



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
26 SEPTEMBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant
us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may
become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Numbers (11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29).

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and

said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (19:7-14) *Please respond at the half-verse*

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; * the com-
mandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than
gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

continued

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of James (5:13-20).

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 635

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (9:38-50).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Nelson Mendoza

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)

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.

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 pray for seasonable weather,
and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth.

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.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 380

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| 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. | |

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.]

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 473

Refrain: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks com-
bine. *Refrain*

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
Refrain

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to
thee. *Refrain*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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 (always keeping in mind the present need for social distancing). If you would like to know more about the Parish please speak with Fr. Warren or Fr. Nelson after the service or get in touch with them via email at: frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org.

org or nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org. They will be very pleased to hear from you.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9 AM	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
Tuesday, 11 AM	Social Activities Team meets in the Conference Room
Wednesday, 10 AM	Outreach Committee meets in the Parish Hall
Thursday, 2 PM	Parish Choir

Today

Fr. Warren will be holding a Parish Town Hall meeting following the service this morning to share information about our upcoming roof replacement for the church, chapel, storage area and courtyard wrap around covers. You are invited to attend.

St. Francis Parish Choir

Choir rehearsals begin again on Thursday, September 30, at 2 PM in the Choir Loft. If you would like to be included please get in touch with Gerald either via email (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) or by voicemail at 520-625-1370.

Home Communion

St. Francis is resuming home communion. If anyone would like a Lay Eucharistic Volunteer to bring you the Sacrament, please contact Deacon Becky (480-204-0022) or via email (1beckyw@cox.net).

Fr. Warren's Installation

Reservations are necessary if you would like to attend Fr. Warren's Installation and Induction service at 5 PM on Saturday, October 9. The Reception Dinner following also requires a reservation, i.e., **TWO RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND BOTH EVENTS.** Reservations for the service may be made by emailing the Parish Administrator (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) or by leaving him a voicemail message (520-625-1370). Please telephone only if you cannot reserve via email.

Reservations for the dinner are to be made with Sandy Eckstein (seckste2@gmail.com).

► **PLEASE NOTE:** Even if you think you are already on the reserve list for the service—if, for example, you are a Vestry member or are serving as an usher, greeter or Altar Guild

member—you must still make a reservation through the Parish Administrator.

Please bring and wear your mask—vaccinated or not—if you are attending the service. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Current Mask Protocols

Until further notice **masks will be required for everyone, vaccinated or not, at Sunday worship services inside the church.** The safety of our worshipers is paramount to us. Please Note: This is a temporary measure. (Masks will be optional for small church groups using our meeting rooms.) Sunday Coffee Hour will be held in the Courtyard until further notice.

Kino Border Initiative

Your help is needed, and it's easy. KBI is currently preparing and serving meals for between 800 and 900 persons every day at their Comedor location. They are in need of plastic containers (clean, please, and complete with lids) for 'takeout' purposes since recipients are not served on site. Yogurt and cottage cheese containers—or any kind of durable takeout container—will do.

► Also needed: empty plastic pill bottles, the kind you get with your prescriptions. If you can, please remove the labels (no easy matter). When migrants receive medical help their "pills" are put in plastic baggies, so medical are staff looking for used prescription bottles.

Bring your contributions to church on Sunday and place them in the marked boxes in the Parish Hall. (In the past, several generous members of St. Francis prepared, delivered, and helped serve a morning meal once a month at KBI, a ministry that has had to be suspended due to the Covid pandemic.)

You can also make a monetary contribution: make your check payable to St. Francis with 'KBI' in the Memo line. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Blessing of Animals

Every year, close to the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi (October 4), we celebrate with a service dedicated to the blessing of animals. Bring your beloved pets to church on Saturday, October 2, at 3 PM, and join your fellow animal-loving parishioners for this year's annual service. It's always fun and you never know what might happen.

Barbari House

St. Francis helped sponsor the Afghan Barbari family when they came to the U.S. in 2017, and they are currently doing well enough to have just bought a house in Tucson. Mohammad and his four daughters—Soghra, Fatehah, Marzieh, and Razieh—have attended our Thanksgiving dinners each year; both Marzieh and Razieh, excellent seamstresses, have made beautiful items to sell in our Boutique, and they made over 100 masks for St. Francis parishioners last year.

If you are interested in contributing to a house warming gift fund for the family, please send a check to the office with the memo line marked Barbari House. And thank you for helping them once again. They are a very humble, loving family and I think all of us who know them are grateful they came into our lives. *Jylene Wright*

Boutique Opening Soon

The St. Francis Boutique will be open once again beginning Sunday, October 3, following the 9 AM service. Come see our beautiful, unique merchandise as you get ready for fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving celebrations!

It's easy shopping and all reasonably priced, so you're sure to find what you need. *And remember*, because all profits go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, when you buy in the Boutique you are helping support one of our St. Francis outreach ministries; you are not only gifting yourself but you are helping those in need in the Green Valley community. Please remember the Boutique when you shop! We look forward to seeing you soon! *Jylene Wright*

P.S. Wendy Hill and I are the only two operating the Boutique now and would really appreciate some help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 812-455-2476. *Jylene*

Volunteers Needed

Two Telecare volunteers are needed. If you can help, contact Deacon Becky at 480-204-0022 or via email at 1beckyw@cox.net.

Prayer Chain

For **PRAYER CHAIN** requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jn-jrats@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer

The start of in-person Centering Prayer, originally planned for September 29, will be delayed until further notice. Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 10 AM will be continued. We understand that many will be disappointed with this decision, but because of the surge caused by the Delta variant, it seems the safest thing to do for all.

For those who have continued with us on Zoom these many months, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to the practice.

James & Sophie Luffman