



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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)
FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FRIAR, 1226
4 OCTOBER 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 400 *All creatures of our God and King*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

*Refrain: O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show: *Refrain.*

3. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:

Refrain.

4. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Refrain.

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON

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 FEAST DAY OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrant: Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A SONG OF CREATION

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

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 PSALM (148:7-14)

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (11:25-30).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Nelson Mendoza

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

Leader: Let us thank God for this world and for all of God's Creation.

People: *Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to you be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. Let every creature give thanks to you praising well and praising true.*

Leader: For the stars of the heavens, the sun and the moon,

People: *We give you thanks, good Lord.*

Leader: For rain that brings life, and clouds on high, for the crash of the ocean, and the wind's long sigh,

People: *We give you thanks, good Lord.*

Leader: For corn and grain and the harvest of fields, for fruits and vegetables and all the earth's yield,

People: *We give you thanks, good Lord.*

Leader: Bless, O Lord, all the animals we love!

Dog lovers: Bless the dogs we bring, who love to run fast and jump high, who chase after balls and come when we call! Bless cockers and poodles and shepherds and schnauzers, dachshunds, chihuahuas, hounds and setters and bulldogs and bowsers, bless those of every pedigree, and all the mutts with unknown family tree. Keep them safe and happy and sound, these dogs of ours to whom we are bound.

People: *For all our dogs, we give you thanks, good Lord.*

Cat lovers: Bless all our cats, wise creatures of worth, who preside in our homes

and prowl on the earth. Bless our fur balls so soft in their stirring, who snuggle our legs and soothe us with purring. Bless barn cats and Tom cats and blue Himalayans; Maltese and Siamese and little house kitties, keep them safe from danger wherever they roam, and with your guidance, bring them back home!

People: For all our cats, we give you thanks, good Lord.

Pet lovers: Bless our fish in their swimming, our birds on the perch our hamsters and rats and guinea pigs wee, our ferrets and rabbits, and those that run free! Bless donkeys humble and horses high, bless our sheep and our goats and pigs in the sty, slithering snakes, chameleons and lizards, mice in their cages and ducks with gizzards; bless them all, gracious God!

People: For all, we give you thanks, good Lord!

Leader: Bless dogs leading the blind and helping all in a bind. Bless those creatures who visit the sick and give the lonely a happy kick! Bless those beasts we love that now dwell with you. Bless all critters into our care.

People: Bless all your creatures Lord, and show us our place! As you send Edmund a Wolf, grant us together your grace!

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 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God*

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3. They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

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: A PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.
4. May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.
5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

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THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Colville & Sylvia Smythe

invite you to

Zoom in for Coffee Hour

this Sunday, October 4

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!



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



'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)



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.



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@stfrancisgvaz.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 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

ing, 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.



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 lik-

