



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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
24 OCTOBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 388

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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, 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 the Prophet Jeremiah (31:7-9).

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

THE PSALM (126) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 | When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream. | 6 | Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy. |
| 2 | Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy. | 7 | Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. |
| 3 | Then they said among the nations, * “The Lord has done great things for them.” | | |
| 4 | The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed. | | |
| 5 | Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev. | | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (7:23-28).

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 671

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (10:46-52).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to

him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 657

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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@stfranciscgvaz.org or nelson@stfranciscgvaz.org. They will be very pleased to hear from you.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Wednesday, 9a	Rooted In Love, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

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.

Organist Today

Sophia Wittte, parishioner and director of our handbell ensemble, is our organist this morning.

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 in at 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!

Cruzando Fronteras

Cruzando needs chap stick, small jars of Vicks, and white socks for children and adults. Look for the collection spot in the Parish Hall.

Prayer Quilts

Prayer Quilts are made by the Daughters of the King as part of their prayer mission. They are stored in the Vulliamy Room closet with donated fabric and batting. We also have loving members of the congregation who like to quilt and share their talents, hearts and hands for us to give to those in need of prayer. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone you know who could use prayers for any reason, or you would like to make a quilt, add strings or attach a label, just ask any Daughter for information or contact Sharon Thornby at 520-399-9042. Thank you and God Bless.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for November

The Parish provides everything for Sunday Coffee Hour, but needs your help to arrange cookies on plates, setting out cups and juice and coffee carafes. Serving cookies and pouring juice and coffee is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

I want to thank all of you who have graciously helped in the past and I hope you will continue to do so in the future. We have a very friendly church and Coffee Hour is just one of the ways we connect with each other.

Thank you for thinking about helping out on Sunday mornings. *Gail Haight*, 520-490-2739

Boutique Now Open

The St. Francis Boutique is now open Sun-

days 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.

Roof Replacement Update

As discussed at the recent Town Hall, the cost to replace our roofs is over \$74,000. (*At this writing the total stands at \$3,500.*) We invite all parishioners who would like to donate towards this important need, to write a check with the memo "Roof Repair Fund." All donations are greatly appreciated!

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 which is of interest to the members of the Parish, will be posted.

The "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 non-parishioners 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.

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 jnjrats@gmail.com.

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