

SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO PALM SUNDAY

10 April 2022

Organ Prelude: All glory, laud, and honor, G.F. Kaufmann, 1679-1735

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our

salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation

of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and

immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love

by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and

for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 156

- 1. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
 thy humble beast pursues his road
 with palms and scattered garments
 strowed.
- 2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die;
 O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
 o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 The angel armies of the sky
 look down with sad and wondering eyes
 to see the approaching sacrifice.
 - 4. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a).

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (118:1-2, 19-29) *Please respond at the half-verse*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 435

- 1. At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2. Humbled for a season, to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;
- 3. bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

- 4. Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.
 - 5. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.
 - 6. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

THE GOSPEL (Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (19:28-40).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A fter telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from

the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord 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 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

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

setting by Davis Halls, b. 1963

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 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...

...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 471

- 1. We sing the praise of him who died, of him who died upon the cross; the sinner's hope let sin deride: for this we count the world but loss.
 - 2. Inscribed upon the cross we see in shining letters, God is love: he bears our sins upon the tree: he brings us mercy from above.
- 3. The cross: it takes our guilt away, and holds the fainting spirit up; it cheers with hope the gloomy day, and sweetens every bitter cup.
- 4. It makes the coward spirit brave, and nerves the feeble arm for fight; it takes its terror from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe, the measure and the pledge of love, the sinner's refuge here below, the angels' theme in heaven above.

THE DISMISSAL

Organ Postlude: Ride on, ride on in majesty, Malcolm Archer, b. 1952

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.

Scheduling Change: Lenten Study with Fr. Warren

The final session of Fr. Warren's Lenten study class—Letting Go of Expectations—scheduled for this coming Tuesday, April 12, is rescheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 11 AM in the Parish Hall.

Study booklets for the class include Daily reflections and exercises from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. You can sign up for the class and pick up a booklet (one per couple, please) in the Parish Office.

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.episcopalre-

lief.org/ukraineresponse) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Holy Weel	c at St. Francis
Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 11a	Social Activities,
	Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	HolyEucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Memorials Committee,
	Conference Room
Wednesday, 5p	Seder Meal, Parish Hall
Thursday, 10a	Easter Baskets,
	Parish Hall
Thursday, 10a	Library Committee,
	Library
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Thursday, 7p	Maundy Thursday

Thursday, 7p

Maundy Thursday
Liturgy, Church
Thursday, 8p

Friday, 11:30a
Friday, 12p
Saturday, 7p

Maundy Thursday
Liturgy, Church
The Watch, Chapel
Stations of the Cross
Good Friday Liturgy
The Easter Vigil

2022 Lenten Series 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.

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.

The Flowering of the Cross

Please join us on Easter morning in "The Flowering of the Cross" by bringing a flower(s) or greenery, in honor of a loved one with you to church. In the Narthex you

will find a bare, wooden cross covered with chicken wire. We invite you to place your flower(s) in one of the wires. (Extra flowers will be available for visitors.)

The flowered cross—which reminds us of the beauty of God's creation as well as the new life we have in Christ because of his death and resurrection—will be brought to the front of the church during the opening hymn.

Parish Hall Dedication

On Easter Day, Sunday, April 17, 2022, immediately after the morning service, Fr. Warren will be dedicating the MAGGIE COVERT PARISH HALL in honor of Maggie's generous gift to St. Francis in the Valley. Please join us at our coffee hour to recognize Maggie and her generosity.

Filling Easter Baskets

Thursday, April 14, at 10 AM: join us in the Parish Hall to help fill those baskets for distribution at Crossroads Rescue Mission on Easter Day. It's for the children!

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

Prayer Chain

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

Volunteers Needed

The more we do to enhance our outreach to the community and to our parishioners, the more help we need to make things happen, AND the more opportunity there is for service to your Parish. By 'help' we mean people, ready, willing, and able to pitch in. Of the several areas of parish life in need of volunteer help, one of the most important—and most urgently needed—is for audio and visual (sound and camera) assistance for Sunday services and for occasional events such as memorial services; i.e. we need help with anything that requires recording and broadcasting. We have good folks eager to train you for this important ministry. Let Gerald know of your interest (*gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org*).

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 informa-

tion 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 welcome 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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