or Madman?

If Jesus returned today, would you recognize him or her? Would you be open to a holy person; indeed God incarnate who is walking among us? Would you see a liar, a lunatic or the Lord?

Please join me in viewing 10, 45-minute episodes of the very interesting and controversial Netflix series, "Messiah." This is a modern-day fictional story of a Middle East-

ern man who shows up with miracles. Some believe he's the second coming of Christ. Others question his mental status and think he's a fake.

We will watch Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, followed by a 15-minute discussion, starting January 18, 2023, concluding on March 29. No class February 1 (Kuzmak memorial service) or 22 (Ash Wednesday). I hope to see you there!

Fran Coleman, deacon candidate (*Fcoleman4444@gmail.com*)

Hearts & Hands

Hearts & Hands is asking that you consider the sick folks, especially the children, at Casa de Misericordia in Nogales where Kathleen the nurse (who, by the way, is also a Verger) ministers to those waiting for asylum. We have given Kathleen a gift to purchase prescription medications, but she is also asking for our help with these particular meds:

- ▶ Tylenol and Ibuprofen for ages 1 and 2
- ▶ Children's decongestants and cough medicine
- ▶ Adult decongestants cough drops and lozenges
- ▶ hydrocortisone and Neosporin

Please bring your offerings to the church on Sunday. There will be a basket for your gifts.

Exciting news—

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART ART SHOW is coming to St. Francis in the Valley in February. This art is created by current and former inmates at Perryville Prison. The art pieces will be available for purchase.

Prison Ministry is in need of volunteers to greet members of the community who come

to view the show. The show is open for 20 days in February. So there are lots of opportunities to both support and promote the talented women in Perryville, Episcopal Prison Ministries and St. Francis to the community.

The show is open Monday—Thursday and Saturday from 9 AM to 12 PM. We hope you will lend a hand to this fabulous event. Thank you! *Rena Robbins*

2023 Gratitude & Giving

THANK YOU...

...to all for your response to this campaign. While the Campaign is concluding, please know that you can, at any time, make, a most welcomed commitment of your Time, Talent, and Treasure. You may do so by going to the Parish website (www.stfrancisgvaz.org), contacting any of the Vestry Members, the Rector, or stopping by the Financial Office.

From the Social Activities Team

A new year and a newly invigorated Social Activities Team mean more fun for St Francis folks. All our usual celebrations – movie nights, the welcome back barbeque, the Covenant Fund Christmas party – are firmly locked in and the team is busy planning new things sure to put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. And that's where we need your ideas. We've added a Kentucky Derby party and a murder mystery evening to the lineup, but we'd like to know if you have an idea, maybe something you did at a previous church that was great fun, that you would like to see happen here. We welcome any and all suggestions; just let Judy Turberg (judy.turberg@gmail.com) or Lou Terry (thirdangell@cox.net) know what you have in mind and the team will see if we can make it happen.

Spontaneity is one of the joys of existence, if you prepare for it in advance – A.D.Foster

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for February, March, and April 2023, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Paula Chamberlain, Kathy Ravine, Linda Ravenelle, Dennis Ballantine, Clyde Tardy, Kelly Davis, Sue Howell, Eileen Fanning, Tom Moorhead, Shirley Underwood, Rita Beil, Franck Brown, Carol Putnam, Roger Williams, Neil Helgath

Remembering those who have died: pray for those who have died.

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be February 11 at 4 PM. Join us!

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