



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector
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The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 23 JANUARY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude in G

William H. Harris, 1883-1973

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 537

1. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

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

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 Nehemiah (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10).

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen,"

lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM (19) *Please respond after the asterisk*

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| 1 | The heavens declare the glory of God,
* and the firmament shows his handiwork. | of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. |
| 2 | One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another. | 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. |
| 3 | Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard, | 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. |
| 4 | Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world. | 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward. |
| 5 | In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. | 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults. |
| 6 | It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat. | 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. |
| 7 | The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. | 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. |
| 8 | The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-31a)

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 632

1. O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2. The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3. O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (4:14-21).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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. The People may stand, sit, or kneel.

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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

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 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 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.

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.

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 707

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter, b. 1945

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.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church will be held today, Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. You are most cordially invited to attend.

If you would like to join the meeting via Zoom, here are detailed instructions on how to go about it (thanks to Fr. Nelson):

FROM EMAIL (easiest method)

1. Find NEWS FROM THE PEWS email and locate the link under “Annual Parish Meeting”

2. Click the “Join Zoom Meeting” hyperlink (it should be highlighted in blue)

3. You should get a pop-up that says “Open Zoom Meetings”—click “Open Zoom Meetings”

4. You may be asked to enter a password to enter—use 987230 and you should enter the meeting or may be put into a queue. Wait until the host lets you in.

5. Please keep yourself muted unless you are speaking.

FROM INTERNET BROWSER

1. In an internet browser, type in: <https://bit.ly/SaintF2022> and hit ENTER

2. You should get a pop-up that says “Open Zoom Meetings”—click “Open Zoom Meetings”

3. You may be asked to enter a password to enter—use 987230 and you should enter the meeting or may be put into a queue. Wait until the host lets you in.

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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. We look forward to a beautiful—and leak-free—new roof.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9a	Handbells, Loft
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Prince of Egypt:

Pre-Lenten Film Discussion

If you are looking for a unique way to prepare for Lent consider joining for a three week film discussion on the Prince of Egypt, an animated retelling of the Book of Exodus. This series may help set a tone for the coming of our Lenten classes and speakers. During our time we will separate the film into viewing and discussion. Class will be held February 8, 15, and 22 from 11 AM to Noon.

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*

2022 Lenten Series

Our guest lecturers for the 2022 Wednesday Lenten Series include Canon Debbie Royals (March 9), The Rev. Laura Adelia (March 16), The Rev. John Caleb-Collins (March 23), Bishop Jennifer Reddall (March 30), Canon Anita Braden (April 6), and Fr. Warren Leibovitch (April 13). Fr. Warren's presentation will include a Seder Meal. Each evening will begin with STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 5 PM in the Courtyard, followed by dinner at 5:30 PM and our guest speaker presentation at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendar so you won't miss these opportunities to enhance your Lenten observance.

Forward Day by Day

New devotional booklets for February, March, and April 2022 are now available in the Parish Office, Parish Hall, and Narthex.

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.

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.