



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 NOVEMBER 2022

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Morning has broken*

G. Winston Cassler, 1906-90

**WELCOME**

**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.

## THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
*People And also with you.*  
Celebrant Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**B**lessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Malachi (4:1-2a).

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

## THE PSALM (98) *Please respond at the half-verse*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his vic-  
tory; \* his righteousness has he openly  
shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithful-  
ness to the house of Israel, \* and all the  
ends of the earth have seen the victory  
of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you  
lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn \* shout with joy before the King,  
the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is  
in it, \* the lands and those who dwell  
therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and  
let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD, when he comes to judge the  
earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the  
world \* and the peoples with equity.

## THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:6-13).

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 596

1. Judge eternal, throned in splendor,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with thy living fire of judgment  
purge this land of bitter things;  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of thy wings.
2. Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release,  
and the city's crowded clangor  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the homesteads and the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.
3. Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
feed all those who do not know thee  
with the richness of thy word;  
cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (21:5-19).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**W**hen some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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 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**

*Maurice Bevan, 1921-2006*

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment*

*given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members in the sorrow of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

*-words: Frederick William Faber (alt), 1814-6*

#### **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, 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.

*continued*

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 439**

1. What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown  
for my soul.

2. To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme  
I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Thomas Roseingrave

*Allegro Pomposo*

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**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: [frwarren@stfrancisgvaz](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz).

*org.* 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.

*Thanksgiving Day Service*

Join us in the church at 9 AM Thanksgiving Day—November 24—for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in recognition of the beloved federal holiday established by a joint resolu-

tion of Congress on December 26, 1941, to be observed on the fourth Thursday in November starting in 1942.

### Thanksgiving Dinner

The Turkey Squad (under the direction of the ever-inventive Sandy & Mark Eckstein) will be preparing Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey, ham, smoked salmon, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, carrots and pumpkin pies. Attendees are asked to provide either a potluck or, in order to assist with purchasing food, a monetary donation. Your help is appreciated.

Sign up in the Parish Hall after Sunday services, or in the Parish Office during the week. Thanksgiving Dinner is open to the community too (but don't forget that a reservation is needed). If anyone needs special attention, please contact Sandy (410-808-3881) and she will help you. Dinner begins at 1 PM on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24.

### Music Today

Priscilla Zimmermann is conducting the Parish Choir this morning (Gerald is singing tenor, a great trial for all concerned but better than no tenors—theoretically).

### Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will welcome The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall, D.D. to St. Francis for Confirmation and Reception of new members.

### Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry would like to send Christmas cards to the women to whom we have been sending birthday cards. If you receive Christmas cards from various charities and would like to donate them to the project, please feel free to do so. We would like to address and sign the Christmas cards as a group effort at coffee hour during the month of November. We will provide

the cards. We would greatly appreciate donations of postage stamps. Thank you for your support! *Rena Robbins*

### This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conf Room
Tuesday, 11a	Introduction to the Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
Tuesday, 3:30p	Handbells, Loft
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist Bishop's Visit

### 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*

### 2023 Gratitude & Giving Campaign

If you have not yet filled out your "Estimate of Giving" form, it can be completed online by going to the St. Francis in the Valley website where you will click on the "2023 Gratitude in Giving Campaign" button. This will take you directly to the campaign information and the "Estimate of Giving" form which can be completed online or, if you choose, can be

printed and manually filled out and mailed to the church or dropped in the collection basket. Please return by November 15 as the budgeting process has begun. Please note: you can share your estimate anonymously, if you so choose.

### 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](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org)) and let him know you would like to register for the class, or stop in at the Parish Office to register.

### Kino Border Initiative

The Methodist Church in Green Valley has joined us in collecting plastic containers for Kino. Their help is especially appreciated since the number of meals served last month increased from 20,032 to 30,246. The meal of a stew with some meat, beans, rice, and corn tortillas is greatly appreciated by families who in many instances have no other sustenance each day.

### Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jnrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnrats@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 members are also members of the Vestry. We would like and need non-vestry parishioners to participate as well.

Please contact me (206-259-0361 or [emymex@yahoo.com](mailto:emymex@yahoo.com)), Fr. Warren, or Julie Reppenhagen for more information or to ask a question. *Marybeth Bates*

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