



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9 JANUARY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

All who believe and are baptized

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 616, stanzas 1 - 4

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall bow before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him
your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are
baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess
him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God,
in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:1-7).

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do
not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When
you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame

shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (29)

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| 1 | Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and
strength. | 7 | The voice of the Lord splits the flames
of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes
the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the
wilderness of Kadesh. |
| 2 | Ascribe to the Lord the glory due
his Name; * worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness. | 8 | The voice of the Lord makes the oak
trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare. |
| 3 | The voice of the Lord is upon the wa-
ters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. | 9 | And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!" |
| 4 | The voice of the Lord is a powerful
voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice
of splendor. | 10 | The Lord sits enthroned above the
flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as
King for evermore. |
| 5 | The voice of the Lord breaks the ce-
dar trees; * the Lord breaks the
cedars of Lebanon; | 11 | The Lord shall give strength to his
people; * the Lord shall give his
people the blessing of peace. |
| 6 | He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild
ox. | | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17)

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 121

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.
3. Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The 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 II)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____].

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Reader We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand.

People *We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of
this land.*

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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.

AT 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

-setting by Gerald Near

*Author of life divine, Who hast a table spread, Furnished with mystic wine And everlasting
bread, Preserve the life thyself hast given, And feed and train us up for heaven. Our needy
souls sustain With fresh supplies of love, Till all thy life we gain, And all thy fullness prove,
And strengthened with thy perfect grace, Behold without a veil thy face. Amen.*

-words by Charles Wesley (1707–88)

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation:

People and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices 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 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 295

1. Sing praise to our Creator,
O you of Adam's race—
God's children by adoption,
baptized into his grace.

2. To Jesus Christ give glory,
God's co-eternal Son;
as members of his Body
we live in him as one.

3. And praise the Holy Spirit
poured forth upon the earth;
who sanctifies and guides us,
made strong in our rebirth.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

All glory be to God on high (BWV 716)

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kristi Thompson in loving memory of her husband Paul; and by Carol & David Vleck in loving memory of Carol's sister Susan Masters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Fr. Nelson after the service or get in touch with them via email at: frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org or nelson@stfrancisgvaz.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.

Work has begun ...

Our roof repair and replacement project is underway and, as with all such endeavors, some inconvenience will come along with

it. You may find that, especially during the week, some parking spaces are cordoned off and that some walkways are impassable. Please, for the safety of all, avoid walking through obvious construction zones and any areas blocked by caution tape or orange cones. Your patient cooperation is appreciated.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Monday, 10:30a	Telecare, Classroom
Tuesday, 9a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 11a	Social Activities, Conference Room
Tuesday, 4p	Vestry, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Thursday, 10a	Outreach, Conference Rm
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church will be held Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. You are most cordially invited to attend. (As of Thursday, 6 January, we have received seven of twenty-four reports.)

Please send your report—in Word format or in the body of an email—to:

gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org no later than Tuesday, January 18; the Annual Report is a large document to prepare. Thanks for your kind cooperation.

St. Francis Boutique

It's easy shopping at our Boutique, now open on Wednesdays from 10 AM until 2 PM and on Sundays following the service. We continue to get new, unique items for sale and all are reasonably priced. So come take a look, knowing that whatever you buy is going to help those in need in our community via the Rector's Discretionary Fund. It's a win/win for all when you buy in the Boutique. *Jylene Wright*

Tuition Tax Credits

Our good friends at Imago Dei Middle School have this timely message for us:

"You can help educate some of Tucson's most vulnerable children—at no cost to you. The AZ Private School Tuition Tax Credit Program allows you to put your state tax dollars to work changing lives through education at Tucson's Imago Dei Middle School, offering an Episcopal private-school education to low-income 5th-through-8th-graders. Unlike tuition-driven private schools, Imago Dei serves only children living in poverty, so all of our students receive full scholarships. We meet our students where they are and offer the structure and resources to help

them grow into all that they can be. Learn more about helping through the Tax Credit Program at www.az-esf.org. Thank You and a joyous Christmas season from all of us at IDMS!"

Cruzando Fronteras

Cruzando needs chap stick, small jars of Vicks, white socks for children and adults, and Pampers/Luvs in sizes 2 to 5. Look for the collection spot in the Parish Hall.

Current Covid Protocols

Please note the following Covid 19 protocols:

- masks are required for in-person worship,
- all pews are now open for seating,
- the main (East) door into the Narthex is now open to welcome worshippers,
- worshippers wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive the elements at one of two standing Communion stations at the front of the church,
- Communion wafers are no longer in plastic baggies, and
- Communion wine is available by intinction (only) for those wishing to receive it.

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; masks are still required in large groups such as worship services for the time being.

Tracking Stewardship

Thanks to all who have filled-out and sent in their Estimate of Giving forms; we are on our way to establishing our new budget. If you have not as yet had a chance to complete and submit your form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. If you have not received your stewardship materials, just stop

in at the Parish Office and we will be happy to provide them. You may also submit your pledging information to Finance Officer Deborah by phone; give her a call at 625-1370. To date we have received 117 Estimate of Giving forms (up from 111 last week) with \$281,611 pledged (up from \$273,782 last week).

Prayer Chain

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

Home Communion

St. Francis is once again offering home Communion to parishioners unable to attend church services. If you would like a Lay Eucharistic Volunteer to bring you the Sacrament, please contact Deacon Becky (480-204-0022) or via email (1beckyw@cox.net).

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for January

Serving cookies and pouring juice and coffee is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Contact Gail Haight (520-490-2739) and let her know you want to lend a hand.

Library Resource Center Now Open for Business

Your church Library Resource Center is waiting for you to stop by and select books to read from its collections of 100s of books. It is located in the hallway from the Parish Hall main meeting room and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM until NOON and Sunday after church. Wednesdays and Thursdays there is a volunteer to help you find what you are looking for.

The emphasis of our collection is spiritual-

ity, self-improvement, learning to listen and learn, and helping us live wonderful lives and sharing that with others. The library volunteers have been very busy for the past months processing books for your enjoyment.

Come in, browse the shelves and ask for help. That is what we are here for.

Joyce Davison, Your Librarian

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? We would like to restart this tradition here at St. Francis. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

Prayer Lists

It's important that we keep our lists of persons in need of our prayers current, and you can help. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, friend or family member, to the list of names to be read in the Sunday morning liturgy—including the list of those who have died—please let one of the Clergy know and they will convey the information to Gerald for inclusion in the Prayers of the People. (And be sure to let the Clergy know of any pastoral need you have or know of; don't let the Church be always 'the last to know.')

Remember too to let us know when we can remove names from the list. You may also let Gerald know directly (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) of the names of persons you would like to include in the Prayers of the People, but we encourage you always to go through the Clergy.

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