



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4 AUGUST 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

César Franck, 1822-90

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 11

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice:
2. Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will,
and with thyself my spirit fill.
3. Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design, or do, or say;
that all my powers, with all their might,
in thy sole glory may unite.
4. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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 God be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (16:2-4, 9-15).

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the

Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (78:23-29) *Please respond at the half-verse*

23 So he commanded the clouds above
*and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to
eat * and gave them grain from heav-
en.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in
the heavens * and led out the south
wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like
dust * and winged birds like the sand
of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp
* and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, * for
he gave them what they craved.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-16).

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 516

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
- and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and
clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (6:24-35).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Mike Kuebler

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose over-arches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*

(after each petition, there will be a pause to allow people to add their own prayers)

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our presiding Bishop; Sean our presiding Bishop-Elect, Jennifer our Bishop; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the leaders and those in authority in every nation of the world; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for wisdom, justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended. Pray for our enemies and those whom we have harmed.

I ask your prayers for this good earth, that we respect God's creation and work to preserve and protect its bountiful resources. Pray for our earnest care of creation.

I invite you to add your own petitions.

I invite your own thanksgivings.

Leader We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather:

People We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham (thaw-naw awe-thumb), as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, in Trinity of Persons and singleness of Divinity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Together God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of God 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

César Franck, 1822-90

Panis Angelicus (Mortals ate the bread of angels.)

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 (from *Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2*)

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Together Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross

the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Together Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

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 God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 690

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Paul O. Manz, 1919-2009

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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@stfranciscgvaz.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.

Today

Our Celebrant this morning is The Rev. Judith Turberg, and our preacher is Mike Kuebler.

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 avail-

able 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.

This Week at St. Francis

Wednesday, 9a Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 11a Stewardship, Library

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 admire 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. We have been so blessed with volunteers from this Parish. You, the Parish, have graciously provided reusable bags, toothbrushes, soap, clothing, containers for meals at Kino, crayons and coloring pages for the children, and the hands-on volunteering at the border, and sorting clothes for Kino.

Indeed it does take a village. Whether it’s flip flops, taxi fare, a granola bar or a simple welcoming smile, we, the village, come to the fray and offer what we can.

▶ 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.

Music Notes

At the Offertory this morning we hear one of the most famous and recognizable pieces of 19th century church music, César Franck's *Panis Angelicus*. (The original work is scored for chorus and organ; this morning we hear an organ transcription.) Franck was himself a great organist as well as a great composer of organ music; check out (on You Tube) his *Three Chorales* for Organ performed by Olivier Latry on the newly-renovated Notre-Dame de Paris organ. The full text of *Panis Angeli-*

cus is taken from a Hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas called *Sacris Solemniis*, the sixth stanza of which recalls verse 25 of today's Psalm. The 'Bread of Heaven' idea crops up again in the first stanza of our Closing Hymn: "Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore." *Gerald*

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 ijnrats@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, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Stephen North, Will, Carolyn, Jerry Lounsberry.

Remembering those who have died: Bob Bates.

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