



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, *Rector*
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Glenn Matto, *Verger*

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

27 OCTOBER 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

César Franck, , 1822-90

Prelude in B Minor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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

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 (*Please be seated*)

A Lesson 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 after the asterisk.*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes
of Zion, * then were we like those who
dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laugh-
ter, * and our tongue with shouts of
joy.
- 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.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying
the seed, * will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Lesson 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 400 (*stanzas 1, 4, 5, 7*)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (*please stand, as 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 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 vital ministry of the St. Francis Lay Eucharistic Ministers, whose loving task it is to bring the comfort of the Sacrament to those of our Parish family unable to gather with us in person. Bless, O Lord, the ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

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

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

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

Trad. English, arr. Alan Bullard, b. 1947

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, Revive your church with life and pow'r; O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us, And fit your church to meet this hour. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, Till humbly we confess our need; Then in your tenderness remake us, Revive, restore; for this we plead. O Breath of love, come breathe within us, Renewing thought and will and heart; Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us, Revive your church in every part!

-words by Bessie Porter Head, 1850-1936

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.

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.

(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 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

César Franck, 1822-90

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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@stfrancisgvaz.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.

The Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitors is a vital part in embodying the reality of the church as community. The Eucharistic Visitors represent the church to those they visit, reminding them that the sick and infirm are an integral part of our community, the body of Christ. The contact person is Deacon Becky Williams.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 3, is All Saints Sunday; we invite you to bring a photo of a

loved one who has died and the photo will be placed on the Altar where your loved one will be blessed during the service.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 10:30a	Bible Study, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 10a	Episcopal 101, Stephen Choir Loft
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Friday, 3p	Contemporary Band rehearsal, Parish Hall

Prison Ministry

We are beginning to prepare for our Christmas card signings for the women in Perryville. We can use more cards and postage stamps. Also we are planning for the ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PARTY to be held December 21. We will need gift buyers and volunteers. More importantly we need folks to attend the party to be welcoming and cheerful while interacting with the kids. The kids are not from Camp Genesis. These kids have been signed up by their currently incarcerated parent to receive a gift on behalf of the parent. We have

a list of 23 kids from Sahuarita and Tucson. If you want more information about this fun event stop by the Prison Ministry table for more details. Thank you. *Rena Robbins*

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. If you know all the "Women of the Bible" and their role in Salvation History, you don't need to attend this class. But, if you want to sign up, send Mike an email (*mikelkuebler@yahoo.com*). Please include your phone number in your email.

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*.

Festival of Trees

Planning for the St. Francis hosted FESTIVAL OF TREES has given way to organizing and implementing, and Festival coordinators Tommy and Craig Reid and the fantastic team they have assembled are doing a great

job. The dates of the three-day Festival are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 6, 7 and 8. The Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, the Green Valley News and the White Elephant are all enthusiastically supporting the Festival, so things are going well; however, there are a few things that are needed. The men who will be setting up the trees are in need of HEAVY-DUTY OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORDS and CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS (WHITE ONLY) and the folks working the raffle need CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER. If you have anything you are willing to donate or loan, email Craig Reid at *careid01@icloud.com*. If you want to write a check to help with the costs, make it payable to St. Francis and put FESTIVAL OF TREES on the memo line.

Gourmet Table

Sign-ups for the Christmas Festival Gourmet Table, begin today, Sunday, October 27. Look for the GOURMET TABLE in the Parish Hall and sign up to bring one of your special baked treats. We will also answer your questions and have instructions available. Thank you, *Sharon Thornby*, Chairperson.

Heart & Hands Ministries

► Watch for colorful gift bags as you enter the parish Hall after church. HEART AND HANDS, under the leadership of Pat Peissg, asks that you fill bags with the special things many of our more senior and homebound folks are missing but that you enjoy yourselves. There will be a list of suggested items in the bag when you pick it up. Your job is to fill the bag and return it. It will be delivered by Green Valley firefighters along with a turkey and other Thanksgiving goodies. Franciscans caring in action.

► Thanks to all for your gifts to the Green Valley Sahuarita Food Bank. That food is delivered to the Food Bank each week by nine dedicated Volunteers.

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.

Solo Journeymen

The Solo Group will again be getting together for a luncheon at 11:30 AM, on Sunday, November 10, at the Quail Creek Grill (1490 Quail Range Loop, Green Valley, AZ 85614). Contact Kristi Thompson (520-207-0465) for more information. Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall today and next Sunday. See you all there! *Menu: <https://www.quailcreekhoa.org/group/quail-creek-hoa/grill-at-quail-creek>*

From the Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$40,444	\$41,344
Operating Expenses	\$53,286	\$48,173

YEAR TO DATE

Operating Income	Actual	Budget
	\$409,124	\$443,732
Operating Income	\$482,534	\$482,109

Values include the Annual Trust Allocation and exclude Capital Project Income and Expense. *Gloria Cadwalader*, Parish Treasurer

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, Nancy Neimeyer, Sharon Adams, Laura Thomas.

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

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