



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
14 NOVEMBER 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 48

1. O day of radiant gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God Triune.
2. This day at the creation,
the light first had its birth;
this day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
this day our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heaven,
and thus this day most glorious
a triple light was given.
3. This day, God's people meeting,
his Holy Scripture hear;
his living presence greeting,
through Bread and Wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
renewed with heavenly might,
from grace more grace receiving
on this blest day of light.
4. That light our hope sustaining,
we walk the pilgrim way,
at length our rest attaining,
our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the Church her voice upraises
to thee, blest Three in One.

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

Blessed 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 Daniel (12:1-3).

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince,
the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has
never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people

shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (16) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.” | 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night. |
| 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people. | 8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. |
| 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied. | 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope. |
| 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. | 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit. |
| 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot. | 11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. |
| 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage. | |

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:11-14, 19-25).

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglect-

ing to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 598

1. Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, upon a cross they bound thee, and mocked thy saving kingship then by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that steady brow, and robe of sorrow round thee.

2. O awful Love, which found no room in life where sin denied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom the powers which crucified thee, till not a stone was left on stone, and all those nations' pride, o'erthrown, went down to dust beside thee!

3. New advent of the love of Christ, shall we again refuse thee, till in the night of hate and war we perish as we lose thee? From old unfaith our souls release to seek the kingdom of thy peace, by which alone we choose thee.

4. O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us thy new creation; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait thy revelation: O love that triumphs over loss, we bring our hearts before thy cross, to finish thy salvation.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:1-8).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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 seasonable 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

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-76

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is
thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.* *Psalms 5:8, 4:9*

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,
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.]

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

AN APPRECIATION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS

CLOSING HYMN 344

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

3. so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sue Girardeau
in loving memory of her sister Peggy Bevington.*

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. 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.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 9a	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Parish Hall
Tuesday, 11a	Conley Memorial
Tuesday, 1p	Handbells, Loft
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Wednesday, 10a

Rooted In Love,
Parish Hall

Thursday, 10a

Outreach, Parish Hall

Thursday, 2p

Parish Choir, Loft

Saturday, 4p

Holy Eucharist,
Parish Hall

New Protocols

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

From this point forward -

- 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.

The Boutique Is Open

Come see the beautiful items St. Francis Boutique is offering as you get ready for the upcoming holidays. There's jewelry, decorative items, handmade items by parishioners such as pottery, cards, paintings, beautiful

embroidered pillow cases and knitting. It's easy shopping and all reasonably priced, and remember, all profits go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Please remember the Boutique when you shop! *Jylene Wright*

At the organ this morning

Sophia Witte, our Handbell Ensemble director, 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

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!

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 jnrats@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

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