



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

12 January 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gerald Near, b. 1942 in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Deep River

OPENING HYMN 76

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God,

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading we hear of the mission of the Lord's servant, the one whom God has chosen to bring forth justice and salvation. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (42:1-9).

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (29)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
* worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
* the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of
fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilder-
ness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of
Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees
writhe * and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever-
more.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of
peace.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading we learn how Peter recognizes that the good news, which Jesus began to proclaim after his baptism, not extends to all people. A Reading from the acts of the Apostles (10:34-43).

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message

he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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: At Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, you confirmed his mission and ministry, and poured your Holy Spirit upon him. May those of us who have been baptized into the baptism of Christ also know the Spirit's power for the work committed to our care:

People: **Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

Lector: Grant to us awareness of a holy calling in our own lives; striving for Christ's mission, and sharing in his labor:

People: **I have placed my Spirit upon him, to bring forth justice to the nations.**

Lector: We pray for the Church, remembering especially our work in this parish, that you would make us fit vessels for service:

People: **God will faithfully bring forth justice, and establish peace in all the earth.**

Lector: We intercede for all who have commended themselves to our prayers (*the people may offer their petitions*), for you, O God, are our strength:

People: **The Lord will not break a bruised reed, nor quench a dimly burning wick.**

Lector: Establish justice in the earth, and give the breath of your Spirit to those who walk in it, that wars may cease and freedom extend, the hungry be fed and the humble uplifted, and that all might strive together for the right stewardship of creation:

People: **I have taken you by the hand, and made you a covenant to the people.**

Lector: We pray for the prisoner and captive, for the wrongly incarcerated and those detained without representation, that you might lead prisoners from the dungeon, and shine on those who languish in darkness. For all tasked with the administration of justice, and for those whose freedom has been restricted, we ask ongoing transformation in mind and heart:

People: **Open the eyes of the blind, and bring prisoners out from the dungeon.**

Lector: Help us to know and feel that you show no partiality, and that in every nation the one who fears you and does what is right is acceptable; that together we might preach peace, labor for the good, divorce from arrogance and self-focus, and study the path of Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all:

People: **The former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare.**

Lector: 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.**

Lector: The Lord shall give strength to the people:

People: **The Lord shall give the blessing of peace.**

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

AT THE OFFERTORY J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

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 hope...

...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: Blessing God...

...in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Father of glory...

...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

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 MINISTERS (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 BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

G.F. Handel, 1685-1759

Allegro vivace



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Kathi Grier by her friends and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12 JANUARY 2020

TODAY

JANUARY 12 – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist
- 9:00a Coffee Hour
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist
- 11:00a Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room
- 11:00a Social Activities – Conference Room
- 6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 9:30a Memorials Committee – Library
- 10:00a Boutique Open until 1 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
- 10:00a Women's Group – St. Francis Room
- 10:00a Communications – Library
- 10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel, Conf Rm
- 12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm
- 2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
- 8:00a Bulletins – Library
- 1:00p DOK Training – St. Francis Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

JANUARY 19 – EPIPHANY II

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist
- 9:00a Coffee Hour
- 10:00a Holy Eucharist
- 11:00a Coffee Hour
- 11:15a Annual Parish Meeting

TODAY

•**THE ORGAN PRELUDE** played this morning is dedicated to the memory of Madeline Williams, long-time member of St. Francis in the Valley, 8 o'clock organist, and beloved friend of all who knew her. *Deep River* was written to be played at Madeline's memorial service; it incorporates one of her favorite organist quirks: three 'dings' on the chimes at the end of the service. For years I threatened, jokingly, to disconnect the chimes but couldn't figure out how to do it. So the published version of the piece provides an alternate ending for organists who hate the chimes as much as I do. Remember Madeline as you listen. *Gerald*

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

- MORNING PRAYER** – Join us Mondays at 9 AM for morning Prayer. As always the service is held in the Chapel. It's a wonderful way to begin your day in prayer with others.
- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – It's coming up next Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 11 AM. If you are responsible for producing a report, please create your copy as a Word file document and send it to the Parish Administrator via email (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org); alternatively your report may be typed into the body of an email.
- OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you have asked for weekly offering Envelopes, they are here and available in the Parish Office. Stop in and pick yours up.

•**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** (NO KIDDING, WE REALLY DO!) – The Finance Office is in desperate need of tellers able to assist one or two hours every other month. Responsibilities involve picking up cash from the Sacristy and counting and preparing cash receipts. Our Finance Officer, Deborah Harby, is eager to talk to you (she's really nice).

•**AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR** volunteers to provide a welcoming face in the Parish Office from NOON until 2 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Nothing more complicated is involved than answering the phone. If you can help, please let Administrative Assistant Beth-el Klein know (625-1370).

•**HANDBELLS ANYONE?** – We will be starting a handbell ensemble at St. Francis. Rehearsals will be once a week beginning in January and will take place in the Choir Loft, day and time to be determined. A background in music is helpful, but not necessary. Questions, call Sophia Witte at 509-5037, or via e-mail, smw_witte@yahoo.com.

•**REFUGEE AND BORDER MINISTRY** – There will be a meeting Monday, January 27, at 1:30 PM in the Library to discuss the current status of this ministry and to make further plans for the rest of the year. All are invited to see and hear what is going on with this important ministry.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – The Seekers Group is 'marking time' by discussing short articles found in newspapers or magazines. The group will discuss ethical and perhaps religious implications of some cuttings brought by members of the group. This 'marking time' will occupy the group while we wait for members to acquire whatever book they decide to use next. Anyone interested is welcome any time. We meet every Thursday in the Conference Room from 12:30 to 1:50 PM. If you are a Choir member and interested in Seekers, we dismiss in time for you to get to choir drill. Question? Call Anne Charter, 625-9591.

•**LATEST CRUZANDO FRONTERAS NEEDS** – The shelter in Nogales, Mexico, that provides shelter for asylum seekers is in dire need of the following: children’s shoes, sweatshirts, and warm jackets. All sizes are needed. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall. Any and all donations are always appreciated.

As always, funds are also a priority need. If you can provide monetary assistance, donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at *fronteras.azdiocese.org*, or drop a check made out to St. Francis with “Cruzando Fronteras” in the memo line in the offering plate or at the Parish Office.

•**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin on Monday, February 10, and run for five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call to register or to obtain additional information: 520-625-1370 or 520-399-9208.

•**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*). We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone unable to attend services.

•**PRAYER CHAIN** – For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at *jnrats@gmail.com*.

•**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – We are always in need of new LEMs. Come and participate as a Lay Eucharistic Minister in this time-honored tradition, or if you or a loved one would like to request a visit, please contact Deacon Becky Williamson at 480-204-0022 or, via email, at *1beckyw@cox*.

net. If you would like to train to become a part of this important ministry Becky would be happy to train you and add you to our active visitor list.

•**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.

•**NEED TRANSPORTATION TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men’s Group will provide the ride. Just call the Parish Office, 625-1370, to confirm the date and time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – St. Stephen’s, Sierra Vista

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Junior Warden

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** George Haight, Jackie Springer, Julie Ratley

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

•**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Harry Russell, Kathi Grier, Juan Navarete-Harrelson

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: Vince Remillard
Prayers of the People: Cheryl Mendoza
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Susanne Fairman,
Joyce Hayes
Greeters: Pam & John Yeager
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: Larry Howell
Prayers of the People: Carol Vleck
Crucifer: Frank Anderson
Acolyte: Leslie Bindschadler
Ushers: Bud & Marsha Tripp
Greeters: Charlie & Julie Reppenhagen,
Larry Bear
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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Deborah Harby

Financial Officer

Beth-el Klein, *Administrative Assistant*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

John Colip, *Head Sexton*

Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez,

Clyde Tardy

Sextons

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

8 AM – 2 PM

THE VESTRY

Wayne North, Senior Warden; Julie Reppenhagen, Junior Warden;
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