



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector
The Rev. Nelson Mendoza, Curate
The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
20 SEPTEMBER 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 411 *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

1. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!

2. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.

3. He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.

4. He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.

5. He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.

6. Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Philippians (1:21-30).

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (145:1-8)

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (20:1-16).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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 660 *O Master, let me walk with thee*

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
4. in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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 541 *Come, labor on*

1. Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

2. Come, labor on.

The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,
he slumbered not.

3. Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.

4. Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share—
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear:
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

5. Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Servants, well done."

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Spirit! 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: colville@stfranciscgvaz.org

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Fr. Colville & Sylvia Smythe

invite you to

Zoom in for Coffee Hour
this Sunday, September 20

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

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@stfranciscgvaz.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:
nelson@stfranciscgvaz.org

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:
nelson@stfrancisgvaz.org

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 commu-
nity 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



Volunteers Wanted

Craig Reid, leader of our Grounds Team, has identified two areas that could use some special care. Our MEMORIAL GARDEN and LABYRINTH are both in need of their own small teams of volunteers to sweep, trim and look after the areas. Craig will give complete instructions and the two teams can plan their own work and schedules. They would coordinate within the team and set up their individual work schedules to keep these areas

looking their best. Volunteers can work together or individually, as long as it is coordinated within the group.

If doing hands-on yard work is to your liking, please send your name and email address to Julie Reppenhagen jrepp@snet.net. You will be contacted by Craig to start the ball in motion.



Welcome Back BBQ

Fall approaches and many of our parishioners are returning to Green Valley (AKA God's Country) for the Winter. We invite you to our outside WELCOME BACK party in the church parking lot on Friday, November 13, from 3 to 5:30 PM. We will be serving a roasted chicken dinner, soda and water. Face masks will be required and social distancing will be observed for this event. The cost is still only \$12 per person (for carry-out only) and reservations MUST be made in advance by calling Sandy Eckstein (cell phone 410-808-3881) to reserve a spot and to let her know the number in your party. (Or you may email her at seckste2@gmail.com) This event has been approved by our Vestry and we will be following health and safety guidelines from the Pima County Health Department. Maximum outside event attendance has been set at 50 persons.

Please help to support our Social Activities Team Ministry; we are trying to reach out to everyone during these unusual times.



St. Francis Loves Animals

St. Francis, who lived in harmony with birds and animals, introduced the use of live animals—ox, ass and sheep—into the Holy

Family creche to illustrate the Christmas story vividly.

In Green Valley, where all love animals and many care for them, St. Francis is their patron—and ours. St. Francis' feast day is October 4. This fall, the Fourth falls on a Sunday, when Fr. Nelson will preach at the online service, and we will give thanks for the life and ministry of our patron.

On Saturday, October third, and on Sunday the fourth, members are invited to come by church as usual to pick up blessed wafers for communion. At the same time our clergy, vested for the occasion, will also bless you and your pet, and offer a treat (to your pet). Dogs, cats, stuffed animals, pet photos, pekes and parakeets... the leashed of these are welcome to receive a blessing...and a treat!

As usual, the hours are 3 to 5 PM Saturday and 8 to 9 AM Sunday. Wafers and woofers... holy paw-demonium...don't miss out on St. Francis' 2020 Blessing of Animals!

Fr. Colville