



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Rector*  
The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*  
The Rev. Linda Hutson, *Deacon*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

20 AUGUST 2023

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

*Prelude on the Welsh Tune 'Rhosymedre'*

**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 forever. 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*)

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON (*Please be seated.*)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (56:1. 6-8).

Thus says the LORD:  
Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** (67) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 | May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.                          | 5 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.                    |
| 2 | Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.  | 6 | The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing. |
| 3 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.  | 7 | May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.  |
| 4 | Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. |   |   |

**The Epistle**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (11:1-2a, 29-32).

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN 380

1. From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung  
through every land, by every tongue!

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,  
and truth eternal is thy word:  
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
till suns shall rise and set no more.

3. 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 GOSPEL *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (15:10-28).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON:** The Rev. Tom Neyland

## 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, and 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.*

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your  
church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next  
presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all your  
people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN 321

1. My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2. O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3. Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless number let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4. Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

## AT THE PRESENTATION

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

## AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer C*)

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    God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of  
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us  
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed  
your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets  
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the  
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to  
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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*

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*



Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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, please cross your arms over your chest. Please remember to follow Usher's directions.*

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)**

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Together* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **THE BLESSING**

## CLOSING HYMN 371

1. Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!
2. Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind,  
let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight!  
Move on the waters' face  
bearing the gifts of grace,  
and, in earth's darkest place,  
let there be light!
4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
let there be light!

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*

Healey Willan, 1880-1968

## 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 get in touch with him via email at [frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org). Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

## Serving Today

The Rev. Judith Turberg is our Celebrant this morning, and The Rev. Tom Neyland will be preaching.

## Fall Bible Study

The Fall Bible Study class will start Tuesday, September 19, and run for 7 weeks, meeting in the Parish Hall from 10:30 to 11:45 AM.

We will focus on the four Gospels and where they fit into Salvation History, the portraits of Jesus in the Gospels, and some stories behind each portrait. For example: "Jesus the Storyteller" will focus on the parables of Jesus. The last session will be on the first Chapters of *The Acts of the Apostles* and the book of *Philemon*, the shortest book of the Bible.

To sign up for the class, please call me at 520-907-7204 or email me at [mikelkuebler@yahoo.com](mailto:mikelkuebler@yahoo.com). I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. I will also have a sign up table after the service on Sunday, September 10 and 17. *Mike Kuebler*

## Summer Movie Night

Friday, August 25, is the next DINNER AND A MOVIE night, featuring the 2017 remake of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. Kenneth Branagh stars as Hercule Poirot, the best detective in the world—just ask him—with co-stars Penelope Cruz and

Willem Dafoe. When a murder occurs on the train on which the amazing Hercule is traveling he is recruited to solve the case. It's classic Agatha Christie with a few twists. Sign up for an evening of good food and fun at the Social Activities table in the Parish Hall.

### This Week at St. Francis

Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Friday, 5p	Movie Night, Parish Hall

### It's Murder—and You're Invited

The spaces are filling up fast! Don't let a murder happen without your participation. The date is Saturday September 16 at 5 pm in the parish hall for a murder mystery and potluck dinner. For those not familiar with mystery parties, a murder has been committed and each guest is a suspect. You will interrogate the other guests, defend your innocence, and help expose the real murderer. Each guest participates at whatever level they feel comfortable—from quiet observer to star of the show. So rush on over to the SAT table in the parish hall and get your name of the list before all the best parts are taken.

### Water Harvesting

Jon and I recently participated in the "Rain-water Collection for Arizona's Episcopal Churches" webinar hosted by the Diocesan Creation Care Council. Throughout the state, individuals and churches are troubled about the decreasing water levels and are eager to learn practical and economical techniques for harvesting and conserving water. The St. Francis Landscaping Team has been vigilant to plant drought resistant plants and prepare water diversion systems. The "pond" is an excellent example of forward planning

and implementation. Possibly, rain barrels to harvest roof runoff is next. The GREEN TEAM welcomes new members as we explore ways to Care for Creation at St. Francis, in the community, schools, organizations and in our homes. It would be my pleasure to chat. Give me a call or email. 520-528-4271. *Sburch33@gmail.com Susan Burch*

Tip: Put a bucket in the shower. Harvest the wasted water before you step in. Use the bucketed water for plants.

### Hearts & Hands Ministries

BOOKS FOR CLASSROOMS: B for C needs your Buttons! The Tohono O'odham schools are collecting buttons to help the children learn math. Please bring any buttons you have that are 1/4" inch and larger to the library table and Librarian Joyce will take them to the Books for Classrooms Headquarters. This is a STEM project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) recently added to the book program in progress.

VALLEY ASSISTANCE: VA helps folks in need by providing bar soap, laundry and dish washing detergent, ammonia (or glass cleaner), toilet paper, tampons, sanitary pads (regular or medium, or overnight-style with wings). You can help by purchasing some of these items, bringing them to church and depositing them in the labeled, purple container in the Sexton's closet (Southwest corner of the Parish Hall).

► LOCAL FOOD BANKS: We continue to collect non-perishable items for our local Food Banks. For August the Green Valley Food Bank is requesting canned meats, Spam, hash, chili beans, rice, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass containers, please). Monetary donations are welcome too, simply write your check payable to St. Francis with *Green Val-*

ley Food Bank 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.

▶ DON'T FORGET: the Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard (cereal box style too). The receptacle is located next to Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

### Prison Ministry

There is something new at the Prison Ministry table! We have bookmarks available for sale. The bookmarks are watercolor art created by an inmate at Perryville Women's Prison. The cost of the bookmarks is a donation. The money raised will be for Camp Genesis at Chapel Rock. Next June the campers will be divided into two age groups. The older campers will have a special trip that will need extra funding. Please support the campers with your generous donations and more importantly your ongoing prayers for a great group of kids. THANK YOU!

*Rena Robbins*

### From the Parish Treasurer

#### July Income/Expense Results

Operating Income (actual): \$27, 583

Operating Income (budget): \$28,514

Operating Expense (actual): \$43,767

Operating Expense (budget): \$49,348

### A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

### Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for August, September, and October 2023, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

### Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, [jnjrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnjrats@gmail.com)

### Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Paul Witte, Henry Witte, Dick Kosnick, Clyde Tardy, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Ben Shiriak, Eileen Fanning, Shirley Underwood, Amanda, Frank Brown, Debi Murry, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Edgar, Miguel, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Lance Parker Eaves, Craig Reid.

Remembering those who have died: Barbara LaBarre, Margaret Bowman, Kathy Ravine, Dorothy Blakely, Bill Peissig

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