



**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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
27 SEPTEMBER 2020

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**OPENING HYMN 450** *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!
2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,  
who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all!
3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!
4. Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!
5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all!
6. Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

**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: Lord, have mercy.

*People: Christ, have mercy.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (18:1-4, 25-32).

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **THE PSALM (25:1-8)**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

## **The Epistle**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (21:23-32).

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 II)**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_ ].  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Celebrant: We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand.

*People: We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of this land.*

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 686** *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.



## 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: We exalt you, Lord God,  
for the holy extravagance of your salvation.  
Worthy are you to whom we bow,  
for in your Son you have knelt before us in humility.  
You have looked with favor upon your servant Israel;  
you have scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts,  
and have lifted up the lowly.

So on bended knee we confess your Son as Lord,  
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,  
joining the unending hymn,

*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: Communing God, make your joy complete  
by uniting those who share this meal  
with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.  
As we remember his saving mercies  
make us to be of the same love,  
the same heart,  
sharing in the same Spirit;  
and sanctify this bread and cup  
that they may be for us 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 344** *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us  
traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to thy truth may we be found;
3. so that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with thee in endless day.

### **THE DISMISSAL**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Fr. Colville & Sylvia Smythe*

invite you to

Zoom in for Coffee Hour  
this Sunday, September 27

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!



*'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](mailto:colville@stfranciscgvaz.org)) or Wayne North ([wknorth@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:nelson@stfranciscgvaz.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 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



### *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](mailto: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](mailto: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*



### *Memorial Service to be Aired by the Diocese*

On Tuesday, September 29, the Diocese of Arizona will air a MEMORIAL SERVICE for all those who have died during the pandemic. Five members of St. Francis, who died since February, will be remembered in the service at 7 PM, Tuesday, September 29, on You Tube ([www.youtube.com/azdiocese1](http://www.youtube.com/azdiocese1)). A 'virtual' choir was put together for the ser-

vice—drawing choir members from parishes in the Diocese—and the St. Francis Parish Choir will be represented among the choristers. Plan to tune in to what is sure to be a lovely and meaningful service.