



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
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Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY
OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY
31 MAY 2026

We appreciate the silencing of all electronic devices and ask that, out of respect for those who wish to pray quietly or listen to the music played on the organ, all conversation be held until coffee hour following the service, to which all are cordially invited.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

Lord God, the Father forevermore

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 718

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF NAMES (*please be seated*)

Celebrant O God and Father of all, we praise your loving kindness and your merciful grace. On this special day, we remember our loved ones who have passed through the veil of death into your loving arms after having served in the armed forces of our country. We are thankful for their lives of faithful service; and we honor their memory, always commending them to your love and compassion in that place you have prepared for them from the beginning of time. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.** *(The names are read.)*

Following the Reading of Names

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People Amen.

HYMN 720

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

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Together 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. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (GLORY TO GOD)

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

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

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON (*Please be seated*)

A Lesson from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (6:1-8).

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (8) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world! | and the avenger. |
| 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens. | 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, |
| 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy | 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out? |

continued

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND LESSON

A Lesson from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13).

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 362

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth,
and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful
and mighty, God in three Persons,
blessèd Trinity.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (28:16-20).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier

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 *The people may stand, sit, or kneel*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us. God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them. (especially...) God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Leader We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth

and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.
God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Leader We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom. (especially...) God of love,

People hear our prayer.

Leader We invite you to add your personal prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Leader We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather:

We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Together Almighty and everliving God, you are with us in every transition and change. Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry and parish family to be of one heart and mind in our search for a new Rector who will be your faithful servant and who will minister to your flock. By your light, O Lord, draw us to those with vision and passion for St. Francis' future. Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor and dynamic preacher of your gospel, who will shepherd us as your flock. Strengthen our ministries and work with us in the building of your kingdom. Amen.

Celebrant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; unite us in bonds of love; and work through us to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (TO BE SAID BY ALL)

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life and for all the blessings you have
poured upon your servants celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, espe-
cially those standing before us today. As they begin another year, we pray that
you continue to guide, protect, and shower them with your grace. May this
new year be filled with love, joy, and peace, as they walk closer to you, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

AT THE OFFERTORY

Gerald Near, b. 1942

Benedictus es, Domine Deus

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives, to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B; Expansive Language version)

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 our thanks and praise.

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

For with your co-eternal and Holy Spirit, you are one God,
one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in unity of Being:
and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, sit, or kneel.

Celebrant 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

The Celebrant continues

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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!

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Jesus, Lamb of God:

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Jesus, bearer of our sins:

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Jesus, redeemer of the world:

People give us your peace.

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 may be received by taking a sip from the common cup (preferred method), or by intinction (dipping your host into the wine). If you prefer intinction, you dip it immediately in the small cup after receiving it from the clergy. 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 366, STANZAS 1-4

1. Holy God, we praise thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim,
all in heaven above adore thee;
infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
holy, holy, holy Lord!

3. Lo, the apostolic train
join, thy sacred Name to hallow;
prophets swell the loud refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and, from morn till set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee;
then, adoring, bend the knee
and confess the mystery.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

J.F. Alberti, 1642-1710

Who art Three in Unity

We Welcome You

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 a mo-

ment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you; and plan to join us in the Parish Hall following the service for a cup of coffee.

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a Men's Group, Conf Rm
Wednesday, 9a Holy Eucharist, Cpl
Friday, 4p Praise Singers, Chapel

Loving Our Neighbors

▶ The LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS committee will be distributing Diocesan Give Back Dollars this week. The Sahuarita Food Bank, Sister Jose Women's Shelter, and Community Food Bank Green Valley, will each receive \$500. In addition, Community Food Bank Green Valley will receive \$265 from Parish donations. Thank you Parishioners!

▶ The month of June will be designated Undies Sundays. We will be asking for donations of new, unopened packages of ladies underwear for Sister Jose's shelter. (New underwear is a high priority request.) There will be a collection receptacle in the Parish Hall in June.

▶ The committee is taking on a new project. We will be gifting \$1,250 to Imago Dei School for its 63 students to order 3 books each, of their choice, for summer reading. Also, there will be money left over for the school to purchase props for Shakespeare's play ROMEO AND JULIET. The students perform the play at the end of summer school.

▶ We will also be allocating \$1,250 to purchase books for LITERACY CONNECTS. This program provides reading support for Title 1 schools in Pima County that have requested the program for their school. The students are given a new book to keep after their reading session.

The funds for these two projects will come from the generous anonymous donation to LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS from a parishioner. Thank you! *Rena Robbins*

Boutique Closing May 31

The Boutique will be closing for the summer at the end of May, so now is the time to find those gifts you may need for your special friends or family over the summer months. You will want to take advantage of the unique, discounted items that are available, especially the beautiful jewelry and assorted items made by our very own Parishioners. And remember, when you shop in the Boutique, you are supporting the Church as all profits go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Come see us after the 9 o'clock service.

Jylene Wright

Grief Support Group

St. Francis is sponsoring a Grief Support Group starting on June 2, 2026. It will run five consecutive Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Jeannie North, a Bereavement Counselor for thirty years, will be facilitating the group. If you are experiencing a loss and are interested in attending this group, please call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to register.

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Kelly Davis, Delilah Wegrzyn, Jean Schwafel, Linda Ravenelle, Bob Hutson, Jerry Lounsberry, Bonnie Haifley, Isaac Garcia, Tomi Adams, Stephen North, Connie Nord, Paul Deysenroth, Elaine Deysenroth, Clark Adams, Ken Mattson, Lee Parks, Joyce Davison, Neal Hursh, Barbara Hook, Terry Bonser, Enrique P. Gonzales, Penne Williams, Betty Johnson, Rodger Babnew. Pray for those who have died.

Prayer Chain

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

Centering Prayer

The St. Francis Centering Prayer Group meets off-campus via Zoom; if you would like to know more about the group and how to participate, contact Sophie Luffman at s.luffman@icloud.com or 520-262-3876.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for May, June, and July 2026, are now available in the Parish Office, Narthex, and Parish Hall.

Music & Liturgy Notes

Although we are observing Memorial Day this morning, the liturgical calendar designates today, the First Sunday after Pentecost, as Trinity Sunday. Our hymns—including the National Anthem—are drawn from those associated with both observances. Our opener begins with a trumpet fanfare, which is repeated between stanzas. Usually placed at the end of a service (because of stanza four) today it serves as introduction to our Memorial observance, which closes with the singing our National Anthem.

Trinity Sunday begins with the Opening Sentence and the *Gloria in excelsis, Deo*, a very Trinitarian statement if ever there was one. Our GRADUAL HYMN—the ‘hymn of choice’ for Trinity Sunday—is *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!* set to John Bacchus Dykes’ tune, NICAEA. The first of the great Ecumenical Councils of the Church—there were seven in all—took place in Nicaea, an ancient city in northwestern Turkey, in AD 325. That first Council hammered out the doctrine of the Trinity pretty much as we now have it, although subsequent councils, in addition to ratifying the doctrine, refined it and surrounded it with other dogmas and canons. (The terms doctrine and dogma shouldn’t

scare anyone or be thought of as a lot of irrelevant blather. As Dorothy L. Sayers said: “The dogma is the drama.”) Our CLOSING HYMN—at least the first four stanzas—is another much-beloved Trinity hymn, *Holy God, we praise thy Name*. Stanzas one through four are a paraphrase of the *Te Deum laudamus*, one of the greatest canticles and credal statements of the Church. *Gerald*

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