



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE ONE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 20 MARCH 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957

Two Preludes: My Song Is Love Unknown, Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 332

1. O God, unseen yet ever near,
thy presence may we feel;
and thus inspired with holy fear,
before thine altar kneel.
2. Here may thy faithful people know
the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.
3. We come, obedient to thy word,
to feast on heavenly food:
our meat the Body of the Lord,
our drink his precious Blood.
4. Thus may we all thy word obey,
for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way,
renewed with strength divine.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People *His mercy endureth for ever.*

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-15).

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God

of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (63:1-8) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. | 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, |
| 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory. | 6 When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches. |
| 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise. | 7 For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. |
| 4 So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name. | 8 My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast. |

The Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-13).

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 635

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.
2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand if you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (13:1-9).

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Fa-

ther 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*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Jennifer our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Francis and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in thy mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

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.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Leader and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts. [Psalm 96:8]*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Richard Farrant, d. 1580

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins. [Psalm 27:10]

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 with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People *It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ hath 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
Together Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy
Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of
thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very
members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,
through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy
grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do

all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the
Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 344

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

3. so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Johann Walther, 1684-1748

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome You

A warm welcome to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish please speak with Fr. Warren or Fr. Nelson after the service or get in touch with them via email at: frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org or nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org. Please take the time to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher, greeter, or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

New Mask Protocols

At their March 8 meeting, the Vestry voted to make the use of masks optional for all worship services and activities at St. Francis effective immediately. The Vestry continues to recommend the use of masks for anyone who is immune-compromised and for those who feel more comfortable wearing masks in public.

The use of hand sanitizer will continue to be offered, and the Vestry is asking parishioners to not crowd the pews, but limit numbers per pew to five or six people.

The new mask protocol may be updated as needed.

Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe. Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Lenten Study with Fr. Warren

LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2022

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

Tuesday sessions remaining:

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

March 29: Letting Go in Love

April 5: Letting Go of Shoulds

April 12: Letting Go of Expectations

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

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Monday, 10a	Hearts and Hands, Conference Room
Tuesday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 11a	Lenten Study, Parish Hall

Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 5p	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, 5:30p	Lenten Supper, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

2022 Lenten Series

The Rev. John Caleb-Collins (March 23), Bishop Jennifer Reddall (March 30), Canon Anita Braden (April 6), and Fr. Warren Leibovitch (April 13). Fr. Warren's presentation will include a Seder Meal. Each evening will begin with *Stations of the Cross* at 5 PM in the Courtyard, followed by dinner at 5:30 PM and our guest speaker presentation at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendar so you won't miss these opportunities to enhance your Lenten observance.

Tickets—priced at \$7 per person—are on sale after Sunday services. Look forward to some wonderful soups and even, this year, dessert! You may also sign up in the Parish Office during the week. Please note: supper by reservation only.

Easter Baskets

On Sunday, April 17, families will gather at the Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales for a celebratory Easter Dinner. Each child is to receive an Easter Basket filled with traditional Easter goodies donated and prepared by us here at St. Francis. We were in the middle of putting this together last year when Covid canceled it. We ended up storing the supplies collected and last week we checked and found that we have enough baskets and grass for our 100 basket donation for this year. However, we do need wrapped candy and small toys to fill them.

Beginning Monday, March 21, you will find a container in the Parish Hall marked "Cross-

roads Easter Basket Supplies” for your donations. Mark your Calendars—Thursday April 14 at 10 AM—and join us in the Parish Hall to fill those baskets. Please put wrapped candy and small toys on your shopping list. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. *Jan Hall*

Prayer Chain

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

Exploring the thought of C.S. Lewis

Clive Staples Lewis was arguably the greatest Christian apologist—as in ‘one who speaks or writes in defense of someone or something’—of the twentieth century. (His books and essays are read and admired across all denominational lines in the twenty-first century too.) In his writings Lewis tackled many of the teachings of the church which trouble, or at least have the tendency to puzzle, contemporary Christians; he approaches them with clarity and a genuine interest in making them not only understandable, but also a solid foundation upon which to build a lasting faith. Lewis brings to his apologetic work the same depth of understanding and deftness of thought he exhibits in his celebrated work as a scholar.

Would you be interested in joining a study/discussion group on the thought of C.S. Lewis? If so, email Gerald at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org and he will be glad to get information to you on a proposed recurring class devoted to this great Christian thinker.

New Boutique Items

Spring is in the air and Easter will soon be here! Come see the unique, beautiful items the St. Francis’ Boutique is offering for

your shopping pleasure. Your support is so important as all profits go right back to St. Francis for use in the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. It’s easy shopping during coffee hour each Sunday; your purchase is the gift that keeps on giving. Come in, take a look! *Jylene Wright*

Forward Day by Day

Devotional booklets for February, March, and April 2022 are now available in the Parish Office, Parish Hall, and Narthex.

Cruzando Fronteras

Our Parish has been most generous in their response to requests for winter needs. Although Vicks and Chapstick are no longer needed, baby diapers are always welcome. The families at La Casa de la Misericordia are most grateful. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Food Bank Gifts

As you shop the oftentimes empty shelves at the grocery please remember that there are also empty shelves at our Food Bank. The Food Bank needs canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam), canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, soup, and chili. Let’s buy extra of what is available and on sale to help our neighbors. There are baskets for your gifts as you enter the Church through the Courtyard and at the Chapel entrance.

Home Communion

St. Francis is once again offering home Communion to parishioners unable to attend church services. If you would like a Lay Eucharistic Volunteer to bring you the Sacrament, please contact Deacon Becky (480-204-0022) or via email (1beckyw@cox.net).