



**SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Green Valley, Arizona

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 23 AUGUST 2020

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**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN 518** *Christ is made the sure foundation*

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 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.

## **TRISAGION**

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
People: Have mercy upon us.

## **THE COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Celebrant: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Letter of Paul to the Romans (12:1-8).

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **THE PSALM (138)**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (16:13-20).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Canon 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 Fa-

ther 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 Leader and People pray responsively*

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, and 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*

*The People may add their own petitions*

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*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.

*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.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 522** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver  
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner,  
light by night, and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raise  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

## 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: O God, while we lived as outcasts you welcomed us,  
not as strangers, but as your own beloved children.  
You brought us into the vibrant life of your Holy Spirit,  
healing us and strengthening us for ministry.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory,  
as we say,

*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.

Celebrant: God of glory,  
your Son Jesus showed us how to listen to the lost,  
to succor the sick,  
to build up the broken-hearted.

When we tire of good works, help us to feel  
the surprise of gratitude  
the joy of generosity  
the power of welcome  
the relief of forgiveness  
the renewal of hope;  
that we may be renewed in your service  
and refashioned in the image  
of your Son our Lord.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by  
your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the  
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and  
said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
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.

#### **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

#### **CLOSING HYMN 525** *The Church's one foundation*

1. The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COOLDOWN WITH THE CURATE

#### DESCRIPTION:

As the summer heats up and the news headlines sizzle, swing by our online gathering to decompress and cool off while getting to know our new curate! Join The Rev. Nelson Mendoza for a weekly opportunity to connect and chat about things going on both in the world and in your lives. In addition, we will be sharing different and innovative ways we are practicing self-care using techniques ranging from mindfulness meditation, centering prayer, and more!

**WHO:** All who are interested in connecting with the new curate.

**WHAT:** Approximately 1 hour long conversations, dialogue, and exploring new ways to relax despite the heat.

**WHEN:** Thursdays at 3 PM starting July 9

**WHERE:** Zoom

**WHY:** To connect and learn new methods of self-care

**EX:** Gratitude practices, unplugging for the day, stretching, mindfulness meditation, prayer, dancing/music, journaling, etc. - We will explore ways of self-care each week by seeing how people have been doing each week with practices we discussed the week

prior and then introduce a new practice.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Create an agenda for each meeting that includes which self-care method we will be exploring. Find ways to create helpful dialogue.



### HUMANS OF ST. FRANCIS



#### DESCRIPTION:

This will be a photo/narrative series for the people of St. Francis that allows them to share parts of their life with the rest of the community. In addition to storytelling, it will allow people to feel connected despite the current state of affairs.

**WHO:** Congregation members of St. Francis.

**WHAT:** A photo narrative series that will document St. Francis folks by asking them to submit a photo(s) and a short story about something important that happened to them.

**WHEN:** Weekly social media posts and submissions in "News from the Pews" or other locations - will begin soliciting for "entries" starting soon with the hope to begin sharing online/etc. by July 6.

**WHERE:** All digital or people can mail photos in if that's more doable for them. We can return them.

**WHY:** To continue to build community despite the quarantine, to learn about one

another, to increase social media content, and to share community demographics with outside folks and potential members. ACTION ITEM: Create an “in-take” form or questionnaire. Figure out at least 4-6 people we can use as our pilot conversation partners. Also, figure out a way for people without internet/tech to submit photos or share their interest.



*Fr. Colville & Sylvia Smythe*

invite you to  
Zoom in for Coffee Hour  
this Sunday, August 23  
9—9:45 AM, or  
11—11:45 AM

How do you find our change of Sunday worship to Communion? Share your stories from Fr. Nelson’s reception. What’s coming to St. Francis this fall?

Send us an email to  
**[cssmythe17@gmail.com](mailto:cssmythe17@gmail.com)**

Tell us your preferred time, so Sylvia can send you an invitation!



*What Programs this Fall?*

The Clergy and Vestry are looking at fall program possibilities. Here are the ones they especially like. These are all on-line and Zoom meetings. What appeals to you?

*Fr. Colville*

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGAPE SUPPERS** You prep your own dinner at home, and open your own wine. On **Zoom** we share a short table liturgy to open, then enjoy godly conversation during the meal.

\_\_\_\_\_ **‘HUMANS OF ST. FRANCIS’** Fr. Nelson is revising his online chat as a con-

versation for we of St. Francis to become better acquainted with him, and more widely and deeply acquainted with one another.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BIBLE CLASS ONLINE** could be THE GOSPEL OF MARK to get us ready for liturgical Year B. Or one of Paul’s imprisonment epistles (Galatians, Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians) Or...??

\_\_\_\_\_ **‘THE WAY OF LOVE: PRACTICES FOR A JESUS-CENTERED LIFE’** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry hosts these conversations which invite us to deepen our humanity in sharing with one another.

\_\_\_\_\_ your idea for fall program



*A Love Letter from  
Mona Kiefer*

Just want to thank you all for all your sacrifices and efforts at this difficult time.

May you all stay blessed, as what you are doing here today and the work in giving us a virtual Sunday service is, for me anyway, what has kept me going, and in contact with my church family.

The *News from the Pews* is great also. I pray for your strength and safety til we all can be a family in our church once again.

The phone call checks from Nancy Albin, Marsha Tripp and Doris Kuzmak were a big part of making my decisions to not stay in Ohio after all—and return to my church and family in Green Valley. It’s good to be home.

Faithfully yours,  
Mona Kiefer



## *TeleCare Volunteer Wanted*

Through TeleCare, St. Francis' warm volunteer phone callers help keep members connected and informed about church, and respond to members' spiritual and social needs. It's wonderful ministry for someone who is warm with people, and who speaks easily on the phone.

Please let me know of your interest. I will train and equip you for this ministry (in about 15 minutes). Volunteers will be making their next round of calls in October, when seasonal members return and fall programs start up.

*Fr. Colville Smythe*

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## *'Stewardship'*

It's not a bad word at St. Francis. In fact, it's a very good word. St. Francis is blessed with a core of members mature in their faith—some of great means and many of modest means—who find satisfaction and joy in generously supporting the work of the Church.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for a few good members! If you are one of our core members—or would like to become one—the Vestry and I invite you to join the Stewardship Committee. The Committee's work is mostly seasonal: from now to Christmas. Its mission is to educate the parish in a variety of ways about the meaning and practice of responsible, effective stewardship. Your skills in speaking, writing, phoning and mailing are highly desired on the Committee. To express your interest in serving, or for further information, contact Fr. Colville (colville@stfrancisgvaz.org) or Wayne North (wknorth@gmail.com)

