



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 JULY 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Lee Hastings Bristol, 1923-79

Prelude on Two Folk Hymns

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 544

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;

and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as
our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the
things eternal; 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 Second Book of Kings (4:42-44).

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of
God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to
the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hun-
dred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says
the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and
had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

THE PSALM (145:10-19) *Please respond at the half-verse*

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your
kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your

power * and the glorious splendor of
your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting king-
dom; * your dominion endures
throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed
down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
*and you give them their food in due
season.

17 You open wide your hand * and sat-
isfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call
upon him, * to all who call upon him
faithfully.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:14-21).

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 309

1. O Food to pilgrims given,
O Bread of life from heaven,
O Manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us,
whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

2. O stream of love past telling,
O purest fountain, welling
from out the Savior's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us,
and all we need provide.

3. O Jesus, by thee bidden,
we here adore thee, hidden
in forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is riven,
we may behold, in heaven,
thy countenance divine.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (6:1-21).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Very 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 Fa-

ther. 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, FORM VI *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*
Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect, and for Jennifer our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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 SENTENCE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Cecil Armstrong Gibbs, 1889-1960

Folk Song

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.

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms over your chest. After receiving Communion, if you would like personal prayers for yourself or others, members of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be available in the Chapel to pray with and for you.

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 455

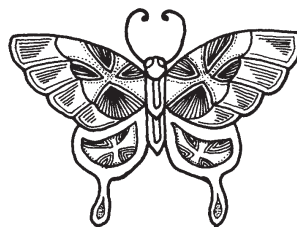
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| 1. O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought. | 3. We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die. |
| 2. O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow. | 4. We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might. |

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Michael McCabe, b. 1941

Trumpet Tune in A



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 after the service or get in touch with him via email (frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org). Please take a moment 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
Wednesday, 9a Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Social Activities Spring Events

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS: On Friday, August 30, we will be watching *Calendar Girls* at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. A signup sheet is available in the Parish Hall on Sundays, or you may call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) during the week to make a reservation. And don't forget your potluck delight to share.

Looking ahead: on Friday September 27, Gerald Near will be presenting our Musical Potluck Movie, and on Friday, October 11, we'll be having our Welcome Back BBQ to kick off our fall activities.

If you'd like to help out with any of our activities, contact Tisha Stril at tishastril@gmail.com or Julie Reppenhagen at jrepp@snet.net. SAT looks forward to seeing you all.

Pastoral Care

There are parishioners in our midst in need of pastoral care who have not been able to access these important ministries, in large part because we don't know who they are. A REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CARE form has been developed to help meet this need. The form

will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings and, during the week, in the Parish Office and on the St. Francis website. To access the form online, click on 'Ministry,' 'Caring,' and 'Pastoral Care Request.' You can print the form and bring it to the Parish Office (we'll take it from there) or email it to mikelkuebler@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping us meet the pastoral care needs of our parishioners. *Fr. Warren*

Parish Newsletter Deadline

Copy for the September/October issue of the Parish Newsletter—THE FRANCISCAN STAFF—will be due by August 12, 2024. Please send your copy via email to gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org in Word doc format, or simply type it into the body of an email. Tip: Please avoid using '&' for *and*, and '@' for *at*: use the actual word.

Festival of Trees

Picture, if you will, a slightly chilly evening—the first Friday in December. You are standing on the sidewalk in front of St. Francis. Christmas trees fill the area between the church and the street, the courtyard is filled with trees, and you have even caught a glimpse of trees in the Parish Hall and inside the church. A crowd is gathering and, as the sun slowly sets, Father Warren flips a switch and the trees—there must be twenty or thirty of them—are ablaze with lights.

The air is filled with familiar carols as the gates into the courtyard are open and folks—old and young, families and friends, grandparents, parents and children—file in to ooh and aah over the trees, each sponsored and decorated by a Green Valley or Sahuarita organization or business. The air is filled with the enchantment of Christmas as folks ad-

mire the trees and then make their way into the Parish Hall where more trees, a table filled with gourmet baked goods, a gift basket silent auction, hot chocolate and cookies, and so much more, and yes—Santa Claus—await.

This, my friends, is the **FESTIVAL OF TREES** hosted by St. Francis in the Valley to bring the community together and share in the magic of the Christmas season. This is the event we as a Parish have been searching for to replace the much acclaimed Home Tour. Planning is already underway. Tommy and Craig Reid have taken on the task of overseeing the Festival and parishioners are already volunteering to be a part of this exciting new endeavor. So mark your calendars for Friday, December 6, Saturday, December 7, and Sunday December 8 and let Tommy and Craig know how you can help

Heart & Hands Ministries

▶ **HUMAN INTEREST STORY:** three years ago, when the border reopened, Deacon Becky joined a group of Green Valley Samaritans (who are mostly from St. Francis) with the Sonora Migrant Project, to meet and greet deportees from the American side to the Mexican side. We would provide a smile and greeting of welcome, granola bars, clothing, and assistance for those trying to gain asylum through help from Kino. When Title 42 was dropped we started greeting deportees, asylum seekers, and we are now escorting those with their papers to the Casa Alitas Welcome Center in Nogales, AZ from which they will go to their sponsors. More next week.

▶ **NEW MINISTRY** School Supplies for our future leaders: Joyce Davison has been working with the **KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BUILD-**

ERS CLUB which teaches leadership skills to 6, 7 and 8th graders at the Continental Elementary School. She overheard teachers talking about buying supplies for their students with their own money and, therefore, a new Ministry is born. Joyce and Pat Peissig will set up an information table in the Parish Hall after Sunday Service from June 30 to July 28 with a list of supplies needed; she will also have a place to drop off your donation. Of course a money donation is always welcome—instructions for donations are below. ▶ **TODAY, Sunday, July 28,** ends your chance to donate either teachers supplies or cash or check to help this ministry. Thank you all for the wonderful donations we have collected. We will let you know the total of everything in a few weeks.

▶ **SISTER JOSE'S WOMEN'S SHELTER:** The shelter accepts donations of sneakers as well as unused hotel-sized personal items. Women not staying at the shelter can also go to the shelter to shower, wash their clothes and have a meal. Follow the expansion project which is adding more rooms, bathrooms and expanded dining room on their Facebook and Instagram sites. Money donations are always welcome.

▶ **FOOD BANKS:** The food bank is requesting canned meat products, vegetables, fruits, soups, and tomato products (low sodium, if possible) for July. You can deposit your donations in the boxes outside the Parish Hall, one at the front door and another at the south door near the Chapel. Your offerings will be blessed on the first Sunday of each month.

▶ The **SAHUARITA FOOD BANK** collects cardboard—that includes cereal box styles as well as clean milk cartons. The receptacle is located on the south side of the Food Bank,

beside the Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

▶ Please deposit reusable grocery bags and Dollar store bags in the KINO box in the Donations room. These bags will be put to good use by people returning home to Mexico. They could also use travel-sized hygiene products, especially bar soap.

▶ Remember, donations of money are always welcome for any of our ministries—simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the ministry name in the memo line and we'll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

▶ And most importantly—if you have a Passion for a Ministry—bring your voice to a Heart and Hands meeting the third Monday of the month at 10 o'clock in Meeting Room 2 across the hall from the Library. A special THANK YOU to Joyce Davison who has volunteered to be the meeting coordinator during the summer.

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.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotion booklets for August, September, and October 2024 are now available in the Parish Hall and Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Henry 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, Kyle Davison, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Stephen North, Will, Carolyn, Jerry Lounsberry.

Remembering those who have died: Bob Bates.

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