



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Rector*
The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*
The Rev. Linda Hutson, *Deacon*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
19 MARCH 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters, 1903-86

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 143

1. The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.
5. O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

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.

TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel (16:1-13).

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (23) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 | The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want. | your rod and your staff, they comfort me. |
| 2 | He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters. | 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. |
| 3 | He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. | 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. |
| 4 | Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 493

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy Name.
3. Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
4. He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
5. Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!
6. Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (9:1-41).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to

the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Reader *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Judith Turberg

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)

Deacon or other leader

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,
we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,
we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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

Peter Aston, 1938-2013

*I give you a new commandment: love one another; as I have loved you so you are
to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are
my disciples. (John 13:34-35)*

At the Presentation

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
People And of thine own have we given thee.

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Together Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 533

1. How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2. To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Bernhard Schmid, 1520-92

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We Welcome You

A WARM WELCOME to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish, please speak with Fr. Warren or get in touch with him via email at frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org. 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.

Camp Genesis

Camp Genesis, for children who have an incarcerated parent, will be held in June. Each camper receives a backpack when they arrive at camp. The backpacks contain many cool, specifically chosen items for having fun at camp. There are other costs associated with getting the kids to and from camp and

during the camp. So, if you would like to contribute some much-needed funds to the kids at Camp Genesis, stop by the Prison Ministry table during coffee hour and chat with us. Thank you! *Rena Robbins*

Boutique Quilt Raffle

A talented St. Francis parishioner has generously gifted the Boutique with two beautifully hand-stitched quilts, which will be offered in a raffle. The two lucky winners' numbers will be drawn on Easter Day, with the first ticket drawn choosing which of the two to take home; the second winning ticket will take the other quilt. These unique quilts will be on display each Sunday in the Parish Hall, and raffle tickets may be purchased in the Boutique—\$5 each or 3 for \$10. Be sure to come see these amazing works of art. All funds from this raffle will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which assists those in need in our Green Valley community.

Jylene Wright

True Concord Concert

Our friends at True Concord will be singing one of the greatest large-scale choral works of the twentieth century here at St. Francis this Friday, March 24, at 7 pm. Don't miss Sergei Rachmaninoff's magnificent *Vespers*; it's sheer beauty from beginning to end. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 for general admission and \$42 for premium seating.

Lenten Study Class

Join Fr. Warren for for his Lenten Study *Practicing Compassion with all your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* on Thursdays, at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. (The study is part of the Living Compass series.) Register for the class in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday morning. A free study booklet will be provided.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Monday, 10a	Hearts & Hands, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Stewardship/Finance, Meeting Room 2
	St. Francis Room
Wednesday, 10:30a	'Messiah' video presentation, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 5p	Stations of the Cross, Courtyard
Wednesday, 5:30p	Lenten Supper, Parish Hall
Thursday, 10a	Lenten Study, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Friday, 7p	True Concord Concert
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

Lenten Supper Series

The Lenten Supper Speakers' series, *NEW BEGINNINGS*, continues each Wednesday running through March 29. Each session will start with *Stations of the Cross* at 5 PM (on March 29 Stations of the Cross will begin at 4:30 PM in the Church), then a simple meal of soup, salad, and dinner roll at 5:30 with the evening's speaker introduced at 6 PM. The cost is \$6 a week. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office or after Sunday service in the Parish Hall. If you only want to come for the speaker, that's a freebie; just show up before 6 PM and find a seat. The remaining speaker lineup is:

- March 8, Cameron Taylor (Head of School) and The Rev. Susan Smith (Chaplain and Co-Founder) of Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson;
- March 22, The Rev. Dr. Sam Dessordi Leite,

St. James the Apostle, Tempe: *Franciscan Spirituality and Third Order Franciscans*;

·March 29, Gary and Pam Chambers, *Stress Busters—Care for Caregivers of people with Dementia*;

·April 5, Fr. Warren: *Seder Supper (see below)*

Seder Supper

Passover is the traditional, eight-day Jewish celebration commemorating the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt after four hundred years of slavery. The highlight of Passover is the Seder (Passover meal) held on the first night of Passover which is Wednesday, April 5, this year. Fr. Warren will host a traditional Seder for the St. Francis family on that night, beginning promptly at 4:45 pm. Because of space requirements, seating will be limited to 80 people. There is no charge, but you must have a ticket which is available in the Parish Hall after Sunday service on a first-come basis, and a donation to help defray costs will be accepted at the conclusion of the Seder.

Hearts & Hands - Update!

Here's an update on the Easter Basket collections for the Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogalas: we are still collecting baskets, paper or plastic grass, small toys and wrapped candy for the children's Easter egg hunt; however, we have been informed that the date has changed and that our 100 baskets will now need to be picked up on Tuesday, March 28, instead of April 6. We really appreciate the donations that we have received so far, and we are about halfway to reaching our goal. Now we have about 2 weeks—with your help—to assemble the baskets. Please join us Tuesday, March 28, at 9 AM in the Parish Hall. (The green collection box for your donations is in the Parish Hall.)

From Your Treasurer

February Income/Expense Results:

Operating Income \$46,348 vs
Budget \$34,062

Operating Expenses \$62,488 vs.
Budget \$52,867

Please keep in mind that these values are exclusive of Capital Project Income and/or Expense, which I will periodically provide.

Creation Care

If you're interested in Creation Care—recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency etc.—and want to make a difference, consider being a part of the St. Francis GREEN TEAM. Stop by the GREEN TEAM table in the Parish Hall after church and let's get acquainted. We look forward to meeting you. *Susan Burch & Jon Nichols*

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, Frank Brown, Carol Putnam, Roger Williams, Harry Lyons, Neil Messick, Delilah Wegrzyn, Guadalupé Ochoa, Joe Turberg, Amanda

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

Easter Flowers

To make a memorial or offer a thanksgiving gift of Easter altar flowers, please PRINT - in the spaces below - the name(s) you wish to appear in the Bulletin. Take this Form, along with your \$30 donation, to the Parish Office, or mail it in by Monday, April 3.

Name

Phone

Name(s) for Memorials:

Name(s) for Thanksgivings:
