



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 26 JULY 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN 488 *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler 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: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People: Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Romans (8:26-39).

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 530 *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed the joyful sound;
2. word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;
3. word of how the Savior's love
earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;
4. word of how the Spirit came
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love
guides us on to heaven above.
5. Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 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.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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 PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

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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: God of abundance and surprise
you created the seeds of the earth
and you sent Jesus to teach us
that the smallest seeds may create the biggest plants.
The mustard seed—the size of a poppy seed—
grows into an enormous tree.
A cup of cold water softens

the hardest heart.

A gesture of welcome invites
a lifetime of gratitude.

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 388 *O worship the King, all glorious above!*

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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.



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



*By the Grace of God
And with the consent of the People*

*The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall
Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona*

Will Ordain

Nelson Mendoza

*To the Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church*

*Saturday, August 15, 2020
at 10 o'clock in the morning*

St. Francis in the Valley
<https://www.facebook.com/stfranciscvaz>
(a Facebook account is not required to view the service)

*Your Prayers and **Online Only** Presence are Requested*

Fr. Colville & Sylvia Smythe

Invite you to

Zoom in for Coffee Hour

this Sunday, July 26

9—9:45 AM, or

11—11:45 AM

How do you find our change of Sunday worship to Communion? Where in the world is Fr. Warren? Latest news on Curate Nelson's August 15 Ordination and blowout Reception!

Send us an email to

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Tell us your preferred time, so Sylvia can send you an invitation!