



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

21 JULY 2024

ORGAN PRELUDE

Alan Macmillan, b. 1947

Meditatio ad Sextam

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 537

1. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

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

Almighty 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 *Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6).

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the
LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who
shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them
away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,
says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands

where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (23) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want. | no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. |
| 2 He makes me lie down in green pas- tures * and leads me beside still wa- ters. | 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. |
| 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. | 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. |
| 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear | |

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (2:11-22).

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus him-

continued

self as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 518

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (6:30-34, 53-56).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect, and for 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.

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:

We pay our respects to the Pasqua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of this land.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;

bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

AT THE OFFERTORY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

J. Quadflieg, 1854–1915

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his
likeness. We ask this in his name.

People Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Together Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms over your chest. After receiving Communion, if you would like personal prayers for yourself or others, members of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be available in the Chapel to pray with and for you.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(to be said by All)*

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 708

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Gagliarda

Bernhard Schmid, 1520-92

We Welcome You

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

This Week at St. Francis

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| Tuesday, 1p | Library Cmte, Library |
| Wednesday, 9a | Holy Eucharist, Chapel |
| Thursday, 10:30a | Time with the Treasurer, Conference Room |
| Friday, 5p | Summer Movie Night, Parish Hall |

Social Activities Spring Events

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT this Friday, July 26, at 5 PM: join us for *Sabrina* (the original movie with Audrey Hepburn). On Friday, August 30, we will be watching *Calendar Girls* (same time, same Parish Hall). A signup sheet is available in the Parish Hall on Sundays, or you may call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) during the week to make a reservation. And don't forget your potluck delight to share.

Looking ahead: on Friday September 27, Gerald Near will be presenting our Musical Potluck Movie. On Friday, October 11, we'll be having our Welcome Back BBQ to kick off our fall activities.

If you'd like to help out with any of our activities, contact Tisha Stril at tishastril@gmail.com or Julie Reppenhagen at jrepp@snet.net. SAT looks forward to seeing you all.

Pastoral Care

There are parishioners in our midst in need of pastoral care who have not been able to access these important ministries, in large part because we don't know who they are. A REQUEST FOR PASTORAL CARE form has been developed to help meet this need. The form will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings and, during the week, in the Parish Office and on the St. Francis website. To access the form online, click on 'Ministry,' 'Caring,' and 'Pastoral Care Request.' You can print the form and bring it to the Parish Office (we'll take it from there) or email it to mikelkuebler@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping us meet the pastoral care needs of our parishioners. *Fr. Warren*

Border Ministry

A member of our St Francis Border and Samaritans of Green Valley/Sahuarita Team received positive feedback while in Nogales last week. A distinguished looking gentleman approached our volunteer to thank them for work they are doing for his people in Mexico. He recognized the Samaritan T-shirt they were wearing and knew they are in Nogales week after week offering helpful information, kindness and encouragement to people being deported. *Rena Robbins*

Festival of Trees

Picture, if you will, a slightly chilly evening—the first Friday in December. You are standing on the sidewalk in front of St. Francis. Christmas trees fill the area between the church and the street, the courtyard is filled with trees, and you have even caught a glimpse of trees in the Parish Hall and inside the church. A crowd is gathering and, as the sun slowly sets, Father Warren flips a switch

and the trees—there must be twenty or thirty of them—are ablaze with lights.

The air is filled with familiar carols as the gates into the courtyard are open and folks—old and young, families and friends, grandparents, parents and children—file in to ooh and aah over the trees, each sponsored and decorated by a Green Valley or Sahuarita organization or business. The air is filled with the enchantment of Christmas as folks admire the trees and then make their way into the Parish Hall where more trees, a table filled with gourmet baked goods, a gift basket silent auction, hot chocolate and cookies, and so much more, and yes—Santa Claus—await.

This, my friends, is the FESTIVAL OF TREES hosted by St. Francis in the Valley to bring the community together and share in the magic of the Christmas season. This is the event we as a Parish have been searching for to replace the much acclaimed Home Tour. Planning is already underway. Tommy and Craig Reid have taken on the task of overseeing the Festival and parishioners are already volunteering to be a part of this exciting new endeavor. So mark your calendars for Friday, December 6, Saturday, December 7, and Sunday December 8 and let Tommy and Craig know how you can help

Heart & Hands Ministries

▶ HUMAN INTEREST STORY: When our border ministry was at the border recently they saw a group of 8 small children sitting in a circle happily coloring in coloring books that were in the bag of goodies donated by Kristi Thompson. You can donate crayons, coloring books and tootsie rolls for Kristi to include in the bags by putting your offering in the donation baskets at each entrance.

▶ NEW MINISTRY School Supplies for our future leaders: Joyce Davison has been working with the KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS CLUB which teaches leadership skills to 6, 7 and 8th graders at the Continental Elementary School. She overheard teachers talking about buying supplies for their students with their own money and, therefore, a new Ministry is born. Joyce and Pat Peissig will set up an information table in the Parish Hall after Sunday Service from June 30 to July 28 with a list of supplies needed; she will also have a place to drop off your donation. Of course a money donation is always welcome—instructions for donations are below.

▶ SISTER JOSE'S WOMEN'S SHELTER: St. Francis in the Valley recently donated \$250 to the shelter. We received a thank you that said "Thank you for your gift which will help Sister Jose's Shelter provide love, safe spaces, health care, and nutritious meals for women who are unhoused."

The shelter accepts donations of sneakers as well as unused hotel-sized personal items. Women not staying at the shelter can also go to the shelter to shower, wash their clothes and have a meal. Follow the expansion project which is adding more rooms, bathrooms and expanded dining room on their Facebook and Instagram sites. Money donations are always welcome.

▶ FOOD BANKS: The food bank is requesting canned meat products, vegetables, fruits, soups, and tomato products (low sodium, if possible) for July. You can deposit your donations in the boxes outside the Parish Hall, one at the front door and another at the south door near the Chapel. Your offerings will be blessed on the first Sunday of each month.

▶ The SAHUARITA FOOD BANK collects cardboard—that includes cereal box styles as well as clean milk cartons. The receptacle is located on the south side of the Food Bank, beside the Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

▶ Please deposit reusable grocery bags and Dollar store bags in the KINO box in the Donations room. These bags will be put to good use by people returning home to Mexico. They could also use travel-sized hygiene products, especially bar soap.

▶ Remember, donations of money are always welcome for any of our ministries—simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the ministry name in the memo line and we'll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

▶ And most importantly—if you have a Passion for a Ministry—bring your voice to a Heart and Hands meeting the third Monday of the month at 10 o'clock in Meeting Room 2 across the hall from the Library. A special THANK YOU to Joyce Davison who has volunteered to be the meeting coordinator during the summer.

Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotion booklets for August, September, and October 2024 are now available in the Parish Hall and Parish Office.

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Henry Witte, Bob Vint, Sr., Kelly Davis, Sandra Findley, Shirley Underwood, Frank Brown, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Elaine & Paul Deysenroth, Jean Schwafel, Jason Camp, Roger Williams, Ellen Sax, Joshua & Chaya Hexter, Jim Ravenelle, The Rev. Pat Kirk, Ann Zublin, Kyle Davison, Bob Hutson, Haley Hutson, Stephen North, Will, Carolyn, Jerry Lounsberry.

Remembering those who have died: pray for the deceased.

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