



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 AUGUST 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Thomas Arne, 1701-78

Sonata No. 7: Allegro

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 7

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,

till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 First Book of Kings (19:4-8).

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM (34:1-8) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth. | 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed. |
| 2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice. | 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles. |
| 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together. | 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them. |
| 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror. | 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him! |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:25—5:2).

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (6:35, 41-51).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Becky Williamson

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

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

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

Arcangelo Corelli, 1653-1713

Arioso in A-flat

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 every-
where 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 810 *Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

2. Snares of the fowler will never
capture you, and famine will bring you no
fear; under God's wings your refuge
with faithfulness your shield.

REFRAIN

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand."

3. For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

John Stanley, 1712-86

Processional in G

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.

This morning...

Our Celebrant this morning is The Rev. Ted Holt, and our Preacher is Deacon Becky Williamson.

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.

This Week at St. Francis

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| Tuesday, 4p | Vestry, Conference Rm |
| Wednesday, 9a | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| Wednesday, 10a | DOK, Vulliamy Room |
| Wednesday, 10a | Memorials Committee, St. Francis Room |

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.

Huge Book Sale

October 4-6

Bring all the books you no longer need or want to church now, and they will be added to the collection for this final sale, which will be open to the public. Drop your donations off in the Parish Hall during regular Parish Office hours (9 AM until Noon, Monday through Thursday).

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 bas-

ket 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.

A Catechism of Creation AN EPISCOPAL UNDERSTANDING

Bishop Jennifer Reddall is encouraging a focus on creation care. What does it mean to “care for creation”? It means that Christians are commissioned to model for all humankind how to love and serve this earth, the part of the creation upon which we dwell. The Green Team is a grassroots group of people that model and teach practical skills to live in harmony with the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling.

A way to practice creation care is to reduce paper waste by sharing bulletins. If you are comfortable with using the hymnals and Book of Common Prayer that’s also a possibility. “Do your little bit of good where you are, it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” *Desmond Tutu*

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 church. 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/dry beans, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass jars, please), rice, cereal, Mac & Cheese, and chili for August. 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 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, Kyle Davison, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Stephen North, Will, Carolyn, Jerry Lounsberry.

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