



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
3 MARCH 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Raymond H. Haan, b. 1938

Canzonet No. 3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 372

1. Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

2. Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below,
his will obeys.

3. His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spoke of old;
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

4. Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.

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, you know that we have no power in 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *(please be seated)*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (20:1-17).

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

THE PSALM (19) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
* and the firmament shows his handiwork. | 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and
revives the soul; * the testimony of
the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to
the innocent. |
| 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and
one night imparts knowledge to another. | 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and
rejoice the heart; * the commandment
of the LORD is clear and gives light to
the eyes. |
| 3 Although they have no words or lan-
guage, * and their voices are not
heard, | 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and
endures for ever; * the judgments of
the LORD are true and righteous alto-
gether. |
| 4 Their sound has gone out into all
lands, * and their message to the ends
of the world. | 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * sweeter
far than honey, than honey in the
comb. |
| 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for
the sun; * it comes forth like a bride-
groom out of his chamber; it rejoices
like a champion to run its course. | 11 By them also is your servant enlight-
ened, * and in keeping them there is
great reward. |
| 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge
of the heavens and runs about to the
end of it again; * nothing is hidden
from its burning heat. | 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults. |

continued

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-25).

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader *The Word of the Lord*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 313

1. Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.
2. Thou didst die that I might live;
blessèd Lord, thou cam’st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.
3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.
4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (2:13-22).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: Clyde Kunz, *Canon for Stewardship & Planned Giving, Diocese of Arizona*

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

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47

*Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations; Thou art alone our sword
and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations. Defend us, O God, we pray thee.*

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant God our refuge and our 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 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 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 kneel-
ing 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 300

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| 1. Glory, love, and praise, and honor
for our food
now bestowed
render we the Donor.
Bounteous God, we now confess thee:
God, who thus blessest us,
right it is to bless thee. | 2. Thankful for our every blessing,
let us sing
Christ the Spring,
never, never ceasing.
Source of all our gifts and graces,
Christ we own; Christ alone
calls for all our praises. |
| 3. He dispels our sin and sadness,
life imparts,
cheers our hearts,
fills with food and gladness.
Who himself for all hath given,
us he feeds, us he leads
to a feast in heaven. | |

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Benedetto Marcello, 1686-1739

Exaudiat te Dominus

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 Offerings at St. Francis in the Valley

► Our Lenten observances this week 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 third in our series of Lenten soup and salad suppers with guest speaker presentations will be Wednesday at 5:30 PM; join us beforehand, at 5 PM in the Courtyard, for STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The presentation this Wednesday will be by Imago Dei Middle School's *Santa Theresa Tile Works* (Cameron Taylor, Head of the School). Tickets for the soup suppers are priced at \$6. ► 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. ► Fr. Warren will be preparing and presenting a *Seder Meal* on Wednesday

in Holy Week, March 27; donations will be gratefully received to cover costs. Check out the sign up tables in the Parish Hall for more information on these and other Lenten offerings and join us for as many of these wonderful events as you can.

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Holy Eucharist will be celebrated March 9 at 4 PM.

This Week at St. Francis

Today, 10:15a	Lector Meeting, Conference Room
Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
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
Saturday, 4p	Saturday Eucharist, Parish Hall

Lector Ministry

We'll have a meeting with all available lectors to celebrate and review our ministry, including ways to enhance it. If you are interested in this ministry, please join us in the Conference Room this morning following the 9 AM service, after your trip to the refreshment tables. Blessings, *Tom Neyland*+

Easter Baskets

Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales is having their annual Easter Dinner on Sunday, March 31, and, as we have for the past several years, our HEARTS & HANDS COMMITTEE has agreed to contribute 100 filled Easter Baskets for the Children's Easter Egg

Hunt, and we need YOUR help to meet our goal. Look in the Parish Hall for the marked container where you can put your donations. Your shopping list includes: ▶ Easter baskets, ▶ small toys and ▶ wrapped candy. If shopping is not your thing you may write a check to St. Francis—writing *Easter Baskets* on the memo line—and a bunny we happen to know will shop for you. Then, join us on Wednesday, March 27, in the Parish Hall at 10 AM to help us put the baskets together. Thank you for helping us with this HEARTS & HANDS ministry project, either for the first time or once again.

Urgent Need

We are looking for crucifers, acolytes, servers, and Altar Guild members, and the need is great and urgent. If you have experience in any of these areas of service, please consider stepping up to help. If you haven't experience but are willing to learn, we will be delighted to train you. Questions? Get in touch with Norma Pool (Altar Guild) or Fr. Warren (all the rest).

Hearts & Hands Ministries

▶ THANK YOU for continuing to bring non-perishable food for our friends at the local Food Banks. And thanks to the volunteers who gather it and take it every month. We need a volunteer for September; if you can help, email Barb at *behook@aol.com*.

▶ HELP NEEDED: We are still hoping for HEARTS & HANDS 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*.

Solo Journeyers

The Solo Group will again be getting together for a light Pot Luck on Sunday, March 17, at 4 PM at the home of Kristi Thompson, 120 W Paseo Canasta, Green Valley, AZ 85614 (520-207-0465). Please bring a small nibble/hors d'oeuvre to share with your fellow Solo's (drinks will be provided). Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall today and next Sunday.

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: pray for those who have died.

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