



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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MORNING PRAYER AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 19 JULY 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 427 *When morning gilds the skies*

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!

3. No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5. Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "let us go to the house of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Come let us adore him.

*Together: Come, let us sing to the Lord; **

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 86:11-17 (*To be said by All*)

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:12-25).

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself

will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE: The Song of the Redeemed (To be said by All)

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (13:24-30, 36-43).

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reap-

ers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III

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.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the
Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY 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.”

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, we present ourselves here asking that you prepare us to give
thanks to you in every circumstance of our lives: in our joys, in our sor-
rows, in our confinement to avoid the contagion of COVID-19. We thank
you for the quiet moments of our day, when we are mindful of your great
love for us and for others, which lifts us into your presence.

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 Generating and generous God,
you created the good seeds of the earth
and planted them in the gardens of human society.
By his teaching, your Son Jesus has planted in us
seeds of patience and hope,
seeds of creativity and generosity,
seeds of wonder and connection.
From these seeds comes the wheat which we now
offer back to you in this bread of thanksgiving,
and the grapes which become the
wine of your sacrificial love for us.

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.

THE BLESSING

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOLDOWN WITH THE CURATE

Description:

As the summer heats up and the news headlines sizzle, swing by our online gathering to decompress and cool off while getting to know our new curate! Join The Rev. Nelson Mendoza for a weekly opportunity to connect and chat about things going on both in the world and in your lives. In addition, we will be sharing different and innovative ways we are practicing self-care using techniques ranging from mindfulness meditation, centering prayer, and more!



Who: All who are interested in connecting with the new curate.

What: Approximately 1 hour long conversations, dialogue, and exploring new ways to relax despite the heat.

When: Thursdays at 3 PM starting July 9

Where: Zoom

Why: To connect and learn new methods of self-care

EX: Gratitude practices, unplugging for the day, stretching, mindfulness meditation, prayer, dancing/music, journaling, etc. - We will explore ways of self-care each week by seeing how people have been doing each week with practices we discussed the week prior and then introduce a new practice.

ACTION ITEM: Create an agenda for each meeting that includes which self-care method we will be exploring. Find ways to create helpful dialogue.



HUMANS OF ST. FRANCIS



Description:

This will be a photo/narrative series for the people of St. Francis that allows them to share parts of their life with the rest of the community. In addition to storytelling, it will allow people to feel connected despite the current state of affairs.

Who: Congregation members of St. Francis.

What: A photo narrative series that will document St. Francis folks by asking them to submit a photo(s) and a short story about something important that happened to them.

When: Weekly social media posts and submissions in “News from the Pews” or other locations - will begin soliciting for “entries” starting soon with the hope to begin sharing online/etc. by July 6.

Where: All digital or people can mail photos in if that’s more doable for them. We can return them.

Why: To continue to build community despite the quarantine, to learn about one another, to increase social media content, and to share community demographics with outside folks and potential members.

ACTION ITEM: Create an “in-take” form or questionnaire. Figure out at least 4-6 people we can use as our pilot conversation partners. Also, figure out a way for people without internet/tech to submit photos or share their interest.



*The Reverend Nelson Mendoza
Deacon, and Curate at St. Francis
will be ordained a Priest on
Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 10 am
in St. Francis Church, Green Valley
by the Right Reverend Jennifer Reddall,
Episcopal Bishop of Arizona*

In the pandemic, the church will still be closed for public worship on August 15. Only ten people will be in the building for the ordination. But it will be live-streamed on FaceBook at 11 AM, and you will be able to

watch it at home on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.



JULY 19: COMMUNION RETURNS!

With Bishop Reddall's encouragement, our Sunday service is about to become a eucharist again—with the Bread of Heaven delivered to you in sanitary plastic. The church is not yet open for in-person worship; the pandemic is still too dangerous for that. Here are the A-B-C's that will bring you both bread and fellowship on Sundays, going forward.

A. Tuesday is the new Sunday at St. Francis. Every Tuesday, Neal Hursh and the clergy video the service for the following Sunday. Beginning July 19, we will be showing a Eucharist, instead of Morning Prayer, and we will video the service in church. Only 5 to 6 people are in church during the service, where we will consecrate wafers, individually sealed in plastic, for the entire congregation.

B. On the weekend, clergy of the parish will be at the front doors of church, on the driveway, to offer you Sunday's worship bulletin, and consecrated wafers for your household. There will be an offering basket, for those who wish to use it. Communion wafers will be available for you to pick up:

Saturday 3—5 PM

Sunday 8—10 AM

Please pick up bread only for the current Sunday, and only for your household. Contact Fr. Colville with any other requests. Wear your mask, and help us keep a safe distance.

C. Watch and participate in St. Francis' online video eucharist in your home on Saturday evening or Sunday. At the time of communion, make your communion in reverence and thanksgiving. If you are unable to watch the service online, pray the communion

prayer which will be offered with your wafer, or from your Prayer Book.

Last February, on Ash Wednesday, the Rev. Judy Turberg introduced us to 'Ashes to Go.' Now we offer 'Communion to Go.' It's a temporary measure during a perilous time, to deepen our communion with the Lord and with one another. It's not full-on church, but it's a half-step. Let us rejoice and be thankful!

Fr. Colville



FROM OUR TREASURER

June turns out to be another good financial month for St. Francis, primarily due to the PPP program. The income for the month was \$56,469 versus a budget of \$39,160 (\$17,309 over) while our expenses were \$45,080 against a budget of \$48,094 for a saving of \$3,014. This resulted in a gain for the month of \$20,323.

I am afraid that the PPP program is about to end. The Government has given us over forty-five thousand dollars so far and I expect to receive some more in July, but not to the same extent as May or June, which then will be the end of the program. Also, our giving fell off a bit in June (\$6,434 short of budget) so we may have some financial challenges in the second half of the year. Remember we continue to pay our full staff and intend for that practice to remain for the balance of the year. At the same time most of our other expenses remain as before (Power, Insurance, Internet, etc.)

However, right now I feel that our financial situation remains solid and with continuing strong support from the congregation I hope it will remain so. Thank you for your dedication to and support of St. Francis

E T Ringkjøb, Treasurer