



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 3 APRIL 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE *Two Chorales on 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded'* J. Brahms, 1833-97

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 473

REFRAIN

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(Refrain)*

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

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

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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 the Prophet Isaiah (43:16-21).

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (126) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 | When the LORD restored the fortunes
of Zion, * | 6 | Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy. |
| | then were we like those who dream. | | |
| 2 | Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, * | 7 | Those who go out weeping, carrying
the seed, * will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves. |
| | and our tongue with shouts of joy. | | |
| 3 | Then they said among the nations, * | | |
| | "The LORD has done great things for
them." | | |
| 4 | The LORD has done great things for
us, * and we are glad indeed. | | |
| 5 | Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * | | |
| | like the watercourses of the Negev. | | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14).

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 470

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (12:1-8).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING SUNDAY *Carol Berg, Jonell Kotouc*

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.*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AT THE OFFERTORY

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace
The St. Francis Handbell Ensemble

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation:
People *and make us a living sacrifice to you,*
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Then 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Worshippers wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive the elements at one of two standing Communion stations at the front of the church. To avoid crowding the center aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward; please remember to follow Usher's directions.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 397

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
With ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*O Day of Peace
In honor of Ukraine*

Charles Callahan, b. 1951

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.

Daughters of the King Sunday

Please join the Daughters after the service in the Parish Hall for cake and beverages to celebrate the 137th Anniversary of the founding of the Order. Information will be available about the Order and for any lady interested in joining the St. Clare Chapter.

Our Motto: For His sake...I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I, ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do. Lord what will you have me do?

Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND 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 and 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

Sessions remaining:

Week 5 – April 5: Letting Go of Shoulds

Week 6 – 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, 12p	TeleCare, Conf Room
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Parish Hall
Tuesday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 11a	Lenten Study, Parish Hall
Tuesday, 12p	Stephen Ministry, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 5p	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, 5:30p	Lenten Supper, Parish Hall
Thursday, 10a	Stewardship, Conf Room
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

2022 Lenten Series

Our guest lecturers for the remaining 2022 Wednesday Lenten Series include Canon Anita Braden (April 6, please note that Stations of the Cross will be prayed **in the Church** that evening, starting at **4:30 PM**), and Fr. Warren Leibovitch (April 13—no Stations of the Cross that evening). Fr. Warren's pre-

sentation will include a Seder Meal (*see announcement below for details*). Mark your calendar so you won't miss these opportunities to enhance your Lenten observance.

Tickets—priced at \$7 per person—will be 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.

April 13 Seder Meal

Join us at 5 PM in the Parish Hall Wednesday, April 13, for a traditional Seder meal planned and prepared for us by Fr. Warren. Please note that the event begins promptly at 5 PM, and that Stations of the Cross will not be prayed that afternoon. As seating is limited it will be necessary to register in advance if you wish to attend; plan to sign up during Sunday coffee hour or in the Parish Office during the week. The menu will include chicken matzo soup, braised brisket, roasted potatoes, green beans and carrots, wine and grape juice, and an unleavened dessert. Donations to cover costs will be collected at the event.

Wednesday, April 6, Stations of the Cross

The St. Francis Parish Choir will be leading Stations of the Cross before the Wednesday Lenten Series presentation on April 6. The service will begin at 4:30 pm and will be held in the Church.

Reminder: Easter Baskets for the Crossroads Rescue Mission

If you haven't already done so, this is a friendly reminder to bring wrapped candy to the marked container in the Parish Hall for

the Easter Baskets that will go to children at the Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales on April 14 for distribution on Easter Day.

Jan Hall

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. *Jylene Wright*

The Watch

*"Come watch with me, pray with me,
and do not be afraid"*

After the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, the Sacrament is taken in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose, a free-standing altar in the Chapel, and a vigil is kept.

At the Altar of Repose, parishioners keep vigil in silent prayer and adoration, recalling our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and his rebuke to his disciples: "What? Could you not watch one hour with me?" Those keeping vigil at the Altar of Repose further recall and respond to Jesus' admonition to his disciples to stay awake to pray with him until the Roman soldiers come to arrest and imprison him. The vigil will conclude prior to the Good Friday Service.

Deacon Becky will have a signup sheet for the Vigil starting today, Sunday, April 3. Reading material, prayers, poetry will be provided or just sit with Jesus for one hour.

Prayer Chain

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

Episcopal Prison Ministry

If you are joyfully praying for a camper at Camp Genesis, Chapel Rock, keep up the prayers. You are doing a great job.

If anyone is interested in praying for the incarcerated women Deacon Kim Crecca told us about at the Lenten Supper on March 16, please contact Rena Robbins at 541-221-8434 or foggybud@gmail.com for more information. *Rena*

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.

Cruzando Fronteras

Our parishioners have been most generous in their response to requests for winter needs. Although Vicks and Chapstick are no longer needed, baby diapers are always wel-

come. The families at La Casa de la Misericordia are most grateful. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Kino Border Initiative

The Initiative continues to serve a midday meal consisting of beans, rice, and a stew incorporating meat or poultry, and tortillas. Recipients must still use donated plastic containers with lids since on-site seating is not possible at this time. Please continue to put donated containers in the marked box in the Parish Hall. They are taken to the Comedor weekly by Samaritans when they assist with meal prep and distribution.

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