



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
29 JANUARY 2023

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Charles Callahan, b. 1951

*Lyric Prelude and Fugue*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN 390**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
    join the great throng,  
    psaltery, organ, and song,  
    sounding in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
    Hast thou not seen  
    how all thou needest hath been  
    granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
    ponder anew  
    what the Almighty can do,  
    who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
    Let the amen  
    sound from his people again;  
    gladly for ever adore him.

## 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

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your  
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Micah (6:1-8).

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the  
hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you  
enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of

slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** (15) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?                                     | 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.                               |
| 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.                    | 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. |
| 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor. | 7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.                                       |
| 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.                                    |  |

### **The Epistle**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-31)

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and

*continued*

foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL HYMN 656

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| 1. Blest are the pure in heart,<br>for they shall see our God;<br>the secret of the Lord is theirs,<br>their soul is Christ's abode. | 3. he to the lowly soul<br>will still himself impart<br>and for his dwelling and his throne<br>will choose the pure in heart. |
| 2. The Lord, who left the heavens<br>our life and peace to bring,<br>to dwell in lowliness with us,<br>our pattern and our King;     | 4. Lord, we thy presence seek;<br>may ours this blessing be;<br>give us a pure and lowly heart,<br>a temple fit for thee.     |

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (5:1-12).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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**

*trad. English, arr. Alan Bullard, b. 1947*

*O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, Revive your church with life and pow'r;  
O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us, And fit your church to meet this hour. O  
Wind of God, come bend us, break us, Till humbly we confess our need; Then in  
your tenderness remake us, Revive, restore; for this we plead. O Breath of love,  
come breathe within us, Renewing thought and will and heart; Come, love of  
Christ, afresh to win us, Revive your church in every part!*

*-words by Bessie Porter Head, 1850-1936*

### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Priest* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

### **AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-  
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of  
heaven and earth.

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,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
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 373

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day:  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Someone's singing, Lord*

John Benke, b. 1953

### 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](mailto: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

The Annual Meeting of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church will be held today, 29 January 2023 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### Hearts & Hands

The February project for Hearts and Hands is PAWS PATROL, in honor of the church's

legacy from St. Francis of Assisi, famous for his love of animals. PAWS PATROL has a special program called TNR for feral and stray cats: Trap, Neuter and Release. From February 1st through the 28th, the church will be accepting contributions for Paws Patrol. If you would like to donate please make your check to St. Francis in the Valley with a notation that it is for Paws Patrol. There will be designated envelopes in the pews during February.

There is more information on the PAWS PATROL website. If you have questions contact Sue Girardeau (520-648-7969).

### Straight From the Heart Art Show

Thank you to all who have signed up to help with STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART ART SHOW. We need a few more volunteers especially on Wednesdays in February from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Also, MORE EXCITING NEWS—Deacon Kim Crecca will lead a presentation about the art and artists in the Parish Hall at 2 PM on Tuesday, January 31. There will be time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see many of you at the presentation. *Rena Robbins*

### 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](mailto:ctreid83@gmail.com)).

### This Week at St. Francis

Today, 10:30a	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 2p	Art Show Talk, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 11a	Doris Kuzmak Memorial & Reception,
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

### 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](mailto:Fcoleman4444@gmail.com))

### 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](http://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](mailto:judy.turberg@gmail.com)) or Lou Terry ([thirdangell@cox.net](mailto: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*

### C.S. Lewis Class Takes a Detour

In one of our earlier classes we drew upon the thinking of American philosopher (and chairman of Encyclopedia Britannica's board of editors) Mortimer J. Adler. His book *The Angels and Us* took us momentarily away from Christian apologetics and into the realm of philosophical theology. For the next few sessions, we will be reading, thinking about, and discussing Adler's book *How to Think About God*. Adler attempts a purely philosophical look at the possibility of demonstrating the reasonableness of believing in the existence of a supreme Being, that is to say, a demonstration accomplished without recourse to Divine revelation or the teachings of sacred theology. Can it be done? If the most important question of all is 'does God exist?' then the answer is the most important answer of all.

If you would be interested in joining the class, get in touch with Gerald Near at ([gerald@stfransisgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfransisgvaz.org)) and let him know. The paperback edition of *How to Think About God* is available from Amazon (at \$14.69) or from your favorite bookseller. Class time and place to be determined.

### Forward Day by Day

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

### Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, [jnrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnrats@gmail.com)

### Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Paula Chamberlain, Kathy Ravine, Linda Ravenelle, Dennis Ballantine, Clyde Tardy, Kelly Davis, Bruno Kalis, Sue Howell, Jenny Ryan, Jean Schwafel, Eileen Fanning, Tom Moorhead, Shirley Underwood, Jean Kingsnorth, Rita Beil, Frank 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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