



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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

13 OCTOBER 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Robert Hobby, b. 1962

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 488

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Together 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. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory to God in the highest*)

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (*Please be seated*)

A Lesson from the Book of the Prophet Amos (5:6-7, 10-15)

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to worm-wood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

THE PSALM (90:12-17) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you
tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in
the morning; * so shall we rejoice and
be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the
days that you afflicted us * and the
years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our
God be upon us; * prosper the work of
our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Lesson from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-16).

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 684

1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!
2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?
3. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
- I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.
4. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.
5. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

THE GOSPEL *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (10:17-31).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect,
and for 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 thank you Lord for the Ministry of Greeters. We thank them for their cheerful welcome and kind assistance to all who enter our sacred spaces. Bless, O Lord, the Ministry of Greeters.

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.

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather:

We pay our respects to the Pasqua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham (thaw-naw awe thumb), as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

AT THE OFFERTORY

Jubilation, Amen

arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis

The St. Francis in the Valley Handbell Ensemble

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest Almighty God, accept all we offer you this day,
and give us generous hearts to serve you in
all who claim our help.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

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.

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

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 may stand, sit, or kneel.

(Celebrant) 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...
...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, simply cross your arms over your chest. After receiving Communion, if you would like personal prayers for yourself or others, members of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be available in the Chapel to pray with and for you.

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 Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 707

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A.W. Leupold, 1868-1940

Now thank we all our God

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 or get in touch with him via email at frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher 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 thanksgiving for Margaret Langley and Marjory Tolbert.

Organist this morning

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

Parish Offices Closed

Our Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, October 14, in recognition of the Columbus Day national holiday (also observed as Indigenous Peoples' Day).

The Ministry of Greeters

Greeters are at our doors before services to welcome all, but especially visitors. They help with familiarization, providing name tags if requested, and obtaining information for follow-up. They invite visitors to join us for coffee hour and introduce visitors to the clergy. The contact persons are Judy Davis and Cheryl Tardy-Albin

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, all day	Parish Offices Closed
Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conf Rm
Tuesday, 10:30a	Bible Study, Parish Hall
Tuesday, 2p	SAT, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 10a	Episcopal 101, Meeting Room 2
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Saturday, 4:30p	CPR Training, Parish Hall

Bible Study

A Bible Study class on **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE** will be led by Mike Kuebler from October 8 to November 26. The class will be held in the Parish Hall from 10:30 AM until NOON.

Some women of the Bible are very familiar to us, such as Sarah, Racheal, Leah, Hanna, Elizabeth, Mary. But what about Jael, Naah, Ziporra, Athalih, Gomer, Huldah, Abigail, Phoebe, Dorcas, plus many more? If you know who all of these “Women of the Bible” were and their role in Salvation History, you don’t need to attend this class. But, if you want to sign up, just send Mike an email (mikelkuebler@yahoo.com). Please include your phone number in your email.

November/December Newsletter

Copy for the next issue of the St. Francis Parish newsletter (The Franciscan Staff) is now due; please send your copy—via email—to gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org as soon as possible.

Voices and Bells

New members are urgently needed for our Parish Choir and Handbell Ensemble. These two music groups are the long-standing backbone of liturgical music-making at St. Francis. You don’t have to be a professional musician to be a contributing member of either group (we have professionals ready and eager to assist you). The Parish Choir meets to rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 2 until 4 o’clock. To join the group contact Music Director Gerald Near (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org). To become a member of the Handbell Ensemble (they meet Monday mornings from 10 o’clock until NOON) get in touch with Director Sophia Witte at 520-509-5037 or, via email, at smw_witte@yahoo.com.

Boutique Open

TALENTS UNLIMITED BOUTIQUE is now open following the 9 o’clock service. There are many new Fall decorative items, handcrafted crosses, St. Francis of Assisi statues, Angli-

can Rosaries, and much more. Shopping is so easy—grab your coffee and come see! Volunteer managers of the Boutique are Wendy Hill, Jylene Wright, Annette Leibovitch, Jill Mulligan, and Laura Thomas. *Jylene Wright*

Festival of Trees

By now you’ve probably heard of the Festival of Trees and are wondering how you can help. There are several ways, but the big need right now is for Christmas trees. We are going to need 25-30 trees. If you have a tree that you are willing to donate or loan—six to ten feet tall, LED lights, in good condition—send an email to Craig Reid at ctreid83@gmail.com or call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) and make arrangements to have it picked up. If you don’t have a tree to donate or loan, you can always donate money to buy a tree. Any amount will help. Just make a check to St. Francis with Festival of Trees on the memo line.

Imago Dei School Tours

BREAKING THE CYCLES OF POVERTY
THROUGH EDUCATION

See for yourself what kind of amazing things are going on with the scholars and graduates at Imago Dei School, an Episcopal school in Tucson that offers quality, tuition-free education to students in grades 4-8 from low-income families! Two dates are available to join other parishioners for a school tour: Friday, October 18, at 1:30 PM (12:45 depart time) or Tuesday, November 12, at 10 AM (9:15 depart time). Carpooling from the church is possible, or feel free to drive on your own. It has been a long-standing tradition at St. Francis to consider ourselves as “honorary grandparents” of students at Imago Dei. This is a great opportunity to experi-

ence the school firsthand! Sign up on Sunday during coffee hour or contact Barbara Bundy at 571-332-8713 or bjbundy@verizon.net.

Heart & Hands Ministries

Thanks to all for your gifts to the Green Valley Sahuarita Food Bank of \$389 and 686 pounds of food this year. That food is delivered to the Food Bank each week by nine dedicated Volunteers. This month Linda Hempel is delivering.

Starting in November we need a whole new group of volunteer delivery folks. Each delivery volunteer works only one month. The task is to pick up the food offerings after Sunday service, take them to the food bank any time convenient to you and receive a receipt. The receipt is given to Bea Dow for recording. If you are able to volunteer for a month please email behook@aol.com or call 520-648-7949.

▶ DON'T FORGET: the Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard (cereal box style too). The receptacle is located next to Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for November and December (2024), and January 2025, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Kelly Davis, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Jason Camp, Ellen Sax, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, The Rev. Pat Kirk, Ann Zublin, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Stephen North, Wil, Carolyn, Jerry Lounsberry, Sue, Bonnie Haifley, Bobbi Tucker, Nancy Neimeyer, Sharon Adams, Laura Thomas.

Remembering those who have died: Pray for those who have died.

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