



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector
The Rev. Nelson Mendoza, Curate
The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 20 FEBRUARY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Folk-song

Cecil Armstrong Gibbs, 1889-1960

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (45:3-11, 15).

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pha-

raoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (37:1-12, 41-42) Please respond after the asterisk

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| 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong. | 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. |
| 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away. | 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. |
| 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches. | 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; * you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. |
| 4 Take delight in the Lord, * and he shall give you your heart’s desire. | 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; * they will delight in abundance of peace. |
| 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass. | 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; * he is their stronghold in time of trouble. |
| 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday. | 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; * he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him. |
| 7 Be still before the Lord * and wait patiently for him. | |
| 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes. | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:35-38, 42-50).

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 593

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 GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (6:27-38).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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.

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

Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

Translation of the Latin: Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the cross thy sacred Body for us all with nails was torn. Cleanse us, by the Blood and water streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with thy Body broken, now, and in our final hour! O Jesus, Son of Mary, hear us. *14th cent. hymn, attr. Innocent VI (d1342)*

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 may 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.

Then 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

Worshippers wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive the elements 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 657

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Messe Basse: Sortie

Albert Alain, 1880-1971

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Connie Wilt
in loving memory of her husband William B. Wilt and her
grandson Benjamin Meadows.*

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 is progressing...

Our roof repair and replacement project is progressing and soon we will have a beautiful new and leak-proof roof. Please avoid areas sealed-off as construction zones, especially during the week.

Parish Offices Closed

Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 21, in observance of the Presidents' Day federal holiday.

Pancake Supper

March 1 is 'Shrove Tuesday' and that means pancakes for supper. Join us in the St. Francis Parish Hall from 4 to 6 PM for pancakes, sausage, fruit salad and the usual beverages.

You will need to let us know you're going to be there (we can seat only 120) by signing up in the Parish Office on Sundays and during the week from 9 AM until Noon, Monday through Thursday. And it's only \$5 per person! So put your Mardi Gras on and join the crowd on the day before Lent begins, Shrove Tuesday, March 1. (If you would like to help with the festivities, contact Julie Reppenagen [jrepp@snet.net]. Help with some food prep, table setting, serving, beverages, table clearing, dish washing and clean-up will be needed and appreciated.)

Lenten Study with Fr. Warren

LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2022

Theme: Letting Go with All Your Heart,
Soul, Strength and Mind

Week 1 – March 8: Letting Go of Control

Week 2 – March 15: Letting Go of Hurt and
Disappointment

Week 3 – March 22: Letting Go to Enhance
Our Health and Well-Being

Week 4 – March 29: Letting Go in Love

Week 5 – April 5: Letting Go of Shoulds

Week 6 – April 12: Letting Go of Expecta-
tions

Study booklets include Daily reflections and exercises from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. Sessions will be held Tuesdays from 11 AM until NOON in the Parish Hall beginning March 8. You can sign up for the class and pick up a booklet (one per couple, please) in the Parish Office.

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 Lei-

bovitch (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.

Tickets—priced at \$7 per person—will be on sale after services beginning Sunday, February 20. Look forward to some wonderful soups and even, this year, dessert! You may also sign up in the Parish Office during the week. Please note that we will not be able to accommodate drop-ins; supper by reservation only.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Monday, 10a	Outreach, Conf Room
Tuesday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 11a	Pre-Lent Class, Parish Hall
Tuesday, 2p	Stewardship/Vision discussion, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK
Wednesday, 1p	McAllister Memorial
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Life And Message Of St. Francis Of Assisi

On March 3, at 10 AM, we will offer the first of three classes exploring how St. Francis of Assisi exemplified the mission of our Parish “to live as Christ’s heart and hands in the world.” Our first meeting will consist of a ZOOM presentation by Dr. Arthur Remillard, Professor of Religious Studies at Saint Francis University. In his presentation, Dr. Remillard will summarize St. Francis’ life and provide us with a direction as to how the Parish

community and we, as individuals, can implement his example and teachings. Use this link to join the classes via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/Francis101>

Chapel Rock Sunday

Bishop Reddall has designated March 6th as Chapel Rock Sunday throughout the Diocese. On that day, Bishop Reddall is asking each church and congregation members to support the Chapel Rock Campership Fund for the benefit of our children and youth.

The experiences that our campers have at Chapel Rock are life changing and extraordinary. Every year, when we read camper evaluations, camper after camper says, "That was the best week of my summer!" It is fun, Christ-centered, and provides the opportunity to grow closer to God through the beauty and power of our Episcopal Church traditions. Help send children and youth to camp this summer! There will be a collection taken to support the campership fund Sunday, March 7th. You can also go to Chapel Rock's website, www.chapelrock.net/donate.htm to contribute securely online.

Library Discussion Group

Life is too precious to travel alone! Join members of our faith community, as we explore the Episcopal Church's resource booklet, FORWARD DAY BY DAY. The Rev. Nelson Mendoza will guide a discussion group using specific Bible passages found within the pages of the FORWARD DAY BY DAY booklet. The daily, inspirational meditations reflecting on Scripture come from different authors and offer a wide range of perspectives. Allow the Word to speak to your heart and invigorate your spiritual journey.

Learning Session: February 27, Sunday, 10:20-11:10, Church Library and Resource

Center. Bring your coffee or tea with you! Questions? Contact Kristi Menix, kmenix18@gmail.com or 406-600-9344.

Prayer Chain

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

True Concord Tickets

One of the most popular (and most recorded) works of all time, Antonio Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* will be featured on True Concord's next Green Valley concert, Friday, February 25 at Valley Presbyterian Church. The program starts at 7 PM. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 for open seating and \$40 for premium seating. The program also includes the world premiere of American composer Jake Runestad's *Earth Symphony*.

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 Fronteras continues to need Pampers, Luvs (or similar product) in sizes 2 through 5, and Vick's Vapo Rub or a generic. Thanks for all the socks and Chap Stick. That need has been met for now.

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