



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector  
The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, Assistant Rector

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

11 August 2019

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

Roger Nyquist, b. 1934

*Adagio*

OPENING HYMN 636

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*

OPENING SENTENCES

Prayer Book 355

*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. **Amen.**

*at 8 o'clock*

TRISAGION

*Celebrant:* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*at 10 o'clock*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Hymnal S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**G**rant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

*In our First Reading the Lord visits Abraham and promises that he will have a son and descendants in number like the stars. A Reading from the Book of Genesis (15:1-6).*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (33:12-22)

*(Please respond following the asterisk.)*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
\* happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \* on all who dwell on the earth.

- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a  
mighty army; \* a strong man is not  
delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those  
who fear him, \* on those who wait upon his  
love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon  
us, \* as we have put our trust in you.

#### THE SECOND READING

*In our Second Reading faith is described as a holding fast to things hoped for and learning to trust in their reality. Abraham is among those who had such a faith. A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16).*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too

old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gradual Hymn 635

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

#### The Gospel: Luke 12:32–40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes

during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe

*Please stand as you are able*

**THE NICENE CREED** Prayer Book 358

**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**

*Lector:* Come to us in vision, O Lord, granting us faith to enter into your promise; that we may also believe, and be reckoned righteous in your eyes:

*People:* **Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear God.**

*Lector:* Grant us, like Abram and Sarai, to venture the world in faith, making our homeland with you, and responding in gladness to the signs of your presence on our journey's way:

*People:* **Our soul waits for the Lord.**

*Lector:* Raise the sights of our earthly nation, that our citizenry may glimpse the better country to which we are called to press, remembering especially our President, our Congress and Supreme Court, and the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

*People:* **God is our help and our shield.**

*Lector:* Dress your Church for action, lamps lit and doors open to your presence. Prosper your hidden work in our midst; that our hearts and our treasure might meet in your service:

*People:* **Indeed, our heart rejoices in God.**

*Lector:* Comfort the distressed and ill of this flock, and especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*), granting them the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen:

*People:* **In God's holy Name we put our trust.**

*Lector:* Make us to be always ready for your work with purses that do not wear out, confident of the unfailing treasure prepared for those who love you:

**Let your loving-kindness be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*The People may stand or kneel.*)

*People:* 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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.

*People:* 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY Arcangelo Corelli, 1653-1713  
*Arioso*

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

#### 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:* God of time and eternity...  
...singing the hymn of your unending praise.

*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. (*The People may stand or kneel.*)

*Celebrant:* Loving God...

...in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

*People:* Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant:* Revealing God...

...our savior and our friend.

*People:* AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Book 364

#### AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

On Receiving Communion: *Our Communion Table is open to all baptized Christians. You may stand or kneel at the rail to receive the Sacrament. (If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let one of the clergy know.) If you do not wish to receive Communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Members of the Daughters of the King will be at the Chapel rail at both services to administer prayers for healing and thanksgiving. Please go to the Chapel rail after your Communion.*

#### PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (to be said by all)

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* Let us Pray.

*People:* **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 RECTOR SEARCH PRAYER**

**Almighty and everliving God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry and parish family of St. Francis in the Valley, to be of one heart and mind in our search for a rector who will be your faithful servant and who will minister to your flock.**

**By your light O Lord, draw to us those with vision and passion for St. Francis' future.**

**Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor, a dynamic preacher of your Gospel, to shepherd us as your flock, strengthen our ministries, and work with us in building up your kingdom.**

**May we strive to be your heart and hands in our parish and be a light of love to all. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN 439**

*What wondrous love is this*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Gerald Near, b. 1942  
*Chorale on 'Wondrous Love'*

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jeannie & Wayne North in loving memory of their grandson-in-law Westin Christensen, and in honor of his adoring wife Alli and precious daughter Henlee; and by Doris Kuzmak in loving memory of her parents Gladys & August Stender.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**11 AUGUST 2019**

**TODAY**

**AUGUST 11 – PENTECOST IX**

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist
- 2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12**

- 9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
- 10:00a 'Closer Walk' Prayer Group – Vulliamy Room

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

- 8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room
- 10:00a Bible Study – St. Francis Room
- 10:00a 'Closer Walk' Prayer Group – Vulliamy Room
- 11:00a Social Activities – Conference Room
- 5:00p Search Committee – Library
- 6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

- 9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

- 9:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
- 12:30p Seekers Discussion Group – Conf Room

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

- 6:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
- 8:00a Bulletins – Library

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

*No Parish events scheduled.*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 18 – PENTECOST X**

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist
- 2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

**THIS WEEK AND BEYOND**

•**CONFIRMATION** – From the Inquirers' Class, four people have signed up to be confirmed on

September 8, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Tucson. It's not too late to join them! If you, or someone you know, would like to be confirmed, please speak to me this month so that I may prepare you. *Fr. Colville Smythe*

•**CENTERING PRAYER** – Beginning Sunday, September 1, Centering Prayer will move from Sundays to Thursdays at 10:15 AM in the Chapel, followed by tea, light refreshments, and a short video on spiritual topics in the Conference Room.

•**SEND ME THE NEWS!** – Our activities are generating news at St. Francis this summer. Keep up with the latest. Are you receiving our weekly e-newsletter, *News from the Pews*? Don't miss out! (Contact [bethelklein@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:bethelklein@stfrancisgvaz.org)) Include your current email address, and tell her, "Beth-el, send me the News!" Don't have email? Pick up a paper copy of *News from the Pews* in the Narthex, or in the Parish Office. *Fr. Colville*

•**CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS** – Donations to the Rector and Assistant Rector Discretionary Funds are always welcome and help the clergy to offer assistance to people in our community who are struggling. Because of your generosity, they've been able to help people with such things as food, gas, utilities, rent, school clothing, school supplies, unexpected medical bills and burial expenses. It's not just the clergy being able to help people in need, it's all of us, together, touching the lives of people who feel like they've hit a dead end because of adverse circumstances in life. Thank you so much for your generosity.

•**BIBLE/BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** – Please read Chapter Six of the Second Isaiah book. Please obtain your copy of *Daniel* for the following week.

•**OUTREACH FOR AUGUST** – Your Outreach Committee is collecting cereal (no Cheerios, please) and breakfast foods during the month of August. Please bring your donations to the Parish Hall and deposit them in the box labeled 'Food Bank.'

•**CRUZANDO FRONTERAS DONATIONS** – Thanks to months and months of generous donations of clothing from St. Francis and all over the diocese—and a huge shipment of donated clothing coming in next week—Cruzando Fronteras has plenty of clothes for the asylum-seekers it is sheltering right now. BUT, they do need toiletries, paper products, and specific food items. Specifically, they need: toilet paper • paper towels • laundry soap • body soaps • shampoo • razors • toothpaste (no toothbrushes) • lip balm • feminine hygiene products • peanut butter • jelly • Nutella • snacks for children. Some of these items are the same as those being collected by the Outreach Committee for the Food Bank this month, so just double the amounts of those on your shopping list! Collection boxes are in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall.

As always, funds are also a priority need. Some of the supplies for the shelters can't be transported across the border so can only be purchased in Mexico. If you can provide monetary assistance, donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at [fronteras.azdiocese.org](http://fronteras.azdiocese.org), or drop a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line in the offering basket or at the Parish Office.

•**A BORDER MINISTRY INVITATION** – Sandy and Mark Eckstein lead a group of St. Francis volunteers to serve migrants a nutritious morning meal at a dining hall in Nogales, Mexico, on a monthly basis. Over 100 meals are served to adults and children: respectful, grateful pilgrims hoping for permission to cross into the U. S.

Even if you cannot go to the border, you CAN share in this monthly ministry! Buy and bring travel-sized toiletries for us to distribute to these travelers in transit: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, razor, comb and lip balm are the basic necessities. We will package these travel sized toiletries in plastic bags at the morning prep session (Thursday, August 15) in the Parish Hall the day

before our next feeding trip to the Nogales border (Friday, August 16). We appreciate your support for this ministry! “They also serve who stay and stuff” (with apologies to John Milton).

*Fr. Colville Smythe*

•**RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE** – The period for those interested in our rector position to submit an application to the Diocese has now ended. The Diocese is currently screening candidates, and when that process has been completed they will forward the candidate names and applications to our Search Committee. The committee has been hard at work creating a plan for screening applications and doing a number of Skype-type evaluations once it receives the applications. The Parish Profile is on the St. Francis website, and an abbreviated trifold copy of it was placed in the pews several weeks ago. Copies will continue to be placed in the pews every few weeks. If anyone wishes to get a trifold in the meantime, they are available in the Parish Office. Continue to look for updates on the rector search in the Sunday bulletin, on the St. Francis website, in the Franciscan Staff, and in email communications.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – Seekers Group has now returned to the book *My Neighbor's Faith*. This week, please read section six for Thursday, August 15. We meet from 12:30 to 2 PM every Thursday in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to visit or join this group. It's open discussion and you need not be a theologian or specially educated person.

•**NEED A RIDE TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men's Group offers rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a lift, call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

•**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – We are fortunate to have professional individual Spiritual Direction available to us at St. Francis. For an appointment please call Charlotte Neyland at 720-289-2750.

•**PRAYER CHAIN** — For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jnrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnrats@gmail.com).

•**HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please let Deacon Becky Williamson know by calling her at 480-204-0022 (or via email at [1beckyw@cox.net](mailto:1beckyw@cox.net)). We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone unable to attend services for any reason.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – Church of the Transfiguration, Mesa

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – The Vestry

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Mason Fletcher, Vern Hughes, Marleen Bell, Cindy Griffith, Gordon Pixley, Bob Vint, Kathi Grier, Stephanie Huszar, Elizabeth Haight, Francisco Zacarias & Family

•**FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:** Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Issac Noone, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

•**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Russell Symes, Mary Beth Minkley

We extend a warm welcome to our guests and visitors and we are delighted to have you worship with us. Our Communion Table is open to all baptized Christians. Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service, and please complete the Visitor's Card found in the pew racks and place it in an Offering Basket or hand it to an Usher or Greeter after the service.

*Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.*

**PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson  
Lector: Harry Lyons  
Prayers of the People: Judy Craig  
Acolyte: Norma Pool  
Ushers: Linda & Dick Kosnick  
Greeters: Craig & Tommy Reid  
Organist: Michael Case  
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

**PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson  
Lector: Bernie Ravenelle  
Prayers of the People: Reg Kahrimanis  
Crucifer: David Dunn  
Acolyte: Wayne North  
Ushers: Bud & Marsha Tripp  
Greeters: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen,  
Larry Bear  
Organist: Michael Case  
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez,  
Clyde Tardy, Clarke Green  
*Sextons*

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday  
8 AM – NOON

**THE VESTRY**

Wayne North, Senior Warden; Julie Reppenhagen, Junior Warden;  
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Jenica Hisko, Sandy Russell, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;  
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