

Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 OCTOBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Paul O. Manz, 1919-2009

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 1

- 1. Father, we praise thee, now the night is over, active and watchful, stand we all before thee; singing we offer prayer and meditation: thus we adore thee.
- 2. Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions; banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; bring us to heaven, where thy saints united joy without ending.

3. All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessèd, send us thy salvation; thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Sirach (35:12-17).

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM (84:1-6) *Please respond at the half-verse*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (4:6-8, 16-18).

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 656

- 1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
- 2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;
- 3. he to the lowly soul will still himself impart and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 - 4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

THE GOSPEL (Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:9-14). *People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord. *People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Becky Williamson

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*.

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

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

Translation of the Latin: Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the cross thy sacred Body for us all with nails was torn. Cleanse us, by the Blood and water streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with thy Body broken, now, and in our final hour! O Jesus, Son of Mary, hear us.

words, 14th cent. hymn, attr. Innocent VI Music, Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,

People And of thine own have we given thee.

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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 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 may stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. 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 341

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2. By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3. As our blessèd ones adore you, seated at our Father's board, may the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Hermann Schroeder, 1904-84

Poco vivace

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: <code>frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org</code>. 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.

Organist Today

Sophia Witte, our Handbell Ensemble Director, is at the organ this morning.

Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Fr. Warren is teaching a one-hour introductory class on the Episcopal Church on Tuesdays in October to November 15, from 11 AM to Noon in the Parish Hall. If you are new to the Episcopal vibe—or would just like to brush-up your knowledge—this class will give you what you need. If you would like to

attend, just speak with Fr. Warren or email him (frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org) and let him know you would like to register for the class, or stop in at the Parish Office to register.

Final Photo Sessions

The final photo sessions, for the upcoming pictorial directory, will be held in the afternoon of Thursday, November 3, and in the morning on Tuesday, November 9. To schedule your appointment email Lou Terry at *thirdangell@cox.net*. The new directories will be available for purchase at the annual meeting in January for \$8, unless your picture is inside, then your first copy is free. This directory is a family portrait, and we want the whole family represented, so schedule your appointment today!

Franciscan Activities

Continuing our St. Francis' Ministries series, I will be leading a class on his value of compassion at 11 AM, Thursday October 27. We'll be invited to see how he lived it, how we live it and how we can live it more effectively.

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This Wee	k at St. Francis
Today, 10a	Photo Directory Sessions,
	Meeting Room 2
Monday, 2p	C.S. Lewis Class,
	Parish Hall
Tuesday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 11a	Introduction to the Epis-
	copal Church, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Thursday, 10a	Franciscan Presentation,
	Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Friday, 5p	Great Musicals Movie
	Night, Parish Hall
Saturday, 5p	Trunk or Treat,
	Parking Lot
Next Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist
Next Sunday, 11a	Solo Journeyers,
	Off Campus

Exploring the Life and Thought of C.S. Lewis

Our next class on the life and thought of the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis will be held Monday, October 24, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be looking at Lewis' essay *Transposition*, the fourth essay in the collection The Weight of Glory *and Other Addresses*. The book is available through Amazon Prime (used copies are also available through Amazon). If you are interested in the class, contact Gerald via email at *gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org* and he will get more information to you. You are invited to attend even if you haven't done your homework.

Great Musicals Movie Night Broadway on the Big Screen

Join us on Friday, October 28 for another 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.

Solo Journeyers

Solo friends, bring your appetite and join us for breakfast/lunch after church services on Sunday, October 30. Please sign-up after church October 16 or 23 in the Parish Hall. (We need to have an estimated count to give to the restaurant.) We will be meeting at the Quail Creek Restaurant for good conversation and tasty food on Sunday, October 30, at 11 AM. Each Solo is responsible for the purchase of their meal. Join us!

Carol Berg, Solo Journeyer

Hgarts & Hands

You certainly all do enjoy shopping. More than 70 of you have claimed a bag to fill for the clients at Green Valley Assistance. THANK YOU for your generosity. The Hearts and Hands team is collaborating with the Green Valley Fire Department to fill gift bags for our neighbors who are confined to their homes. Bring your filled bags to church by October 30 and we'll take them to the Fire Department for delivery. Our goal is 75 bags this year. **Barb **Hook**

Green Valley/Sahuarita Food Bank

THANKS TO THESE SPECIAL FRANCISCANS
Thank you for supporting the targeted food collection during the summer. Your generosity is amazing and valued. And thank you Jan Hall, Jann DallaMura, Fred Keller, Tommy and Craig Reid, Arliene Stremming, Jean and

Dave Ross and Liz Dorgan for each taking a month to deliver our Parish gifts to the Food Bank. Please continue to bring food each Sunday. Email *behook@aol.com* to tell me if you would like to volunteer for May.

Barb Hook

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

Prayer Chain

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

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for November and December 2022 and January 2023 are now available in the Parish Office, Parish Hall and Narthex.

Stewardship Ministry We need your Help!

The St. Francis in the Valley's 2023 Stewardship campaign, GRATITUDE IN GIVING, is gearing-up, but we need some extra help from You. At this time, all committee mem-

bers are also members of the Vestry. We would like and need non-vestry parishioners to participate as well.

The only requirements are an interest in St. Francis in the Valley's financial health and a desire to participate in this important ministry. Please contact me (206-259-0361 or *emmymex@yahoo.com*), Fr. Warren, or Julie Reppenhagen for more information or to ask a question. *Marybeth Bates*

True Concord Concert

Our friends at TRUE CONCORD VOICES AND ORCHESTRA will be singing their next Green Valley concert here at St. Francis on Friday, November 4, at 7 pm. Gerald has tickets (general admission only) priced at \$27. That's world-class music making at bargain basement prices. Tickets (including premium seating) are also available through True Concord's website: *trueconcord.org*.

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Our parishioners have been most generous in their response to requests for ongoing needs, including baby diapers which are always welcome. The families at La Casa de la Misericordia are most grateful. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

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