



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (FRANCIS OF ASSISI)
3 OCTOBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 400, stanzas 1, 4, 5, 7

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

words attributed to Francis of Assisi

3. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy
holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant unto thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Job (39:1-18).

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It

scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?”

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding—When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (121) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come? | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night. |
| 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth. | 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all
evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe. |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will
not fall asleep. | 8 The Lord shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep; | |
| 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand, | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (6:14-18).

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 400, STANZAS 2, 3, 6, 7

1. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

words attributed to Francis of Assisi

4. And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise him, Alleluia!

You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (11:25-30).

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O 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 *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Jennifer our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life,
are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any
other adversity. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants
departed this life in thy faith and fear,
beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love
and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good
examples of Francis and all thy saints, that with
them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. 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.
Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Leader and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy
hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with
hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

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

People And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY HYMN 324

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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 with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should
at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
holy Father, almighty, everlasting God [Creator and Preserver of all things].*

*For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints,
who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights
of the world in their generations.*

*Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious
Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,*

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer

and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ hath 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.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
Together Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 593

based on a text by Francis of Assisi

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

4. May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

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 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, 9 AM Men's Group meets in
the Parish Hall

Tuesday, 12 PM	Stephen Ministry meets in the Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 9 AM	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 10 AM	Stewardship meets in the Conference Room
Thursday, 2 PM	Parish Choir
Saturday, 5 PM	Fr. Warren's Installation service, with reception to follow

Boutique Opening Today

The St. Francis Boutique is open today following the 9 o'clock service. Come see our beautiful, unique merchandise as you get ready for fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving celebrations! When you buy in the Boutique, you are helping support one of our St. Francis outreach ministries because all profits go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. *Jylene Wright*

Wednesday Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist will once again be celebrated Wednesdays beginning October 6. Please join us at 9 AM in the Chapel.

St. Francis Parish Choir

The St. Francis Parish Choir is back in session, meeting on Thursdays, at 2 PM in the Choir Loft. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be included please get in touch with Gerald (Director of Music) 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.

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!

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.

Rooted in Love: The Episcopal Way

You are invited to join us here at St. Francis for a six week course to explore how to grow your spirituality and faith!

Our classes will be taught by Episcopal clergy, however, all who are interested in learning about the Christian faith through an Episcopal lens are welcome to attend!

Please note you are welcome to attend all or just drop in to select classes as you are able.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/a2f3nHF-cG9kgdnoxj8>

(*Under COVID protocol, masks are optional depending on your vaccination status.)

Event Timing: Starting Wednesdays, October 27 through December 1 at 10 AM.

Contact us at (520) 625-1370 or Email Fr. Nelson at nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org for more information.

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

Prayer Lists

It's important that we keep our prayer lists current, and you can help. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, friend or family member, to the list of names to be read in the Sunday morning liturgy—including the list of those who have died—please let one of the Clergy know and they will convey the information to Gerald for inclusion in the PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. (And be sure to let the Clergy know of any pastoral need you have or know of; don't let the Church be always 'the last to know.')

Remember too to let us know when we can **remove** names from the list. You may also let Gerald know directly (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) of names of persons you would like to include, but we encourage you to go through the Clergy.

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

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? We would like to restart this tradition here at

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