



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING
21 NOVEMBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 494

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.
3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
4. Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.
5. Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.*

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-
beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peo-
ples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together
under his most gracious rule; 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 Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14).

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (93) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. | the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. |
| 2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved; | 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high. |
| 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting. | 6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore. |
| 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Revelation to John (1:4b-8).

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 (FORM I) *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Jennifer our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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.

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*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AT THE OFFERTORY

Peter Aston, 1938-2013

I give you a new commandment: love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.
(John 13:34-35)

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 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 [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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.

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 435

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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; | 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. |

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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.

This Week at St. Francis

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| Monday, 9a | Morning Prayer, Chapel |
| Tuesday, 9a | Handbells, Loft |
| Wednesday, 9a | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| Wednesday, 10a | Rooted In Love, Parish Hall |
| Thursday, 1p | Thanksgiving Dinner, Parish Hall |

Deck the Halls

You are invited to join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 1, at 11:30 AM, for a festive celebration to “Deck the Halls” of St. Francis. Wear your favorite Christmas sweaters or other festive attire and help us usher in the holiday spirit by enjoying some light food and making the campus of St. Francis holly and jolly!

We will have a “Do It Yourself” Christmas ornament activity where we invite you to make an ornament to be displayed on our Christmas tree in the Parish Hall! If you are unable to be at the luncheon we will have the

ornaments available at Coffee Hour leading up to Christmastide.

Please RSVP to Fr. Nelson (*nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org*) so we can get an accurate count of attendees.

The Boutique Is Open

Come see the beautiful items St. Francis Boutique is offering as you get ready for the upcoming holidays. There’s jewelry, decorative items, handmade items by parishioners such as pottery, cards, paintings, beautiful embroidered pillow cases and knitting. It’s easy shopping and all reasonably priced, and remember, all profits go directly to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. Please remember the Boutique when you shop! *Jylene Wright*

New Advent Study

Led by Fr. Warren

Join Fr. Warren for an Advent study to include daily reflections and practices throughout the four weeks of Advent, similar to the Lenten series.

The theme of the study is PRACTICING PATIENCE WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH, AND MIND.

Week One, November 30: Practicing Awareness of Our Impatience

Week Two, December 7: Practicing Patience with Ourselves

Week Three, December 14: Practicing Patience with Others

Week Four, December 21: Practicing Patience with God.

Plan to join Fr. Warren at 10 AM in the Parish Hall for every session; he will be delighted to see you.

Outreach Christmas Stars

Bea Dow and Nancy Symons (aka Santa's Elves) are busy helping the Salvation Army spread Christmas Cheer. This year, instead of collecting toys for distribution, we are concentrating on providing \$50 gift cards for teenagers. Stars, each one with the name of a needy recipient thereupon (you can tell Gerald wrote this blurb), will be available today in the Courtyard. Just grab one, purchase a \$50 gift card, and look for the CHRISTMAS STARS table on Sunday morning. Alternatively, you may write a check with 'Xmas Stars' on the Memo line, bring it or mail it to the Parish Office and the 'Elves' will do the shopping for you. Stars must be turned in by December 12.

Christmas Card Party

The 25th annual Covenant Fund Christmas Card Party will be celebrated in the St. Francis Parish Hall on Saturday, December 4, at 2 PM, and you are invited. We will require an RSVP as we are limited to no more than 100 guests. Call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to reserve your place. Enjoy a lovely meal catered by Santa Cruz Caterers, and Christmas music by Harpist, Christine Vivona.

The Covenant Fund, administered by the Rector, was established in 1993 by Dorothy Baldwin to provide temporary financial aid for needy St. Francis Parishioners. Here's how it works: Instead of sending cards to all your friends at St. Francis, just buy one card and put the money you save on cards and postage in the envelope and bring it along to the party. Your card will be placed on the tree in the Parish Hall where all will be able to enjoy it and the money you have saved will be donated to the St. Francis Covenant Fund.

New Protocols

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP
We are pleased to announce the following changes to our Covid 19 protocols:

From this point forward -

- all pews will be open for seating,
- the main (East) door into the Narthex will be open to welcome worshippers,
- worshippers wishing to receive Communion will be invited to receive the elements at one of two standing Communion stations at the front of the church,
- Communion wafers will no longer be in plastic baggies, and
- Communion wine will be available by intinction only for those wishing to receive it.

To avoid crowding the aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward *please remember to follow Usher's directions*; masks will still be required in large groups such as worship services for the time being.

These changes are a step forward to the full removal of COVID 19 protocols. However, we will continue to keep an eye on COVID variants and are prepared to bring back restrictions if the need arises in order to protect those who have underlying health conditions.

Tracking Stewardship

Our most hearty thanks to all who have filled-out and sent in their Estimate of Giving forms; thanks to all of you we are on our way to establishing our new budget. If you have not as yet had a chance to complete and submit your form, we ask that you do so before the last Sunday in November (the 28th). If you have not received your stewardship materials, just stop in at the Parish Office and we will be happy to provide them. You may also submit your pledging information

to Finance Officer Deborah (she's very nice) by phone; give her a call at 625-1370. To date we have received 68 Estimate of Giving forms with \$160,792 pledged.

Rooted in Love: The Episcopal Way

You may still register online for the ROOTED IN LOVE class; just go to bit.ly/StFrancisRooted (note that this link is 'case sensitive'—that is, it's important to observe upper and lower case letters when typing).

Classes are held in the St. Francis Parish Hall at 10 AM on Wednesdays running through December 1. For more information contact Fr. Nelson—nelson@stfranciscgvaz.org or 520-625-1370.

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).

Cruzando Fronteras

Cruzando needs chap stick, small jars of Vicks, and white socks for children and adults. Look for the collection spot in the Parish Hall.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for December

The Parish provides everything for Sunday Coffee Hour, but needs your help to arrange cookies on plates, setting out cups and juice and coffee carafes. Serving cookies and pouring juice and coffee is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Contact Gail Haight (520-490-2739) and let her know you want to lend a hand.

Roof Replacement Update

As discussed at the recent Town Hall, the cost to replace our roofs is over \$74,000. (At this writing the total stands at \$12,925 - up from \$11,875 last week.) We invite all parishioners who would like to donate towards this important need, to write a check with the memo "Roof Repair Fund." All donations are greatly appreciated!

Prayer Chain

For **PRAYER CHAIN** requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnrats@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

Amazon Smile

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

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