



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

From God I will not turn

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 390

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord; over all things he
gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings,
safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let
all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (32:7-14).

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to

your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (51:1-11) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses. | 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly. |
| 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin. | 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. |
| 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me. | 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice. |
| 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight. | 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities. |
| 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment. | 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me. |
| 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb. | |

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:12-17).

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 470

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (15:1-10).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Judith Turberg

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 IV)

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the arrested and accused, that they may be granted courage during their time of trial, and that justice will prevail.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he
loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or
Spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and
bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will
for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:
We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of this land.

Silence

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor and encouraged us not to for-
get those who are vulnerable: be with us as we seek to make changes to systems that
violate the dignity of others so that they will foster restoration rather than retribu-
tion. Help us to be compassionate toward all your people that they may experience
your peace. Lead us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you now and
forever.

Amen.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand. 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)*

OFFERTORY HYMN 684

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| 1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb! | 3. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast. |
| 2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word? | 4. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee. |
| 5. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb. | |

AT THE PRESENTATION

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

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Together Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 one of two standing Communion Stations at the front of the church. To avoid crowding the center aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward; 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 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 411

1. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!

2. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.

3. He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.

4. He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.

5. He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.

6. Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

J.G. Walther. 1684-1748

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
and in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary by Bill & Marie Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome You

A warm welcome to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish please speak with Fr. Warren after the service or get in touch with him via email at: frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org. Please take the time to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher, greeter, or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

Prison Ministry

September is Prison Awareness month in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. We are collecting yarn for the women of Perryville prison. The women crochet blankets for babies in local hospitals and beanies for homeless folks. If you have any scraps or skeins of yarn cluttering up your closets please bring them to the church during September and early October. The yarn will be delivered to the Episcopal Prison Ministry representative at the annual convention. We still have birthday card requests and Perryville Notecards available in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. Thank you for keeping those who are incarcerated in your prayers. *Rena Robbins*

Fall Photo Sessions

Fall photo sessions are beginning today. Visit the sign-up table in the Parish Hall and schedule your appointment. Photos will be taken today, September 25, and October 9 and 23 in Meeting Room 2 (across from the library). Sign -up early to book your preferred day. For questions or additional information about the photo directory project, email Lou Terry: thirdangell@cox.net

Daily Devotional Booklets

FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets for August, September and October are now available in the Parish Hall, Narthex and Parish Office. "Forward Day by Day inspires people who want to be more like Jesus and encourages them to spread his love in the world." Pick up a copy today!

This Week at St. Francis

Today	Photo Sessions, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 4p	Vestry, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Memorials Committee, St. Francis Room
Thursday, 10a	Personnel Committee, Conference Room
Next Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

Prayer Chain

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

Hearts and Hands

Our September project is BOOKS FOR CLASSROOMS. Founder, Linda Laird, will be available in the Parish Hall this month to share information about how to participate in this important program and how to go about donating literature to in-need Tucson public schools.

TeleCare Ministry

TeleCare Ministry is looking for a volunteer to make phone calls to parishioners on a quarterly basis. This great ministry enables parishioners to remain in contact with the church. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Becky at 480-204-0022 to discuss this valuable ministry.

Franciscan Activities

As Fr. Warren has stated in the September Newsletter, we will be focusing every week on St. Francis and Franciscan Values, during the month of October. Listed below are the dates, times, place and a short description for each event:

Thursday, October 6, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Review of Francis' life and spirit by Dr. Arthur Remillard, Professor and Chair of the Religious Studies Department at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA.

Friday, October 7, Parish Hall, 5 PM—Potluck dinner and movie featuring Tom Hanks as Mr. Rogers, followed by a discussion on Mr. Rogers as an exemplar of Franciscan values.

Thursday, October 13, Parish Hall 10 AM—Zoom presentation by Dr. Arthur Remillard on the spiritual connection between St. Francis and Mr. Rogers.

Thursday, October 20, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective on the CARE FOR CREATION by Dr. Vince Remillard.

Thursday, October 27, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective of COMPASSION by Fr. Tom Neyland.

The purpose of these activities is not limited to knowledge of Francis but especially to showing how our parish can continue the Franciscan values that have been held and followed for more than 800 years and continue to be relevant in the reformation of Christ's Church. *Vince Remillard*

Music at St. Francis

The St. Francis Parish Choir will begin their fall season with a rehearsal in the Choir Loft on Thursday, September 22 at 2 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir—a conge-

nial and always jovial group—please get in touch with Gerald (Choirmaster) via email at gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org. He will be delighted to hear from you. Singers are needed in all sections of the choir, but especially tenors. You are not required to read music or to have extensive background as a vocalist; a decent singing voice and a willingness to learn is all that's required. We will reward you with first-class professional training.

St. Francis Shirts & Caps

St. Francis shirts and caps will be available this fall through the Boutique! Watch for additional news and visit the display outside the Boutique where you will have a chance to see available colors, sizes and prices. Once the Boutique opens again in the fall, we will be happy to assist you with your order. *Jylene*

Great Musicals Movie Night

BROADWAY ON THE BIG SCREEN

Join us on Friday, September 30 and Friday, October 28 for a screening of one of the great movie musicals, hand-picked by St. Francis Director of Music Gerald Near. Gerald will give a brief talk about the musical beforehand, complete with interesting facts and even a few musical examples.

We will follow the summer 'Dinner and a Movie' model with potluck supper and fellowship at 5 PM.

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