



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Very Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector  
The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon  
The Rev. Linda Hutson, Deacon

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 16 JUNE 2024 (FATHER'S DAY)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

C.S. Lang, David Lasky

*Two Preludes on 'O God, our help in ages past'*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN 410

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in this faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### 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

**R**ep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24).

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

**THE PSALM** (92:1-4, 11-14) *Please respond at the half-verse*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \* and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \* and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \* and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \* and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \* and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \* shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \* they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \* my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

**The Second Lesson**

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:6-10, 14-17).

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 209

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
but in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:
4. that, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark (4:26-34).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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, and Jennifer our Bishop; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:  
*We pay our respects to the Pasqua Yaqui and Pima tribes  
for their care of this land.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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**

#### **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**

J.S. Bach

*God's time is best*

#### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Celebrant* God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day,  
and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his  
likeness. We ask this in his name.

*People Amen.*

#### **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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...  
...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* 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 397

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us!  
With ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
eternal, Triune God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be, evermore.

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

Michael Burkhardt

*Postlude on 'Old Hundredth'*

### 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 ([frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org)). Please take a moment 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.

### Daughters of the King

The Rev. Judy Turberg, Chaplain of the Clare Chapter of the Order of the DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK), will be holding an information-and-organization meeting for any

women interested in finding out more about the Order, or already seeking to join. We will meet at 10:30 AM in the St. Francis Room on Wednesday, June 19.

As there is a twelve-session program of study and reflection prior to admission to the Order, we will set the schedule for our sessions at this meeting according to the availability of those interested. For further information or questions, please contact Rev. Turberg at [judy.turberg@gmail.com](mailto:judy.turberg@gmail.com) or 714-504-3798.

### Organist this morning

Sophia Witte, our Handbell Ensemble director, is at the organ this morning.

### This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Heart & Hands, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 2p	SAT, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 10:30a	DOK information Mtg, St. Francis Room

### Attention Home Tour Veterans

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We're planning an event to replace the old, profitable TOUR OF HOMES and we need your knowledge and expertise. If you ever worked the Tour of Homes, please send an email to Lou Terry, Clerk of Vestry, at [thirdangell@cox.net](mailto:thirdangell@cox.net). We're not trying to trick you into volunteering for this new, exciting project—we just want to pick your brain. If, however, you get to be as excited about our new project as we are and want to help we will welcome you with open arms.

### Social Activities Spring Events

The Social Activities Team (SAT) is once again planning our Movie Potluck suppers

on Friday, June 28, Friday, July 26, and Friday, August 30. Keep an eye on your Sunday service leaflets and News from the Pews for more information.

If you'd like to help out with any of our activities, or like to recommend a movie, contact, Tisha Stril at [tishastril@gmail.com](mailto:tishastril@gmail.com) or Julie Reppenhagen at [jrepp@snet.net](mailto:jrepp@snet.net). SAT looks forward to seeing you all.

### Walk In Love

So let us ask you this: What do you love, or what brings you joy at St. Francis? Is it the readings, the liturgy, the music, a particular ministry in the Church? What is IT? Could it be the friends that you have made here at St. Francis or the Coffee Hour?

For the next few months, we are going to be asking different people in the Parish what gives them joy in their different ministries. Stay tuned and, if you would like to be one of those people, please let Senior Warden Gary LaBarre know ([beebeedoc@aol.com](mailto:beebeedoc@aol.com)).

*Your Stewardship Committee*

### Heart & Hands Ministries

▶ **FOOD BANKS:** The food bank is requesting peanut butter (no glass or very large jars, please) for the month of June. You can deposit your peanut butter donations in the boxes outside the Parish Hall, one at the front door and another at the south door near the Chapel. Your offerings will be blessed on the first Sunday of each month.

▶ The SAHUARITA FOOD BANK collects cardboard—that includes cereal box styles as well as clean milk cartons. The receptacle is located on the south side of the Food Bank, beside the Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

▶ Please deposit reusable grocery bags

and Dollar store bags in the KINO box in the Donations room. These bags will be put to good use by people returning home to Mexico. They could also use travel-sized hygiene products, especially bar soap.

▶ The following thank you letter came from the EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION for our \$500 donation.

“Nelson Mandela said, ‘It is in your hands, to make a better world for all who live in it.’

“Watching the generosity flow so freely during our Spring Match, I’m all the more confident that our world is indeed in good hands. Thank you. Because of the collective action of this community, Episcopal Relief & Development can continue to do the locally rooted, evidence-based work to empower women around the world—and watch the effects ripple outward.

“Together, we’re uprooting systems — from cultural to financial—that lead to gender inequality and prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential. And because we’re doing it in lockstep with local faith leaders and trusted change agents within the spaces we serve, we’re making real, tangible change, one community at a time.

“The truth is this: This community is creating a better world, not just for those we serve, but for our entire global community. Thank you again.”

Yours faithfully, Robert W. Radtke, *President & CEO*

▶ Remember, donations of money are always welcome for any of our ministries—simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the ministry name in the memo line and we’ll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

▶ And most importantly—if you have a Passion for a Ministry—bring your voice to a Heart and Hands meeting the third Monday of the month at 10 o’clock in Meeting Room 2 across the hall from the Library. A special THANK YOU to Joyce Davison who has volunteered to be the meeting coordinator during the summer.

## Music Notes

As we continue to look at the resources of the Hymnal 1982 and the way we put them to use, it’s important to point out that, in choosing music for the Liturgy, especially hymns, each Sunday has a certain ‘message’ which is, in a sense, ‘encoded’ in the COLLECT OF THE DAY and the READINGS (First Reading Psalm, Second Reading and Gospel). The STANDING COMMISSION ON CHURCH MUSIC (the folks who put the Hymnal together) had this LECTONARY before them as a guiding principle in selecting texts and tunes for the book, especially texts. There’s more to be considered, in other words, than just liturgical seasons of the year.

Our Gradual Hymn this morning is a case in point. *We walk by faith, and not by sight* (number 209) is included in the Easter section of the Hymnal (and we are in the season of Pentecost), but because it directly quotes the Second Reading (or EPISTLE) we sing it today. The thoughtful organization of the Hymnal allows for such connections to be made easily. *Gerald*

## Green Team Tip

Tis the season of warmer days and cost saving free solar energy. An indoor clothesline or drying rack is an easy way to let nature take its course. It also helps your clothes last long and will save on your energy bill. As Franciscans let’s care for creation together.

## Parish Newsletter Deadline

Copy for the July/August issue of the Parish Newsletter—THE FRANCISCAN STAFF—is now PAST DUE. If you are responsible for a Newsletter article or notice, we need your submission as soon as possible. Please send your copy—via email—to [gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) in Word doc format, or simply type it into the body of an email. Tip: Please avoid using ‘&’ for *and*, and ‘@’ for *at*—use the actual words—and lots of !!!! is kind of ugly.

## 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.

## Ongoing Need

We are looking for crucifers, acolytes, servers, and Altar Guild members, and the need is great and urgent. If you have experience in any of these areas of service, please consider stepping up to help. If you haven't experience but are willing to learn, we will be delighted to train you. Questions? Get in touch with Fr. Warren and let him know of your interest.

## Forward Day by Day

Daily devotion booklets for May, June, and July 2024 are now available in the Parish Hall and Parish Office.

## Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jnrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnrats@gmail.com).

## Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Henry Witte, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Sandra Findley, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Jason Camp, Roger Williams, Ellen Sax, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, The Rev. Pat Kirk, Ann Zublin, Kyle Davison, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Alan Hyde, Kyle Davison, Will, and Carolyn, Stephen North, Debra Vint.

Remembering those who have died: Richard Brown.

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