



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 24 JULY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

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César Franck, 1922-90

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 423

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Genesis (18:20-32).

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the

Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (138) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise. | 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD. |
| 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness; | 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar. |
| 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things. | 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. |
| 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me. | 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. |
| 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth. | |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (2:6-19).

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of

the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 709

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| 1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
who through this earthly pilgrimage
hast all thine Israel led: | 3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide. |
| 2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
O God of Israel, be the God
of this succeeding race. | 4. O spread thy sheltering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace! |
| 5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and thou shalt be our covenant God
and portion evermore. | |

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (11:1-13).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Tom Neyland

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 321

1. My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2. O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3. Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4. Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
People And of thine own have we given thee.

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C)

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.*

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.*

People By your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed*

your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace

only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

continued

to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 473

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(Refrain)*

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957

Immortal, Invisible

Altar flowers are given by Julie Reppenhagen to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband Charlie.

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. 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 - 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. Judith Turberg

Our Homilist today:

The Rev. Tom Neyland

Smile!

Final Summer Photo Session

The final Summer photo session will be held on Sunday, August 14 following our morning service. This will be the final opportunity to have your picture taken for our new directory before the Fall. You can schedule your appointment by emailing Lou Terry at thirdangell@cox.net. To all of you who have had your photos taken, thank you, the pictures are fabulous!

This Week at St. Francis

Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Thursday, 2p	C.S. Lewis Class, Parish Hall
Friday, 5p	Dinner and A Movie 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 and he will get more information to you. You're 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 jnjrats@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*

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.

Solo Journeymen

Solo friends, bring your appetite and join us for breakfast/lunch after church services on Sunday, July 31. If you are interested, please sign-up after church services on Sunday, July 24, as we need to have an estimated count to give to the restaurant. We will be meeting at Arizona Family Restaurant for good conversation and tasty food on the Sunday the 31, after our morning worship service (approximately 10:30 AM). Each Solo is responsible for their own meal.

Carol Berg, Solo Journeyer

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 after), 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. 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