



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
21 FEBRUARY 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 150

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!
4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.
5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 (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 at the half-verse*

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 Epistle

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 121

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.

2. God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.

3. Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.

4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand if 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 Rev. Nelson Mendoza

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

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.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN 310

1. O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with 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 with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Together Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread,
All *Communion in Christ's body once broken.*
Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
All *If we have died with him, we shall live with him;*
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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Living Well Through Lent 2021

Join Fr. Warren for six exciting classes beginning Wednesday, February 24 and running through Wednesday, March 31. Let Fr. Warren know of your interest via email at frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org

Making Reservations for Attendance at Services

PLEASE NOTE that reservations for seating at services are now being made—at least for the time being—through Parish Administrator Gerald Near. Get in touch with him, via email, at gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org. We cannot take reservations for multiple services, just the next service scheduled. If you do not have email, call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to make your reservation. If no one is available to take your call, please leave Gerald a message to let him know the date of the service you wish to attend and the number of seats you will need. If space is not available, we will give you a call back.

Enquirers' Class Offered

Fr. Warren would be pleased to entertain an Enquirers' Class this year during Lent. If you would like to know more about the Faith, this is the class for you. Let Fr. Warren know of your interest via email at frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org.

Offering Envelopes

If you have requested offering envelopes, they are here! Please pick up your envelopes on the bench just outside the Parish Office.

Grief Support Group

We are once again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The first

session will begin on Tuesday, 2 February, and run five consecutive Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, the group is open to the community, is non-denominational, has no charge, and is facilitated by Jeannie North. For additional information call 520-399-9208.

Embodied Bible Study

On January 4 Fr. Nelson began an "Embodied Bible Study" group offered weekly through Zoom.

Rooted in practices from "Embodied Theology," the flow of the study will involve reading the past week's Sunday readings, particularly the Gospel, and then applying interpretations of the text. We will read various translations and Biblical interpretations and then will enter some time for reflection. As you are comfortable, we will explore how your experiences, identities, and personal narratives influence your relationship to the reading and how you engage with it.

You don't need to be a Biblical scholar to understand the Bible. In fact, this group will help to empower you to interpret and digest scripture for your daily lives.

Please email Fr. Nelson directly to register at nelson@stfranciscgvaz.org

The study is offered Mondays on Zoom at 11 AM and will run through April 5, 2021.

Border Ministry

Your help is needed at the border. The warehouse at Nogales is running very low on warm clothing, and we need to re-stock. Will you please help?

Bring warm jackets, sweatshirts, gloves or hats to the courtyard at St. Francis. Women's, children's and men's clothing is needed. There will be a box for your offerings but,

even if there isn't, you may put your items on one of the benches and be assured that they will be picked up and taken to the warehouse in Nogales. Our travelers need these items ONLY, so save anything else you have for another time.

The History of Our Parish

While planning the celebration of St. Francis in the Valley's 50th anniversary many documents, pictures and memories were donated by the congregation. We would like to continue collecting these important documents in order to have a complete record of the development of the Parish. There are many ways you can help. See what you have to donate from your own collection of memories. This could include your personal thoughts, pictures of events, and your story with the Parish. There will be a container available Sunday mornings to receive your submissions. We need everyone's help in making this project a success. Thanks in advance, *Joyce Davison* (*jadglendale@gmail.com*)

Temporarily Closed

The St. Francis' Boutique is now temporarily closed. There were no calls for appointments in January and at this point, it is believed that because of the pandemic, parishioners just are not comfortable coming in to shop.

We look forward to opening again and meeting your shopping needs with our unique items at reasonable prices! Thanks for remembering the Boutique and stay safe.

Jylene Wright

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance

of someone or something you cherish? We would like to restart this tradition here at St. Francis. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

Amazon Smile

If you purchase goods from Amazon.com (and who doesn't?), a percentage of the price can be sent to your favorite charity (or church - hint, hint) as a donation. All you have to do is sign up for Amazon Smile. Talk about easy money! Try it.

Weekend Worship at St. Francis

Sunday, in-person worship is now the 10:30 AM eucharist celebrated in the Courtyard. Please bring and wear your mask and remember to stay at least six feet from others (unless you are a couple). Reserve your place with Parish Administrator Gerald, via email, at *gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org* or, if you don't have email, call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) and leave Gerald a message.

Pick up wafers for online worship on Saturdays from 3 to 4 PM at the front driveway of the church.

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