



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Daniel J. Messier, Rector
The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, Assistant Rector

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25 November 2018

Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer D
at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Robert Hobby, b. 1962
Partita on 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven'

OPENING HYMN 324
Let all mortal flesh keep silence

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Hymnal S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Our First Reading presents a scene of judgment in heaven and a vision of one like a son of man coming to rule in an everlasting kingdom. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14).

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (93)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading the revelation made known to a disciple named John begins with a greeting from the everlasting God, from the seven spirits which worship God, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. A Reading from the Revelation to John (1:4b-8).

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 435

At the Name of Jesus

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered,

“My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde

THE NICENE CREED Prayer Book 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Prayer Book 383

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book 360

ABSOLUTION AND PEACE Prayer Book 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY Anonymous

Salvation unto us has come

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer Book 372

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Hymnal S125

THE LORD’S PRAYER Prayer Book 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S161

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

On Receiving Communion: *You may stand or kneel at the rail to receive the Sacrament. (If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let one of the clergy know.) If you do not wish to receive Communion you are invited to come forward for*

a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Members of the Daughters of the King will be at the Chapel rail at both services to administer prayers for healing and thanksgiving. Please go to the Chapel rail after your Communion.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Prayer Book 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Paul O. Manz, 1919-2009
God of grace, and God of glory

Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, as his passion draws near, Jesus comes face to face with the Roman governor, and seeks to explain the nature of his kingship. It has been suggested to Pilate that Jesus pretends to be some form of political ruler. But Jesus' kingship does not use the force of this world's weapons. Pilate then realizes that Jesus' kingship must be of a different order. The sovereignty of Jesus is found in his witness to divine truth. He reveals God's purpose and character, and those who share in this truth hear his voice.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Norma Pool in loving memory of her mother Katherine Sedler.

Christ the King Sunday

The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, also known as Last Pentecost. It celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. The feast is unofficially celebrated in some Episcopal parishes, but it is not mentioned in the Episcopal calendar of the church year.

Marion Hatchett notes that the Prayer Book collect for Proper 29, the last Sunday of the church year, is a "somewhat free" translation of the collect for the Feast of Christ the King in the Roman Missal. This collect prays that God, "whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords," will "Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule" (BCP, p. 236). The feast was originally instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and celebrated on the last Sunday in October. It has been observed on the last Sunday before Advent since 1970.

We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors and we are delighted to have you worship with us. Our Communion Table is open to all baptized Christians. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service, and please complete the Visitor's Card found in the pew racks and place it in an Offering Basket or hand it to an Usher or Greeter after the service.

Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Lector: Wayne North
Prayers of the People: Susan Davis
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Carol Lyons,
Bob Thornby
Greeters: Bill & Marie Miller,
Doug Brozovsky
Organist: Sophia Witte
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Celebrant: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier
Lector: Bobbi Tucker
Prayers of the People: Patty Russell
Crucifer: Glenn Matto
Acolyte: Bud Tripp
Ushers: Mark & Sandy Eckstein
Greeters: Kathy Helgeson,
Edna Dunn
Organist: Sophia Witte
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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Rae Turberg, *Financial Officer*

Beth-el Klein, *Administrative Assistant*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

George Grove, *Webmaster*

John Colip, *Head Sexton*

Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez, Clyde Tardy

Sextons

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

8 AM – 2 PM

THE VESTRY

Wayne North, Senior Warden; Arnie Berglund, Junior Warden;
Mary Beth Bates, David Dunn, Sandy Eckstein, Larry Howell, Orji Isiogu, Glenn Matto,
Bobbi Tucker (Clerk), Carol Vleck; ex officio: Erik Ringkjob, Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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☼ **HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or have the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call Carol Lyons at 648-8196. We bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

TODAY

NOVEMBER 25 – LAST PENTECOST

8:00a Holy Eucharist II
10:00a Holy Eucharist II
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
9:30a Fr. Dan's Bible Study
– Vulliamy Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00a Men's Group – Conf Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room
3:00p Refugee & Border Ministry
– Conference Room
6:00p Rev. Pam's Study Group
– Conference Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00a Home Tour Mtg – Conf Rm
12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm
2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:00a Spiritual Direction
– Meditation Room

NEXT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 2 – ADVENT I

8:00a Holy Eucharist II
10:00a Holy Eucharist II
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

☼ **TODAY – SOLO JOURNEYERS** – come and enjoy a **WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES HOME GATHERING** – this afternoon from 4 to 6 PM, at the home of Kristi Thompson, 120 W. Paseo Canasta. Bring an Hors d'oeuvre to share. Sign-up in the Parish Hall between services today. Enjoy an evening of catching up with your Solo friends.

☼ **CHRISTMAS STARS** – Santa's elves invite you to take part in our annual Christmas Stars ministry for the Salvation Army. Pick up a Star after services beginning today, November 18. Gifts must be returned to the Parish Office by December 10. Each Star will have a recipient's name and desired gift. Help us pass along some Christmas joy!

☼ **REV. PAM'S WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY** – Rev. Pam is conducting her Evening Weekly Study on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Conference Room. This winter the topic is an in-depth study of the Lord's Prayer. She is using two books

in the class that she highly recommends that participants purchase: **THE LORD AND HIS PRAYER** by N.T. Wright, and **THE GREATEST PRAYER: REDISCOVERING THE REVOLUTIONARY MESSAGE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER** by John Dominic Crossan. Feel free to attend the class on the Wednesdays you are available and join the discussion.

☼ **BORDER ISSUES DISCUSSION** – This Wednesday, November 28 at 3 PM in the Conference Room, the Rev. Rodger Babnew will be the guest at the meeting of the Refugee and Border Ministry group to talk about what the diocesan border ministry, Cruzando Fronteras, is doing at the Nogales border and how St. Francis can help. If you are interested in our border ministry and the future direction it will be taking, you are invited to attend and be part of the discussion with Rodger. All are welcome.

☼ **MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Fr. Dan's Monday Morning Bible Study is up and running. We began with a discussion of the complex topic of suffering and how we understand the activity of God in our suffering. We are moving into a discussion on death and dying, examining some theological, spiritual and ethical issues surrounding death as well as the promises and convictions of the Christian gospel concerning death

and life after death. Join us on Monday mornings at 9:30 in the Vulliamy Room.

☼ **COVENANT FUND CHRISTMAS CARD PARTY** – The 22nd annual Christmas Card Party will be held on Friday, December 7, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. Heavy appetizers and desserts will be catered by the 19th Hole, but there's no cost to participants for meal or drinks. The mission of the fund is to enable those parishioners of St. Francis who find themselves in need of financial help to get it right here at our own church.

Here's how it works: instead of purchasing and mailing Christmas cards to all your friends at St. Francis, get one card, sign it, and bring it to the party. Your card will be used to decorate the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall for everyone to enjoy. Contribute the money you save on postage and cards to the Covenant Fund. If you plan to join us, sign up in the Parish Hall after services; or you may call the Parish Office—before November 29, please—to make a reservation. Reservations are necessary to give an accurate count to the caterer.

☼ **NARTHEX CHRISTMAS TREE** – We are looking for a few parishioners to take charge of the annual setting up, maintenance, and decorating of the Narthex Christmas Tree. We have a prelighted tree, but as the existing chrismons were made by hand many years ago, they are

in need of replacement. If you would like to be part of this group, please call Norma Pool at 520-625-5644

☀️**TRUE CONCORD LESSONS & CAROLS** – Tickets are available from Gerald for the Green Valley presentation of True Concord's popular LESSONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT on Friday, December 14, here at St. Francis. General Admission tickets are priced at \$25 and Priority Seating at \$40. The program starts at 7 PM, but it's a good idea to arrive early.

☀️**VESTRY NOMINATIONS** – It's that time of year to be thinking of nominees to fill our various Vestry vacancies as people roll off the Vestry. This year we are in search of three candidates for a three-year term each. In addition, Arnie Bergland, our Junior Warden, has completed his three-year term and we need someone willing to serve as our next Junior Warden. Please let us know if anyone comes to mind (please check with them first). You may also submit your own name. You may offer names of nominees to either Wayne North or Fr. Dan. Please do so in either email or written note.

☀️**CELTIC PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT** – Rev. Pam and her husband Doug have learned of an upcoming opportunity in May 2019 to participate in a pilgrimage to Scotland, including the island of Iona, led by the Very Rev. Paul Kennington, Dean-Emeritus of Montreal. This

should be a wonderful opportunity to trace the footsteps of some of the Celtic saints and learn of their rugged spirituality. Dates are April 30 – May 9, with a \$500 deposit due by November 30 to secure a space. Contact Rev. Pam (625-1370 or pam@stfrancisgvaz.org) for more information.

☀️**TAXES! TAXES! TAXES!** If you have a yearly income tax liability with the Arizona Department of Revenue, you can make a significant gift to the Imago Dei Middle School, a member school of the Arizona Episcopal Schools Foundation and partner with St. Francis. And it won't cost you a dime! You get the tax credit and the students get an exceptional education that prepares them for a bright future. Over forty members at St. Francis are already doing just this. Won't you join them? A brief informational meeting will be held between services the first and second Sundays in December in the Conference Room next to the Parish Hall. Meanwhile, call Wayne North at 399-9208 if you have questions, or would like further information.

☀️**HUMANITARIAN BORDER ASSISTANCE** – The backlog of migrants at the border waiting for asylum hearings continues, and our Diocesan border ministry needs our help. The folks with Cruzando Fronteras are very grateful for contributions to date and continue to seek donations

of items for babies and children, such as diapers, formula, clothing and hygiene items (wipes, etc.), as well as financial assistance. There is a box for items in the Parish Hall, and checks should be made payable to St. Francis with “Cruzando Fronteras” in the memo line.

☀️**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** — The current book for study is The Rt. Rev. John S. Spong’s latest last book titled *Unbelievable*. Please read chapters 4, 5, and 6 for November 29. We meet each Thursday in the Conference Room at 12:30 PM until 1:50 PM.

☀️**NEED A RIDE TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men’s Group offers rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a lift, call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

☀️**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – Stephen Ministers: just what are they, who are they, and what do they do? Simply put we are lay people from the Parish who are trained to walk beside someone who is going through a difficult time in his or her life. We meet, we listen, we provide a compassionate heart, a shoulder to lean on, and confidentiality.

If you think you might like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, please

contact one of us: Marybeth Bates (206-259-0361 or emmymex@yahoo.com), BrandE Faupell (435-512-0286 or bfaupell@gmail.com) or Judy Craig (520-237-0466 or judyismynname@zoho.com).

☀️**NAMETAGS** — Are you wearing yours? You know who you are, but our visitors may not. Give them a break by proudly wearing your nametag. Need one? Let the Administrative Assistant know and she will make one for you.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – Emmaus Episcopal Church Plant, Surprise

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – Stephen Ministry

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Rae Turberg, Stephanie Huszar, Neil Turner, Rod Thompson, Olive Clapp, Fatemeh Barbari

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM’S WAY: Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Brandon Brownlee, Shane Gunderson, Issac Noone, Ian Gunderson, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Nona Giese

A complete calendar of Parish and Non-Parish events, as well as other news and information about the Parish, is available on the St. Francis website: www.stfrancis.azdiocese.org. You can also access the Diocesan website from there. Check it out!