



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

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The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*  
The Rev. Linda Hutson, *Deacon*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OBSERVING INDEPENDENCE DAY**

2 JULY 2023

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Piet Post, 1919-79

*Fantasie on 'Holy, holy, holy'*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN 362**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity.

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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*)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (28:5-9).

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries

and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** (89:1-4, 15-18) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;<br>* from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.            | 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. |
| 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; * you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. | 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.                         |
| 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; * I have sworn an oath to David my servant:                            | 17 For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.                  |
| 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, * and preserve your throne for all generations.’”                            | 18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.                                 |

### **The Epistle**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (6:12-23).

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of

those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

### **GRADUAL HYMN 716**

1. God bless our native land;  
firm may she ever stand  
through storm and night:  
when the wild tempests rave,  
ruler of wind and wave,  
do thou our country save  
by thy great might.

2. For her our prayers shall rise  
to God, above the skies;  
on him we wait;  
thou who art ever nigh,  
guarding with watchful eye,  
to thee aloud we cry,  
God save the state!

### **THE GOSPEL** *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (10:40-42).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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.*

**L**ord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**L**ord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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**

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 719

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

### 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.

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.*

*Celebrant* 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...

...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, please cross your arms over your chest. Please remember to follow Usher's directions.*

### **PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)**

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Together* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN 720

1. O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

2. O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
and this be our motto, "In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

Léon Boëllman 1862-97

#### *Menuet Gothique*

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### We Welcome You

**A** WARM WELCOME to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. If you would like to know more about the Parish, please speak with Fr. Warren or get in touch with him via email at [frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org). Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

Organist this morning  
Sophia Witte is at the organ this morning.

Parish Offices Closed  
Our Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday,

July 4, in recognition of the Independence Day national holiday.

### *Solo Journeymen*

The Solo Group will gather to celebrate Independence Day at the home of Kristi Thompson on Monday, July 3, at 4 PM. Please bring a snack to share with your fellow Solo's (drinks will be provided). Look for the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall this morning and next Sunday. Please come and join in for a festive occasion. Kristi's address is 120 W. Paseo Canasta, 520-207-0465.

### Green Team Tip; Water Harvesting

It's monsoon season and an opportunity to collect rooftop runoff water. Rainwater can

be harvested into rain barrels, cistern systems, or containers found in your kitchen and garage, or by directing water onto plants. Maybe, like me, your grandparents collected rainwater in barrels, covered them and used the water for weeks and months to come. Water harvesting is a practical and ancient practice of caring for God's creation. Happy Monsoon and Happy Harvesting!

*Susan Burch*

### This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday	Parish Offices Closed
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 10:15a	Bible Study, Parish Hall
Saturday, 4p	Holy Eucharist, Parish Hall

### Prison Ministry

We had a great time at Camp Genesis for a few hours on opening day. We were able to meet all the campers and hand out the backpacks. Thanks to your generous donation of \$1,270 St. Francis was able to help fill the backpacks with very cool stuff!

Stop by the PRISON MINISTRY table to pick up the last of the birthday card requests for July. And maybe, if I can get everything together, we will have new blue hearts for the campers who were at camp. These are the prayer hearts to pray for a camper. There will be limited number of hearts available. Thank you for all you do to support Prison Ministry and camp Genesis! *Rena Robbins*

### Hearts & Hands Ministries

BOOKS FOR CLASSROOMS: B for C needs your Buttons! The Tohono O'odham schools are collecting buttons to help the children learn math. Please bring any buttons you have that are 1/4" inch and larger to the library table and Librarian Joyce will take them to the

Books for Classrooms Headquarters. This is a STEM project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) recently added to the book program in progress.

VALLEY ASSISTANCE: VA helps folks in need by providing bar soap, laundry and dish washing detergent, ammonia (or glass cleaner), toilet paper, tampons, sanitary pads (regular or medium, or overnight-style with wings). You can help by purchasing some of these items, bringing them to church and depositing them in the labeled, purple container in the Sexton's closet (Southwest corner of the Parish Hall).

► LOCAL FOOD BANKS: We continue to collect non-perishable items for our local Food Banks. For July the Green Valley Food Bank is requesting peanut butter (no glass containers, please). Monetary donations are welcome too, simply write your check payable to St. Francis with *Green Valley Food Bank* 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.

► DON'T FORGET: the Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard (cereal box style too). The receptacle is located next to Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

### New in the Parish Library

We are in the season of the liturgical year which focuses on the Holy Spirit. The season began with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 28, and Trinity Sunday on June 4. Our St. Francis Parish Library has a large number of books to help you to learn more about the work of the third person of the Trinity and to enhance your devotional time during this season of the liturgical year.

One of these books is a collection of essays by the late Fr. Thomas Keating: *Fruits and*

*Gifts of the Holy Spirit.* (You can read Charlie Gardner's review in News from the Pews.)

Do you wonder what the gifts of the Holy Spirit are and whether you have any of them? St. Paul lists nine of those gifts and your Parish Librarian found six more. I wonder how many more there are that we are not aware of. Some I found are faith, the gift of healing, serving, teaching, and so on. This summer your church library will feature books about the gifts of the spirit on the library table in the Parish Hall during Sunday coffee hour. The Library is also open during Parish Office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 AM until NOON. Stop by, take a look, check out a book or two and enjoy your summer reading.

Your Parish Librarian, *Joyce Davison*

### Our National Anthem

The *Star Spangled Banner* is one of those pieces of music that was written to suit a particular set of words but which, through no fault of its own, has become firmly attached to a different set of words. It's unclear just *when* the music was written (by British composer John Stafford Smith) but it was a well-established tune before Francis Scott Key wrote his poem *Defence of Fort M'Henry* on September 14, 1814.

Such unusual pairings occur in church music too. For example, the chorale tune *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* (*O sacred head, sore wounded*) was written by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) as a secular love song. But we know it as the *Passion Chorale* and we sing it on Good Friday. The tune is always associated with Holy Week, but Bach used it—with an entirely different set of words—in his *Christmas Oratorio*. *Gerald*

### A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

### Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, and July 2023, are now available in the Parish Office and Parish Hall.

### Prayer Chain

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

### Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Paul Witte, Henry Witte, Kathy Ravine, Dick Kosnick, Clyde Tardy, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Jenny Ryan, Eileen Fanning, Shirley Underwood, Amanda, Frank Brown, Debi Murry, Delilah Wegrzyn, Bill Peissig, Tom Moorhead, Edgar, Miguel, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Lance Parker Eaves, Judy Craig

Remembering those who have died: Sue Howell

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