



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 31 JULY 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, 1877-1933

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 11

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| 1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice: | 3. Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design, or do, or say; that all my powers, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite. |
| 2. Lord, I my vows to thee renew; disperse my sins as morning dew; guard my first springs of thought and will, and with thyself my spirit fill. | 4. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. |

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Ecclesiastes (1:2,12-14; 2:18-23).

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM (49:1-11) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together. | 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it, |
| 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on under- standing. | 8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave. |
| 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp. | 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them. |
| 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me, | 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever; their dwelling places from gen- eration to generation, * though they call the lands after their own names. |
| 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches? | 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish. |
| 6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life; | |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-11).

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 516

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me
round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (12:13-21).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. W.T. Holt III

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 671

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| 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. | 3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. |
| 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! | 4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. |
| 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. | |

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 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

Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957

Now Thank We All Our God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wē Wēlcome Yōu

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. 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 and Homilist this morning:

The Rev. W.T. Holt III

Our organist this morning:

Sophia Witte

Prison Ministry

Thank you for the ongoing prayers for the campers from Camp Genesis/ Chapel Rock. All of the hearts for the campers have been chosen. Thank you so much!

We are continuing to send birthday cards to incarcerated women who attend the Episcopal Church services inside the prison at Perryville. Please stop by the Prison Ministry table and pick up a birthday card request and more details. Thank you for extending some kindness to these women.

Rena Robbins

Daily Devotional Booklets

FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets

for August, September and October are now available in the Parish Hall, Narthex and Parish Office. "Forward Day by Day inspires people who want to be more like Jesus and encourages them to spread his love in the world." Pick up a copy today!

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 August 14 by emailing Lou Terry at thirdangel@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

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| Tuesday, 10a | DOK Training, St. Francis Room |
| Wednesday, 9a | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| Thursday, 10a | Stewardship, Conference Room |
| Next Sunday, 9a | Holy Eucharist |

Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnrats@gmail.com.

Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday Eucharist will be celebrated August 13 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

Kino Border Initiative

Volunteers and staff are so grateful for the

plastic containers you have been providing for so many months. Corn tortillas are a staple along with beans and rice. In addition, a stew with vegetables and a small amount of meat is typical. It's the only meal for the day, and it's hot.

Just last month, 20,032 meals were served utilizing those very containers. So, thank you and keep them coming.

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 August the HEARTS AND HANDS COMMITTEE will be collecting canned stews, chili, hearty soups, tuna, chicken and Spam for the Community/Green Valley Food Bank. Please place your donations in the baskets designated for the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

Vacation Bible School

A big thank you goes out to all those that made Vacation Bible School a success this summer. It could not have happened without your help. There are many of you who donated items for our use and many of you who prayed for us. Here is a list of those that were leaders, craft and snack helpers: Phil Vande-Riet, Tom Neyland, Mark and Sandy Eckstein, Becky Williamson, Jean Ross, Gary La Barre, Nancy McGibbon, Pam and Gary Chambers, Linda Kosnick, Dorothy North, Linda Hutson, Mary Staples, Joyce Davidson,

Tisha Stril and Sophia Witte. Thank you also to Julie Reppenhagen and Penney Junke for providing the tents. If any names have been omitted, know that you are appreciated as well!

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 Gath-

ering 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*

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, August 25, at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be looking at Lewis' essay *The Weight of Glory*, the first essay in the collection *THE WEIGHT OF GLORY and Other Addresses*. 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@stfranciscgvaz.org and he will get more information to you. You are also welcome to attend even if you haven't done your homework.

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.

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.

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