



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17 OCTOBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 8

1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the
nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the
world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (53:4-12).

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (91:9-16) *Please respond at the half-verse*

9 Because you have made the Lord
your refuge, * and the Most High
your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you,
* neither shall any plague come
near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge
over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their
hands, * lest you dash your foot
against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and

adder; * you shall trample the
young lion and the serpent under
your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he
knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will
answer him; * I am with him in
trouble; I will rescue him and
bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (5:1-10).

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 477

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might
shine. Alleluia!
2. Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were
sought; and by thy death was God's salva-
tion wrought. Alleluia!
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary.
Alleluia!
4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall
bow. Alleluia!
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored.
Alleluia! Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (10:35-45).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

The People may add their own petitions

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

The People may add their own petitions

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

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.

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.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Erik Routley, 1917-82

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his
praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. The Church
with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but, above all, the heart must bear
the longest part.*

Words by George Herbert, 1593-1633

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,

People And of thine own have we given thee.

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-
where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Together Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

. . . 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 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 blessed 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

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, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Home Communion

St. Francis is once again offering home communion to parishioners unable to attend church services. If you would like a Lay Eucharistic Volunteer to bring you the Sacrament, please contact Deacon Becky (480-204-0022) or via email (1beckyw@cox.net).

You're Invited

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 25, at 1 PM
In the Parish Hall

This year we will not be asking you to buy turkeys or bring potluck dishes for the annual Thanksgiving dinner; we will take care of it all for you! But we are asking for \$\$\$ donations to cover costs, and we do need you to reserve your place at the table. Just sign-up during coffee hour on Sunday mornings or stop into the Parish Office during the week and let us know you're coming. You may also call in your reservation: 520-625-1370. (Be sure to indicate how many of you there will be; we don't want to run out of food.)

The menu will be traditional, with turkey (of course), ham, mashed white and sweet potatoes (gravy too), carrots, string beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter. And don't forget pie: a choice this year of apple or pumpkin.

We will be limited to 100 seats, bearing in mind our 50 per cent capacity protocols. And don't forget that we are open to the community - no one should eat alone on Thanksgiving Day, so bring a guest. The Turkey Squad thanks you!

Today

Neal Hursh, in consultation with Annette Liebovitch, has put together a slide show assembled from photographs of Fr. Warren's life and career (so far—many big secrets are revealed). You are invited to view the show in the Parish Hall during coffee hour this morning.

Barbari Family News

Our Barbari family are featured in an extensive front-page article published in the Arizona Daily Star on October 12, 2021. If you are not a subscriber but would like to read the article, we have copies in the Parish Office.

Boutique Now Open

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

Library/Resource Center

The St. Francis Library/Resource Center is now open. Visit the book cart in the Courtyard today, browse, make a selection and check it out.

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.

La Posada Services to Resume

The next La Posada communion service will be held at La Joya in the Celebration Room at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, October 20. We are only able to accommodate La Posada residents for the time being.

New Website Feature

A new feature has been added to the St. Francis website: A "Members Only" page where information that is not meant for the public, but of interest to the members of the Parish, will be posted. To begin with, the minutes of Vestry meetings can be found there.

This "Members Only" page is visible in the St. Francis webpage navigation menu under the "HOME" tab. Here is a link to the page: Members Only - ST. FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY (stfrancisgvaz.org). You will be asked for a password to enter the page. The password is "1370", the last 4 digits of the St. Francis phone number. It can also be accessed by the link <https://www.stfrancisgvaz.org/401/login.php?redirect=/members-only.html>.

The "Members Only" page is hidden from search engines so someone will not stumble onto it without first logging onto the St. Francis website.

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. Your cheerful cooperation is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Rooted in Love: The Episcopal Way

You are invited to join us for a six-week course to explore how to grow your spirituality and faith! Although our classes will be taught by Episcopal clergy all who are interested in learning about the Christian faith through an episcopal lens are welcome to attend. And you are welcome to select or drop classes as you schedule allows.

Please register online at bit.ly/StFrancis-Rooted (note that this link is 'case sensitive'—that is, it's important to observe upper and lower case letters when typing).

Classes will be held in the St. Francis Parish Hall at 10 AM on Wednesdays beginning October 27, and running through Wednesday, December 1. For more information contact Fr. Nelson—nelson@stfranciscgvaz.org or 520-625-1370.

Don't Forget Outreach

The Food Bank does not take time off and neither does your Outreach Committee. Your donations of food are always needed and appreciated, *especially protein foods, such as tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, etc.* (No glass containers, please). Bring them with you to church on Sunday, deposit them in the appropriate receptacles, and we will transport them to the Food Bank on your behalf.

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.

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@stfranciscgvaz.org) of names of persons you would like to include, but we encourage you to go through the Clergy.

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

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