



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
18 FEBRUARY 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

Have mercy, Lord (BWV 721)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 142

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| 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. | to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word. |
| 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. | 4. And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide. |
| 3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord, | 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 *(Hymnal S100: the People are invited to join the choir.
Trisagion is traditionally sung three times.)*

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 *(please be seated)*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-17).

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

THE PSALM (25:1-9) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (3:18-22).

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 Mark (1:9-15).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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 *The people may stand, sit, or kneel*

Deacon In this season of repentance and renewal, let us pray for the concerns of the Church and the world, saying "Lord, in your mercy, Renew us."

Lector For the whole Church of God, and for all its members: May the Church truly become the united body of Christ, hearing and living out God's call in the world. We pray for all baptized Christians in their ministries, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Bishop, and for all clergy and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For our nation and every nation:

May all people learn to live together in peace, respecting one another's differences and autonomy. May all leaders be ever mindful of their responsibilities to their own people and to others in the world. We pray for our President, Congress, Courts, state and local officials, and for all leaders around the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For this community and all communities:

May we live together in love and harmony, striving for the building up of all members, for wholeness and justice, striving until none are left behind. Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For the concerns of the whole world:

May those who face natural disaster find grace and relief; may those who face conflict and war find a loving spirit; and may all of us come to treat our neighbors as ourselves so that we and all this world may truly come to be God's new creation. Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For all those who are in any pain or sorrow:

May they come to know your love and care and be brought to wholeness; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the poor, the persecuted, and those in prison, for those who are lonely, homeless, or hungry; for all those we now remember...Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For all the blessings of this life:

May we truly celebrate the life we have been given and our time with one another; for new beginnings, anniversaries, and birthdays, and for all the joys of this life; we thank you for other thanksgivings we now offer, silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

For all who have died:

May those who now live in the joy of God's presence with blessed Francis and all the saints find their rest in God's peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:

We pay our respects to the Pasqua 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)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Gerald Near, b. 1942

*Author of life divine, Who hast a table spread, Furnished with mystic wine And ever-
lasting bread, Preserve the life thyself hast given, And feed and train us up for heaven.
Our needy souls sustain With fresh supplies of love, Till all thy life we gain, And all thy
fullness prove, And strengthened with thy perfect grace, Behold without a veil thy face.
Amen. (Words by Charles Wesley, 1707–88)*

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant God is our refuge and strength, receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.

We ask this in his name.

People Amen.

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 may stand, sit, or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, AGNUS DEI (Hymnal, S161)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. 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 Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Gerald Near, b. 1942

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.

Parish Offices Closed

Our Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 19, in recognition of the Presidents' Day national holiday.

Lenten Offerings at St. Francis in the Valley

► This week our Lenten observances begin on Tuesday with Mike Kuebler's BIBLE STUDY series; class starts at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. If you would like to participate, email

Mike at mikelkuebler@yahoo.com or call him (520-907-7204) and let him know of your interest. ► The first in our series of Wednesday Lenten soup and salad suppers with guest speaker presentations will be on—you guessed it—Wednesday at 5:30 PM; join us beforehand, at 5 PM in the Courtyard, for STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The topic this Wednesday will be *Pilgrimage As a Way of Life*, and the presenter is Deacon Becky Williamson. Tickets for the soup suppers are priced at \$6 or 5 for \$25. ► Fr. Warren's LENTEN STUDY, *Living Well Through Lent: Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*, is being held in five different locations throughout the Green Valley/Sahuarita community. Space is limited, so signing up is essential; details are available in the Parish Hall. A booklet study guide is available and may be picked up after the morning service or in the Parish Office during the week. Look for sign up tables in the Parish Hall with more information on these and other Lenten offerings and join us for as many of these wonderful events as you can.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Monday, 10a	Hearts & Hands, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conf Rm
Tuesday, 10:30a	Bible Study, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 5p	Stations of the Cross, Courtyard
Wednesday, 5:30p	Lenten Supper, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Big Library Book Sale!

If you are a book lover—or would like to become one—today and next Sunday are for you because it's time for our massive Library Book Sale! Books, books, books at only \$1 per pound (cash or checks only, please) with all proceeds going to purchase books and fund technological improvements for your St. Francis Parish Library.

Prison Ministry

February is Camp Genesis Month. We are trying to raise funds for camper scholarships and backpacks. Camp Genesis is located at Chapel Rock in Prescott, Az. The camp is for children who have an incarcerated immediate family member. The cost to send a kid to camp for the week is \$430 including a supply filled backpack. There is no cost to the family of the kids who attend camp; all campers attend camp on a scholarship. This year the camp goal for funding is to include an off-road Jeep trip for the older campers and a special zoo trip for the younger campers.

There are donation envelopes in the pews with a festive llama on them. If you would like to help send a kid to camp you can use the envelopes and place them in the offering baskets or take them to the Prison Ministry

table. Backpacks and contents will be purchased by the Diocesan Prison Ministry so all campers have like items. Please continue to pray for the campers. *Rena Robbins*

Stewardship Workshop

Clyde Kunz, Canon for Stewardship & Planned Giving for the Diocese of Arizona, will be presenting a workshop on *The Basics of Legacy Giving* from 10 AM until NOON on Saturday, March 2, in the St. Francis Vulliamy Room. This is an important event aimed at making 'a transformative impact on your family and your church.'

Parish Newsletter

The deadline for submissions (articles, columns, blurbs, calendar items, etc.) for the Spring issue (March/April) of the Parish Newsletter was last week. Please submit materials via email to gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org.

Hearts & Hands Ministries

► **IMAGO DEI MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS:** See for yourself what kind of amazing things are going on with scholars and graduates at Imago Dei Middle School, an Episcopal school in Tucson that offers quality, tuition-free education to low-income families! Join Cameron Taylor, Head of School, on February 26, at 11 AM for a school tour and the opportunity to have lunch with the students. Carpooling from the church is possible, or feel free to drive on your own. It has been a long-standing tradition at St. Francis to consider ourselves as "honorary grandparents" of students at Imago Dei. This is a great opportunity to experience the school firsthand! Please contact Barbara Bundy at 571-332-8713 or bjbundy@verizon.net for more information or to sign up.

► **VALLEY ASSISTANCE:** Kudos to all of you

who continue to bring gifts for the clients of Valley Assistance. The purple bin in the Sexton's closet is there for your gifts of laundry supplies, toilet tissue and personal items of all sorts.

▶ LOCAL FOOD BANKS: Thank you for continuing to bring non-perishable food for our friends at the food bank; and thanks to the volunteers who gather it and take it every month. We need volunteers for May, August and September. If you're able to help, email Barb Hook at *behook@aol.com*.

▶ DON'T FORGET: the Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard (cereal box style too). The receptacle is on the south side of the Food Bank building, on La Cañada.

▶ THANK YOU: Thanks to Mary Aigner and Carolyn Andersen, HEARTS & HANDS now has liaisons for both ST. ANDREWS CHILDREN'S CLINIC and EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT. We are still hoping for liaisons to keep abreast of the needs of SISTER JOSE, a homeless woman's shelter and GENESIS HOUSE, a Green Valley shelter.

▶ JOIN US: And most importantly, if you have a passion for a particular ministry bring your voice to a HEARTS & HANDS meeting the third Monday of the month at 10 AM. If you have questions please contact any Hearts & Hands volunteer or contact Barb Hook at *behook@aol.com*.

Kino Border Initiative

If you would like to help folks in need at the border, please drop some CLEAN, REUSABLE grocery bags (not the thin plastic type) in the KINO box in the donations room (aka Sexton's closet). These, and purchased 99 cent store bags like them will be put to good use by people heading home in Mexico from Nogales who have no suitcase or backpack.

A Note from your Treasurer

JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$40,620	\$41,511
Operating Expenses	Actual	Budget
	\$71,005	\$73,437

As we begin a new year with a new budget projection (developed through many hours of discussion, data gathering, and with ministry committee's input), I would like to thank all who provided their time and input to this effort...the list is long. The love of and desire for St. Francis in the Valley and its mission to grow and prosper is clearly important to all of you. Special thanks to the Finance Committee and staff. *Gloria Cadwalader*

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for February, March, and April 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: Henry Witte, John Witte, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Sandra Findley, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Jason Camp, Roger Williams, Ellen Sax, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, The Rev. Pat Kirk, Ann Zublin

Remembering those who have died: Vince Remillard