



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
7 NOVEMBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 287, stanzas 1 - 4

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your
blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable
joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlast-
ing. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9).

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch
them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was

thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive a great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (24) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein. | 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. |
| 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. | 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in. |
| 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? * and who can stand in his holy place?" | 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." |
| 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. | 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in. |
| 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord * and a just reward from the God of their salvation." | 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory." |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Revelation to John (21:1-6a).

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

continued

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”
Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to
me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 618

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (11:32-44).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to
him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus
saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly
disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said
to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he
loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind
man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was
lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man,
said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”
Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of
God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I
thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this

for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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 I) *The People may stand, sit, or kneel*

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Jennifer our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

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.

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

setting by Henry G. Ley, 1887–1962

The eternal gifts of Christ the King, The Apostles' glorious deeds we sing: And while due hymns of praise we pay, Our thankful hearts cast grief away. 'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints, The unconquered hope that never faints, The love of Christ that knows not shame, The prince of this world overcame. In these the Father's glory shone; In these the will of God the Son; In these exults the Holy Ghost; Through these rejoice the heavenly host. Redeemer, hear us of Thy love, That with this glorious band above, Hereafter, of thine endless grace, Thy servants also may have place. Amen.

-melody: Guidetti, 1582; -words: Pre-11th century, trans. J.M. Neale

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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.

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.
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 287, STANZAS 5 - 8

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!

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. If you would like to know

more about the Parish please speak with Fr. Warren or Fr. Nelson after the service or get in touch with them via email at: *frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org* or *nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org*. They will be very pleased to hear from you.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Monday, 10:30a	Telecare, Classroom
Tuesday, 11a	Gardner Memorial
Tuesday, 1p	Handbells, Loft
Tuesday, 4p	Vestry, Conference Rm
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Rooted In Love, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Beginning Today

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are pleased to announce the following changes to our Covid 19 protocols:.

- Beginning today, November 7,
- all pews will be open for seating,
 - the main (East) door into the Narthex will be open to welcome worshippers,
 - worshippers wishing to receive Communion will be invited to receive the elements at one of two standing Communion stations at the front of the church,
 - Communion wafers will no longer be in plastic baggies, and
 - Communion wine will be available by intinction only for those wishing to receive it.

To avoid crowding the aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward *please remember to follow Usher's directions*; masks will still be required in large groups such as worship services for the time being.

These changes are a step forward to the full removal of COVID 19 protocols. However, we will continue to keep an eye on COVID variants and are prepared to bring back restrictions if the need arises in order to protect those who have underlying health conditions.

Rooted in Love: The Episcopal Way

You may still register online for the ROOTED IN LOVE class; just go to bit.ly/StFrancisRooted (note that this link is 'case sensitive'—that is, it's important to observe upper and lower case letters when typing).

Classes are held in the St. Francis Parish Hall at 10 AM on Wednesdays running through December 1. For more information contact Fr. Nelson—nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org or 520-625-1370.

Saturday Afternoon Eucharist

On November 20, at 4 PM, we will have our first monthly Saturday Communion service. We are planning a relaxed, contemporary Eucharist held in the Parish Hall and lasting about 45 minutes, with music and liturgy projected on a screen.

It is our hope that the monthly service will eventually expand to twice a month, and perhaps in the future be a weekly service. We see this service as an outreach to families around Green Valley and Sahuarita who may find a Saturday service easier to attend than on Sunday morning, and to parishioners who have been asking for a service that is different than a Sunday morning.

I am looking for people who play a variety of musical instruments. So far we have one guitarist and a pianist.

A table will also be set up in the Parish Hall for coloring or crafts for any children who may attend. In December I hope to add a simple meal after the service, such as soup and salad.

Please share this news with friends and family in the area. This is a new and exciting venture for our church! *Fr. Warren*

New Advent Study

Led by Fr. Warren

Join Fr. Warren for an Advent study to include daily reflections and practices throughout the four weeks of Advent, similar to the Lenten series.

The theme of the study is PRACTICING PATIENCE WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH, AND MIND.

Week One, November 30: Practicing Awareness of Our Impatience

Week Two, December 7: Practicing Patience with Ourselves

Week Three, December 14: Practicing Patience with Others

Week Four, December 21: Practicing Patience with God.

Plan to join Fr. Warren at 10 AM in the Parish Hall for every session; he will be delighted to see you.

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

Remember to sign-up during Coffee Hour today for Thanksgiving dinner, and you don't have to bring a thing! You may also sign-up in the Parish Office during the week or 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.)

We will be limited to 100 seats, bearing in mind our 50 per cent capacity protocols. We are open to the community so bring a guest!

Handbell Ensemble

Our Handbell Ensemble is now rehearsing in the Choir Loft on Tuesdays at 10 AM and new members are welcome. Just contact Sophia Witte by text at 520-509-5037 or email at smw_witte@yahoo.com.

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.

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. Contact Gail Haight (520-490-2739) and let her know you want to lend a hand.

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 \$11,875 - up from \$9,875 last week.*) 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!

Prayer Chain

For **PRAYER CHAIN** requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnjrats@gmail.com.