



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
12 FEBRUARY 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Marcel Dupré, 1886-1971

Antiphon V (Fifteen Pieces, Op. 18)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 8

1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

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

God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Deuteronomy (30:15-20).

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM (119:1-8) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, * who walk in the law of the LORD! | 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes! |
| 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees * and seek him with all their hearts! | 6 Then I should not be put to shame, * when I regard all your commandments. |
| 3 Who never do any wrong, * but always walk in his ways. | 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * when I have learned your righteous judgments. |
| 4 You laid down your commandments, * that we should fully keep them. | 8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly forsake me. |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:1-9)

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 635

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| 1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move. | 2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed. |
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THE GOSPEL *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (5:21-37).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

Jane Manton Marshall, 1924-2019

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven. Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

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 341

1. For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. As our blessed ones adore you,
seated at our Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

C.S. Lang, 1891–1971

Tuba Tune

Altar flowers are given by Carolyn Andersen to the glory of God and in gratitude for and in loving memory of her husband Mike Andersen.

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@stfranciscgvaz.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.

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).

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.

Straight From the Heart Art Show

Thank you to all who have signed up to help with STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART ART SHOW. A few more volunteers are needed especially on Wednesdays in February from 9 AM to 12 PM. If you can help, contact Rena Robbins at 541-221-8434.

► The show is open Monday through Thursday, and Saturday from 9 AM until NOON.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 10a	Grounds Luncheon, Vulliamy Room
Tuesday, 10:30a	Stephen Ministry Retreat, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 10:30a	'Messiah' video presentation, Parish Hall
Thursday, 1p	Library Committee
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Friday, 5:30p	Dessert Party, Parish Hall
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

Earthquake Relief

Partner with EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT to provide support to people affected by the deadly earthquake along the border

between Turkey and Syria. If you would like to donate visit episcopalrelief.org today to make a contribution to the TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE FUND.

Library News

Come to the library today for the unveiling of our new way of searching for a book. You can now find them by Title, Author, and/or Subject—not the old fashion way but by use of a computer, just like the public library! Bring your coffee and cookies and try it out. We are there to help.

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 Eastern 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 22 (Ash Wednesday). I hope to see you there!

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

Javelina Gate

So far \$3,600 has been raised (toward a goal of \$5,400) for ornamental gates at the East and North entrances to the Courtyard to keep the space Javelina-free. Javelinas can be aggressive and dangerous (not to mention

messy), and we must secure our Courtyard spaces. There’s more information available in the Parish Hall, and our Senior Warden, Kristi Menix (kmenix18@gmail.com), will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Boutique In the News

Our Talents Unlimited Boutique has just distributed \$3,000 to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund thanks to your patronage. The fund is distributed, at the discretion of the Rector, to those in need in our community.

C.S. Lewis Class Takes a Detour

What is the one question to which the only answer is ‘God’? If you know the question, how did you arrive at it?

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 argues a case for the reasonableness of believing in the existence of a supreme Being, that is to say, an argument 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) 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.

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).

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

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, Rita Beil, Frank Brown, Carol Putnam, Roger Williams, Neil Helgath, Harry Lyons, Neil Messick

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

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