



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 17 JULY 2022

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*For the beauty of the earth*

Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### OPENING HYMN 416 (*sung to the tune 'Dix'*)

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For the Church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
thy pure sacrifice of love,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
faith and hope and love divine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

### 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

**A**lmighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask  
and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully  
give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness  
we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (18:1-10a).

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of  
his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him.  
When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to  
the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.  
Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.  
Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may  
pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."  
And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three  
measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and  
took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

**THE PSALM** (15) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?                                     | 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the Lord.                |
| 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.                    | 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.                               |
| 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor. | 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. |
|  | 7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.                                       |

**The Second Lesson**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:15-28).

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the

ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

### **GRADUAL HYMN 440**

1. Blessèd Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

3. Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (10:38-42).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**A**s Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **THE SERMON** The Rev. Becky Williamson

### **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 II)**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. The People may stand, sit, or kneel.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Reader We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand.

People *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.

*Lector 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**

#### **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)*

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN 325**

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| 1. Let us break bread together on our knees;<br>Let us break bread together on our knees;<br>when I fall on my knees,<br>with my face to the rising sun,<br>O Lord, have mercy on me. | 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;<br>Let us drink wine together on our knees;<br>when I fall on my knees,<br>with my face to the rising sun,<br>O Lord, have mercy on me. |
| 3. Let us praise God together on our knees;<br>Let us praise God together on our knees;<br>when I fall on my knees,<br>with my face to the rising sun,<br>O Lord, have mercy on me.   |   |

#### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,

People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

## AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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...  
...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**

*Worshippers wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive the elements at one of two standing Communion stations at the front of the church. To avoid crowding the center aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward; 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* 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 488**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Robert Hobby, b. 1962

*When in our music God is glorified*

## 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 after the service or get in touch with him via email at: [frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@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.

### Vacation Time

Fr. Warren is on vacation in Canada until early August. Until his return please contact Deacon Becky ([1beckyw@cox.net](mailto:1beckyw@cox.net) - 480-204-0022) and let her know of any pastoral need; she will get in touch with a priest on your behalf should that be necessary.

*Our Celebrant today:*

The Rev. W.T. Holt III

*Our Homilist today:*

The Rev. Becky Williamson

### Smile!

#### *Summer Photo Sessions*

If you haven't had a chance to have your photo taken for our new church directory, and you are spending your summer here in Green Valley, there's still time, and we can't wait to see you. During the summer months photo appointments will be available one Sunday a month following our church service. You can schedule a photo session for July 17, or August 14 by emailing Lou Terry at [thirdangell@cox.net](mailto:thirdangell@cox.net). To all of you who have had your photos taken for the new directory, thank you, the pictures are fabulous!

### This Week at St. Francis

Tomorrow, 10a	Hearts & Hands, Conference Room
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 12p	Mix & Mingle Lunch, Parish Hall
Next Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

### Exploring the Life and Thought of C.S. Lewis

Our third class on the life and thought of the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis will be held on Thursday, July 28, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be looking at Lewis' essay *On Obstinacy In Belief*, chapter two in the collection *THE WORLD'S LAST NIGHT and Other Essays*. The book is available through Amazon Prime (used copies are also available through Amazon). If you are interested in the class, contact Gerald via email at [gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) and he will get more information to you. You are also welcome to attend even if you haven't done your homework.

### Prayer Chain

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

### Prison Ministry

Please stop by the Prison Ministry table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour this morning. There will be hearts for Camp Genesis/Chapel Rock campers. Choose a heart and pledge to pray for the child for one year, until June 2023. There are limited number of hearts available. *Rena Robbins*

## Valley Assistance Mix and Mingle Luncheon

A luncheon get-together for seniors, sponsored by Valley Assistance, will be held in the St. Francis Parish Hall on Wednesday, July 20, at NOON. We will be serving a light lunch (soup, salad, bread, and dessert.)

Our SOLO JOURNEYERS are invited too. To RSVP, please contact Sandy Eckstein (*seckste2@gmail.com* or 410-808-3881) before Thursday, July 14. Sign up will be after services today and Sundays July 3 and 10.

## Kino Border Initiative

Just recently over 500 people were provided food at Kino's COMEDOR in containers our members have provided. The numbers fluctuate, but never diminish much. Recipients are prompted to wash out the containers for reuse, but some do not have access to clean water. So, please keep the containers coming. They are greatly appreciated.

## Cruzando Fronteras

Our parishioners have been most generous in their response to requests for winter needs. Although Vicks and Chapstick are no longer needed, baby diapers are always welcome. The families at La Casa de la Misericordia are most grateful. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

## Hearts and Hands

Help a neighbor facing hunger. For the month of July, the *Hearts and Hands* committee will be collecting Peanut Butter for the Community/Green Valley Food Bank. Please place your donations in the baskets designated for the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

## Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe. Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

## Dinner and A Movie

Our next Summer of 2022 DINNER AND A MOVIE night will be Friday, July 29, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. (Movie to be determined.) The dinner part is pot-luck, so plan to sign up in the Parish Hall after the service this morning. Here's good fun and entertainment for all as we make our way through the 'Long, Hot Summer,' so don't miss it. (And bring a friend!)

## Friends of the Library

As you may know, a concerted effort is being made to make the St. Francis Parish Library THE place to go for exciting reads on all kinds of subjects (at least those appropriate for a church library; you'll have to go elsewhere for romance novels). Joyce Davison and an active Library Committee have put in many hours getting things going, but there's much more to do. Some of it requires money. There's not at present a budget for our Library and, until there is (and perhaps long af-

ter), we invite you to join the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. Your donations of cash and books (preferably new) will be most welcome and greatly appreciated. (There are some rules and regs involved, so please don't just dump a pile of books at the Library door.) More information will be forthcoming so please stay tuned.

### Parish Directory Cover Photo Contest

Close your eyes and think of St. Francis. What images come to mind? Perhaps you envision the tranquil beauty that is found on our campus and grounds, a special event, or one of the services that bring us together as a Parish. Whatever captures your imagination and evokes the feelings you experience when you think of St. Francis, we would like you to share that in photo form. We need an original photo or a photograph of original artwork that represents the idea of our church for the new directory's cover. The winning image will be unveiled at our annual Homecoming Gathering in October (and don't tell anyone I said this, but I heard that along with their photo being featured on the cover, there might also be a fabulous prize for the winner). The image will be displayed on the cover of our new pictorial directory, which will be distributed at our Annual Meeting in January. Entering the contest is easy, simply submit your photo to George Grove at [grovegh@gmail.com](mailto:grovegh@gmail.com). Submissions must be received no later than October 15, 2022. Get creative, have fun, and don't forget to have your picture taken, the directory just wouldn't be the same without you!

*Jenica Hisko*

### Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? We would like to restart this tradition here at St. Francis. 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.

## St. Francis in the Valley

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