



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY
OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

26 MAY 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gerald Near, b. 1942

Adesto, Sancta Trinitas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTING OF THE COLORS (*All standing*)

OPENING HYMN 362

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

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

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (29) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and
strength. | 7 The voice of the LORD splits the
flames of fire; the voice of the LORD
shakes the wilderness; * the LORD
shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. |
| 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his
Name; * worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness. | 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak
trees writhe * and strips the forests
bare. |
| 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the
waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters. | 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!” |
| 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful
voice; * the voice of the LORD is a
voice of splendor | 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the
flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as
King for evermore. |
| 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the
cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the
cedars of Lebanon; | 11 The LORD shall give strength to his
people; * the LORD shall give his peo-
ple the blessing of peace. |
| 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild
ox. | |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:12-17).

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are

continued

children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 368

1. Holy Father, great Creator,
source of mercy, love, and peace,
look upon the Mediator,
clothe us with his righteousness;
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,
through the Savior hear and bless.

2. Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
whom angelic hosts proclaim,
while we hear thy wondrous story,
meet and worship in thy Name,
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

3. Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
Come with unction from above,
touch our hearts with sacred fire,
fill them with the Savior’s love.
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,
cheer us with the Savior’s love.

4. God the Lord, through every nation
let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation
every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, Great Jehovah,
form our hearts and make them thine.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (3:1-17).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things

and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Very 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 VI *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

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

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

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE PEACE

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

People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Healey Willan, 1880-1968

Prelude on the tune 'Nicaea'

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his
likeness. We ask this in his name.

People Amen.

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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

*By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.*

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

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the

Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Together Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Please remember to follow Usher's directions.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(to be said by All)*

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
Together 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.

FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

THE READING OF NAMES

Celebrant O Lord, we remember with love the brave men and women for whom the flag of our nation was the symbol that gave them strength, fortitude, and dedication for life, liberty, and the freedoms we hold so dear. We ask your blessing upon the souls of our fallen soldiers, especially those near to our hearts, and those we now name before you. *(The names are read.)*

Following the Reading of Names

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People Amen.

THE PLAYING OF TAPS

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; we give you thanks for all those your servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them your mercy and the light of your presence, that the good work that you have begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

RETIRING OF THE HONOR COLORS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 423

1. Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:

Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

3. Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

J.F. Alberti, 1642-1710

Who art Three in Unity

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 (frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org). Please take a moment 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.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by Donna Tolbert to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Margaret Langley.

Parish Offices Closed

Our Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day national holiday.

Social Activities Spring Events

The Social Activities Team (SAT) is once again planning our Movie Potluck suppers

on Friday, June 28, Friday, July 26, and Friday, August 30. Watch for more information.

If you'd like to help out with any of our activities, or like to recommend a movie, contact, Tisha Stril at tishastril@gmail.com or Julie Reppenhagen at jrepp@snet.net. SAT looks forward to seeing you all.

Boutique 20% Sale in May

The Boutique will be closing the end of May for the summer, but to thank all of you for shopping with us during the year, we're offering all merchandise (except Rosaries and St. Francis statuary) at 20% off every Sunday. We are adding new beautiful items weekly, so now is the time to find those special gifts you may need this summer. Your support is so important as all profits go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Come see us after the 9 o'clock service. You'll be glad you did! *Jylene Wright*

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, all day	Parish Offices Closed
Tuesday, 1p	Library Committee, Library
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Green Team Tip

Tis the season of warmer days and cost saving free solar energy. An indoor clothesline or drying rack is an easy way to let nature take its course. It also helps your clothes last long and will save on your energy bill. As Franciscans let's care for creation together.

Solo Journeymen

The Solo Group will again be getting together for a light Pot Luck on Sunday, June 2, at 11:30 AM at the La Posada Recreation Center, (Recreation Building, #37, next to the Shuffleboard Court). Enter La Posada, turn

left at the first STOP sign, then turn left again at the second STOP sign. Follow the road around to the sign saying "Recreation Center." It will point you towards parking. Please bring a small nibble/hors d'oeuvre to share with your fellow Solos (drinks will be provided). Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall this morning. *Jim Ratley* (253) 365-5093

Heart & Hands Ministries

► **IMAGO DEI MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP:** Heartfelt thanks to all who generously contributed both donations and prayers to the Imago Dei Middle School 2024 Graduates. Together we successfully reached our goal of giving each graduating scholar a \$100 Visa gift card. The cards were distributed at graduation, which was held on Friday, May 17, at the Tucson Museum of Art with ten "honorary grandparents" from St. Francis in the Valley in attendance. Know that your graduation gift is very much appreciated. *Barbara Bundy*

► **FOOD BANKS:** The food bank is requesting peanut butter (no glass or very large jars, please) for the month of June. You can deposit your peanut butter donations in the boxes outside the Parish Hall, one at the front door and another at the south door near the Chapel. Your offerings will be blessed on the first Sunday of each month.

► **The SAHUARITA FOOD BANK** collects cardboard—that includes cereal box styles as well as clean milk cartons. The receptacle is located on the south side of the Food Bank, beside the Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

► Please deposit reusable grocery bags and Dollar store bags in the KINO box in the Donations room. These bags will be put to good use by people returning home to Mexi-

co. They could also use travel-sized hygiene products, especially bar soap.

▶ Remember, donations of money are always welcome for any of our ministries—simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the ministry name in the memo line and we’ll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

▶ And most importantly—if you have a Passion for a Ministry—bring your voice to a Heart and Hands meeting the third Monday of the month at 10 o’clock in Meeting Room 2 across the hall from the Library. A special Thank you to Joyce Davison who has volunteered to be the meeting coordinator during the summer.

Parish Newsletter Deadline

Copy for the July/August issue of the Parish Newsletter—THE FRANCISCAN STAFF—will be due by June 10, 2024. Please send your copy via email to gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org in Word doc format, or simply type it into the body of an email. Tip: Please avoid using ‘&’ for *and*, and ‘@’ for *at*—use the actual words—and lots of !!! is kind of ugly.

A Note from your Treasurer

APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$53,175	\$43,511

Operating Expenses	Actual	Budget
	\$43,607	\$51,534

YEAR TO DATE

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$249,258	\$234,519

Operating Expenses	Actual	Budget
	\$242,386	\$229,754

Values include the Annual Trust Allocation and exclude Capital Project Income and Ex-

pense. The Income for the 2024 Easter Day service is included in the April Financials. Thanks to those attending the ‘Time with the Treasurer’ meeting held on April 16, 2024. I hope you found the information helpful in understanding how we are doing financially.

Gloria Cadwalader, Parish Treasurer

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotion booklets for May, June, and July 2024 are now available in the Parish Hall and Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Henry Witte, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Sandra Findley, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Jason Camp, Roger Williams, Ellen Sax, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, The Rev. Pat Kirk, Ann Zublin, Skyler, Kyle Davison, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Alan Hyde, Kyle Davison, Will, and Carolyn.

Remembering those who have died: Barbara Workman.

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