



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on Two Folk Hymns

L.H. Bristol, Jr., 1923-79

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 427

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!

3. No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5. Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold
fast to those that shall endure; 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos (8:4-7).

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel
great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the
needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has
sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (113) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 | Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD. | 5 | Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth? |
| 2 | Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore. | 6 | He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes. |
| 3 | From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised. | 7 | He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people. |
| 4 | The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens. | 8 | He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children. |

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:1-7).

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 488

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| 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me,
save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. | 2. Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee. |
| 3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. | |

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (16:1-13).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the 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 sick and elderly who are incarcerated, that they may receive swift and proper attention to their medical needs and be treated respectfully and humanely.

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 forget 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 retribution. 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)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Gerald Near, b. 1942

Aria on 'Wondrous Love'

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 every-
where 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,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
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.

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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 439

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

2. To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Gerald Near, b. 1942

Chorale on 'Wondrous Love'

Altar flowers are given by Norma Pool in loving memory
of her husband John. 'A piece of my heart lives on in heaven.'

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.

Fall Photo Sessions

Fall photo sessions have begun. Visit the sign-up table in the Parish Hall and schedule your appointment. Photos will be taken 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

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Hearts & Hands, Conference Room
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 9:30a	Stewardship, Conference Room
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Choir Loft
Next Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist
Next Sunday, 10a	Photo Sessions, Meeting Room 2

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 congenial and always jovial group—please get in touch with Gerald (Choirmaster) via email at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.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.

► If you are not a singer, handbells may be for you. Our handbell ensemble—under the direction of Sophia Witte—rehearses on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Choir Loft (rehearsals will begin in October). Who can ring? Anyone who can count to four and keep a steady beat. Handbell ringing provides an excellent way of getting involved in worship

as well as a great opportunity for fellowship with other parishioners. Please consider becoming a ringer. For more information contact Sophia Witte at smw_witte@yahoo.com or 520-509-5037.

The Boutique Is Open

St. Francis Boutique is now open following the Sunday service. We have many new decorative fall items, new jewelry and happily still offer unique items made by our very own parishioners—Pastels by Jean Schwafel, Knitting by Rita Beil, Wood Turnings and beautiful Photo Cards by Gloria and Tom Cadwalader, St. Francis Note Cards by Neal Hursh, and Pottery by Nancy Child-Hickman. All Boutique profits go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; when you buy in our unique Boutique, you are helping those in need in the Green Valley community. Shopping is so easy—grab your coffee and come see! Managers and volunteers of the Boutique are Wendy Hill, Jylene Wright, Carol Vleck, and Annette Leibovitch. *Jylene*

Desert Fathers. Desert Mothers:

THE PURSUIT OF ABUNDANT SIMPLICITY

On Saturday, October 15, the St. Clare Chapter of the ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING will sponsor a day of quiet reflection on the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the early Church. These men and women were typically recluses who lived in the deserts of the Middle East, devoting themselves to prayer and often severe ascetic practices, but also frequently called upon by pilgrims to offer instruction in the faith. This day of reflection will begin at 9 AM in the Chapel and conclude by 3 PM, closing with Holy Eucharist. All parishioners (and family/friends) are invited to participate.

For more information or to register, contact Judy Turberg judy.turberg@gmail.com, or sign up at the DOK table in the Parish Hall on September 18 or 25, or October 2 or 9.

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.

Prayer Chain

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

Hearts and Hands

Books for Classrooms works with middle/high school Gay, Straight Alliance Clubs, inviting students to review and select books for their club libraries and provides books for the club to donate to the school library. These books are critical supports for a population that is often bullied and has little access to group history, heroes, and role models at school. Please consider a donation. Thank you all for your donations during this Books for Classrooms month. This is a project that will continue until every school has books for every student to learn from and/or read for enjoyment. Any questions or comments please see Joyce Davison: she will answer it or find the answer. The web site is www.BooksforClassrooms.org.

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 on St. Francis and Franciscan Values during the month of October. The purpose of these activities is to show how our parish can pursue Franciscan values that have been held and followed for more than 800 years.

► October 6, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Review of Francis' life and spirit.

► October 7, Parish Hall, 5 PM—Potluck dinner and movie MR. ROGERS.

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

► October 20, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective on the CARE FOR CREATION.

► October 27, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective of COMPASSION. *Vince Remillard*

Kino Border Initiative

Just Tuesday 462 people were provided a hot meal at KBI's EL COMEDOR. Recipients line up early in the day in anticipation of what might be their only meal of the day. Plastic containers continue to be in great demand, since many of the recipients do not have access to facilities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.