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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
26 FEBRUARY 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

Have mercy, Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 142

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 (2:15-17; 3:1-7).

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (32) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:12-19)

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 147

1. Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

2. The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

3. Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

4. Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

5. Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (4:1-11).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you

will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form IV)

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

words and music by Thomas Campion, 1567-1620

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore, Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more; Than my weary sprite [spirit] now longs to fly out of my troubled breast. O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly sweetest Lord, and take my soul

to rest. Ever blooming are the joys of Heavens high Paradise, Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes; Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see. O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

AT THE PRESENTATION

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

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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

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...

...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 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.

The glory of these forty Days

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.

Lenten Study Class

Join Fr. Warren for a six-week Lenten Study “Practicing Compassion with all your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind” starting Thursday, March 2, 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.

From Social Activities

Sweet desserts and smart people made for a fun evening for the folks who attended the Dessert Lollapalooza and Bible Trivia Challenge—the Social Activities Team’s (SAT) first offering of the new year. The desserts were amazing (with enough left over to supplement Sunday’s coffee hour) and the trivia questions were challenging for the four teams vying to take home the trophy. (If you ever want to know anything about the Bible, just ask Joyce Kaminski.)

Next up on the SAT calendar is the Lenten Supper Speakers’ series, New Beginnings,

each Wednesday beginning March 1 and going through Wednesday March 29. Each session will start with Stations of the Cross at 5 PM, 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 or \$25 for the entire five week series if paid in advance. Tickets are on sale in the church 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 speaker lineup is:

March 1, Canon Pam Hyde: *Care for Creation*
 March 8, Cameron Taylor (Head of School) and The Rev. Susan Smith (Chaplain and Co-Founder) of Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson

March 15, Jeannie North, *Bereavement Care*
 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*

Oh, and by the way, if you’re interested in helping with any of our events, the SAT is always in need of helping hands. No long-term commitment is required. If there’s something you would like to help with—a single event or several—just contact Tish Stril at tishastril@gmail.com. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Hearts & Hands

The Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales is hosting their annual Easter Family Dinner

again this year. Our Hearts and Hands Committee, as it has for several years, has agreed to contribute 100 filled Easter Baskets for their Children's Easter Egg Hunt. And once again we need and would appreciate YOUR help! Look for the marked container in the Parish Hall for your contributions.

The following is a list of requested items: Easter Baskets, small toys, wrapped candy and grass (paper rather than plastic if you have the choice.) *Please do not put plastic eggs on your list* as we have an abundance of them. If for any reason you would like someone to shop for you, you may write a check to St. Francis and put EASTER BASKETS on the memo line, and someone will do the shopping on your behalf. On Thursday, April 6, you are invited to help assemble our baskets in the Parish Hall at 9 AM.

A Final Word About Directories

As with any publication, no matter how carefully proofread, there is occasionally a mistake (or two). If you have found an incorrect address, email address or phone number please email the correct information to Lou Terry at thirdangell@cox.net. We will publish an errata page with the corrected information the first of March. In the meantime, thank you for your patience.

News From the Boutique

Thanks to a very generous St. Francis parishioner, the Boutique has 22 Hummel Figurines for sale. Originally created by Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel, a Nun in the Order of St. Francis, her drawings of German children were published as postcards in the early 1930's. Then the Franz Goebel Company began producing them as beautifully painted porcelain figures in 1935 and

continued into the 2000s, all being highly valuable and collectable. The majority of the figurines donated to the Boutique were produced between 1935 to 1972. The Boutique will be offering part of the collection for sale starting Sunday, February 19. Bring your coffee and come see. *Jylene Wright*

Straight From the Heart Art Show

The show will be ending Tuesday February 28. Sunday, February 26, will be your last opportunity to see the amazing artwork during coffee hour. We hope you will stop by and take a look before it is all gone. Feel free to ask questions about the artists or their work. Thank you for visiting and your support.

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

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
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
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

Earthquake Relief

Partner with EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT to provide support to people affected by the deadly earthquake along the border between Turkey and Syria. If you would like to donate visit episcopalrelief.org today to make a contribution to the TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE FUND.

Library News

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

Messiah or Madman?

If Jesus returned today, would you recognize him or her? Would you be open to a holy person; indeed God incarnate who is walking among us? Would you see a liar, a lunatic or the Lord?

Please join me in viewing 10, 45-minute episodes of the very interesting and controversial Netflix series, “Messiah.” This is a modern-day fictional story of a Middle Eastern man who shows up with miracles. Some believe he’s the second coming of Christ. Others question his mental status and think he’s a fake.

We will watch Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, followed by a 15-minute discussion, starting January 18, 2023, concluding on March 29. I hope to see you there!

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

Javelina Gate

The donations made by many parishioners toward the latching, ornamental gates for the Courtyard have reached the goal! The gates are on order for a 4–6-week installation date. Thank you for supporting this effort to bring more safety to us and community members who use our Church facilities.

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, Guadalupe Ochoa

Remembering those who have died: Neil Helgath, Neil Messick.

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