



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

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO**  
**HOLY CROSS DAY**  
*translated to SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2020*

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**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN 598** *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*

1. Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to  
earth,  
upon a cross they bound thee,  
and mocked thy saving kingship then  
by thorns with which they crowned thee:  
and still our wrongs may weave thee now  
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,  
and robe of sorrow round thee.

2. O awful Love, which found no room  
in life where sin denied thee,  
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
the powers which crucified thee,  
till not a stone was left on stone,  
and all those nations' pride, o'erthrown,  
went down to dust beside thee!

3. New advent of the love of Christ,  
shall we again refuse thee,  
till in the night of hate and war  
we perish as we lose thee?

From old unfaith our souls release  
to seek the kingdom of thy peace,  
by which alone we choose thee.

4. O wounded hands of Jesus, build  
in us thy new creation;  
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,  
we wait thy revelation:  
O love that triumphs over loss,  
we bring our hearts before thy cross,  
to finish thy salvation.

## **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 HOLY CROSS DAY**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the  
cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who  
glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and  
follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory  
everlasting. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (45:21-25).

Declare and present your case;  
let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?

Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the Lord?

There is no other god besides me,

a righteous God and a Saviour;

there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved,

all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn,

from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness

a word that shall not return:

“To me every knee shall bow,

every tongue shall swear.”

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,  
are righteousness and strength;  
all who were incensed against him  
shall come to him and be ashamed.

In the Lord all the offspring of Israel  
shall triumph and glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **THE PSALM (98)**

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### **THE EPISTLE**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (6:14-18)

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (19:31-36a).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON** The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe

### **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 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 474** *When I survey the wondrous Cross*

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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross<br>where the young Prince of Glory died,<br>my richest gain I count but loss,<br>and pour contempt on all my pride.       | 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet<br>sorrow and love flow mingled down!<br>Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,<br>or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,<br>save in the cross of Christ, my God:<br>all the vain things that charm me most,<br>I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br>that were an offering far too small;<br>love so amazing, so divine,<br>demands my soul, my life, my all.           |

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord,  
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

### **AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: 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 473 *Lift high the Cross*

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks  
combine. *Refrain.*

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
*Refrain.*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to  
thee. *Refrain.*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.  
*Refrain.*

## THE DISMISSAL

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### ESCAPE FROM CONFINEMENT!

A STUDY OF PAUL AND THE GALATIANS

Are you a traveler who feels stuck at home?  
Meet a kindred—and very enterprising Spir-  
it! St. Paul the traveler is stuck...in prison! But  
his message of salvation must get through to  
the Galatians—and it does, thanks to Paul's  
inspired ingenuity. Paul is out to prove the  
pen is mightier than the 'pen.'

Fr. Colville will take a broad look at how  
Paul turns writing into...inspired speech.

Sign up to attend IN PERSON:

A. Mondays, September 14, 21 and 28, 10  
to 11:30 AM in the St. Francis Parish Hall:  
Limit: 9 students. Wear a mask. Reserve  
with Fr. Colville.

B. Tuesdays, September 15, 22 and 29, 10  
to 11:30 AM in the St. Francis Parish Hall:  
Limit: 9 students. Wear a mask. Reserve  
with Fr. Colville.

Sign up to attend ON LINE:

Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28, 1:30  
to 3 PM on Zoom. No class size limit. No

mask required. Reserve with Fr. Colville:  
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*Fr. Colville & Sylvia Smythe*  
invite you to

Zoom in for Coffee Hour  
this Sunday, September 13  
9—9:45 AM, or  
11—11:45 AM

How do you find our change of Sunday wor-  
ship 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 conversation 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.



## '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)



## The Way of Love

Interested in a framework for following Jesus and curating a personal "Rule of Life?"

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." **THE WAY OF LOVE: PRACTICES FOR JESUS-CENTERED LIFE** – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. Join Fr. Nelson for a nine week program as we follow a curriculum developed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

There is limited capacity: sign-up is required for both online and in person. This curriculum is built to encourage weekly participation. Please discern whether or not you can commit to 9 consecutive weeks before making the decision. It is encouraged to commit to either online or in person gatherings for group cohesion.

MONDAYS, AT 11 AM - 12:30 PM

IN PERSON AT ST. FRANCIS

9 Person Maximum - Masks are required -

Reserve with Fr. Nelson:

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October 5 - Rule of Life - Introduction

October 12 - Turn - Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

October 19 - Learn - Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.

October 26 - Pray - Dwell intentionally with God each day

November 2 - Worship - Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God

November 9 - Bless - Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

November 16 - Go - Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus

November 23 - Rest - Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

November 30 - Living the Way of Love - Conclusion

WEDNESDAYS, AT 2 PM - 3:30 PM

ONLINE

8 People Minimum - 13 People Maximum-

Reserve with Fr. Nelson:

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October 7 - Rule of Life - Introduction

October 14 - Turn - Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

October 21 - Learn - Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.

October 28 - Pray - Dwell intentionally with God each day

November 4 - Worship - Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God

November 11 - Bless - Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

November 18 - Go - Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus

November 25 - Rest - Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

December 2 - Living the Way of Love - Conclusion



