



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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25 OCTOBER 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.*

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Deuteronomy (34:1-12).

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (1)

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the book of Genesis (31:43-55)

Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about their children whom they have borne? Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me.”

So Jacob took a stone, and set it up as a pillar. And Jacob said to his kinsfolk, “Gather stones,” and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there by the heap. Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” Therefore he called it Galeed, and the pillar Mizpah, for he said, “The LORD watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other. If you ill-treat my daughters, or if you take wives in addition to my daughters, though no one else is with us, remember that God is witness between you and me.”

Then Laban said to Jacob, “See this heap and see the pillar, which I have set between you and me. This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor”—the God of their father—“judge between us.” So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, and Jacob offered a sacrifice on the height and called his kinsfolk to eat bread; and they ate bread and tarried all night in the hill country. Early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them; then he departed and returned home.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (22:34-46).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine..

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 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

5. Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 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*. 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.



'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 Christ-

mas. 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)



Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? We would like to restart this tradition here at St. Francis. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.00.



Weekend worship changes!

In-person worship is now the 8 AM eucharist every Sunday in the Courtyard. We are masked and socially separate, for safety. Reserve your seat with Beth-el at 520-625-1370.

Wafers-to-go continue to be offered from the front driveway on Saturday from 3 to 5 PM. Pick up wafers for online worship on SATURDAY ONLY—no longer on Sunday morning. *Fr. Colville*



Fr. Warren's Arrival

Your Vestry is extremely pleased to announce that Fr. Warren's visa application has finally been approved by the U.S. Citizenship

and Immigration Services, effective this past Friday, 2 October 2020.

Fr. Warren will depart Toronto after Sunday the 25th, arriving in Green Valley at the end of October. He must quarantine at home for the first two weeks of November. So, Fr. Nelson will lead worship on Sundays, November first and eighth. Annette is expected to arrive in time for Thanksgiving, or shortly thereafter: She is staying close to home until there is solid evidence—in light of the Covid-19 crisis—that their son, Cameron's enrollment is firmly established at Western Ontario University.

Meanwhile, stay tuned as we hope to bring you all of the latest news leading up to Fr. Warren's arrival in Green Valley in a few short weeks.

Wayne North,
Senior Warden