



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 23 JUNE 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Marcel Dupré, 1886-1971

How fair and pleasant art thou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 433

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 Reading from the Book of Job (38:1-11).

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

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

THE PSALM (107:1-3, 23-32) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever. | 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards * and were at their wits' end. |
| 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. | 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress. |
| 3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. | 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper * and quieted the waves of the sea. |
| 23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters; | 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, * and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for. |
| 24 They beheld the works of the LORD * and his wonders in the deep. | 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children. |
| 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, * which tossed high the waves of the sea. | 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders. |
| 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; * their hearts melted because of their peril. | |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-13).

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrow-

continued

ful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 608

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (4:35-41).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Gilbert Marten, b. 1941

Tune for the Oboe

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 559

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2. Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;

thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

André Campra, 1660-1744

Rigaudon

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). 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.

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 2p	Library Committee, Library
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Friday, 5:30p	Summer Movie Night, Parish Hall

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. 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 or Julie Reppenhagen at jrepp@snet.net. SAT looks forward to seeing you all.

Prison Ministry

Camp Genesis starts on June 30 and ends July 6. Thank you to all who chose a blue heart and promised to pray for an individual camper for a year. All of the blue hearts and notes have been collected and are on their way to Deacon Kim to be placed in the campers backpacks. Thank you also for all the support the congregation have given to the campers. You have provided scholarships and backpacks for eight campers! That is just amazing. Please keep the campers, chaplains and counselors in your prayers as they gather and participate in Camp Genesis 2024.

Rena Robbins

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).

Your Stewardship Committee

Heart & Hands Ministries

► NEW MINISTRY School Supplies for our future leaders: Joyce Davison has been working with the KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS CLUB which teaches leadership skills to

6, 7 and 8th graders at the Continental Elementary School. She overheard teachers talking about buying supplies for their students with their own money and, therefore, a new Ministry is born. Joyce and Pat Peissig will set up an information table in the Parish Hall after Sunday Service from June 30 to July 28 with a list of supplies needed; she will also have a place to drop off your donation. Of course a money donation is always welcome—instructions for donations are below.

▶ **SISTER JOSE'S WOMEN'S SHELTER:** Sue Spiewak and Rena Robbins recently toured the Women's shelter in Tucson. They reported that the shelter can house up to 53 homeless women. Women not staying at the shelter can also go to the shelter to shower, wash their clothes and have a meal. They are in need of seasonal clothes and sneakers as well as unused hotel size personal items. Money donations are always welcome—instructions for donations are below.

▶ **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 Mexi-

co. They could also use travel-sized hygiene products, especially bar soap.

▶ 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

Here's a bit more on the Hymnal 1982. There are a few hymns always associated with a particular day and rarely sung any other time, although they certainly can be. Our OPENING HYMN this morning is invariably sung—in most churches, regardless of denominational affiliation—on Thanksgiving Day. *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing* is a beautiful Dutch hymn that deserves to be heard and sung anytime, even though it may encourage you to go out for a turkey dinner after the service.

Today's GRADUAL HYMN has come to be known as the 'Navy Hymn.' The tune, MELITA, is named after the island of Malta where St. Paul was shipwrecked. (There is another version of this hymn—number 579—about which more below.) There's nothing about the text of *Eternal Father, strong to save* that links it to a branch of the Armed Forces—although it's not unreasonable to do so because of the reference to *'those in peril on the*

sea’—but there **is** a direct link to today’s GOSPEL, FIRST READING and PSALM. Note the way all four—Reading, Psalm, Hymn, and Gospel—form a unit. And the idea of life itself as often a ‘*tempestuous sea*’ is carried through to the first stanza of our CLOSING HYMN, number 559, *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*.

The text of the other version of our GRADUAL HYMN offers, in addition to prayers for those battling the stormy seas, petitions for those in danger on land and in the air (even in space). Again, while these are not direct references to Armed Forces, *Almighty Father, strong to save* is usually sung on Veteran’s Day, and sometimes on Memorial Day. *Gerald*

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 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 jnjrats@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, Stephen North, Will, and Carolyn.

Remembering those who have died: Alan Hyde, Debra Vint.

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