



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 FOURTH SUNDAY

OF EASTER

12 May 2019

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Sheep may safely graze

OPENING HYMN 427

When morning gilds the skies

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

at 8 o'clock

TRISAGION (*said three times*)

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha. A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43).

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (23)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Our Second Reading presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. A Reading from the Revelation to John (7:9-17).

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 646

The King of love my shepherd is

The Gospel: John 10:22–30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

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 Al-

mighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 on 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: O Lord, you are our good shepherd, going before and coming behind to lead us to good pasture and still waters, to revive our souls and show us right pathways; so help us to know your voice and heed your call:

People: **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

Lector: We pray for all who shepherd the Church (*intercessions for the Church may be offered*) and all the lay people of our parish devoted in service to your reign:

People: **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

Lector: You revived Tabitha through the prayers of your servant Peter; that she would prove a sign of the promise arrived in Jesus. In the death of our loved ones and in our own hour, fix within us the hope that is ours in Christ; that we may desire eternal life to come:

People: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil.**

Lector: Use us to minister encouragement and healing to our sick, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Strengthen all physicians, psychologists, nurses and medical workers and make them a balm of restoration:

People: **You are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Lector: Make us to shepherd well the duties of citizenship, interceding for all in office high and low; and make us to care assiduously for the environment, our nation, communities, parish and families:

People: **You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Lector: That we might bear a cup of cold water to any in want, need or deprivation, turn our hearts and strengthen our resolve:

People: **Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!**

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. **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 Cecil Gibbs, 1889–1960
Folk Song

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: Shepherding God...
...sing your unending hymn,

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: Sustaining God...
...in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Great Shepherd...
...in the power of your Spirit.

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 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Christ lag in Todesbaden

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joan Henley in thanksgiving for another birthday and for our 68th anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12 MAY 2019

TODAY

MAY 12 – EASTER IV

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
- 10:00a Refugee Ministry – Vulliamy Room
- 1:00p Stewardship – Library

TUESDAY, MAY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 10:30a Fr. Colville's Isaiah Class
– Conference Room

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 9:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
- 10:00a Communications – Conference Room
- 12:30p Seekers Discussion Group – Conf Room

FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

SATURDAY, MAY 18

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MAY 19 – EASTER V

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

THIS WEEK

•**FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY** – Today is Mothers'

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.

Day and again this year members of the St. Francis Men's Group are presenting each woman attending services this morning with a carnation in recognition of their many contributions toward the enrichment of our lives each and every day of the year. A big "Thank You" to all the women of St. Francis.

•**FR. COLVILLE'S ISAIAH CLASS** – Three daytime sessions on Isaiah: the prophet who sparked a spiritual reformation and inspired Jesus! Wednesdays, May 15, 22, and 29, 10:30 until NOON in the Conference Room, led by Fr. Colville.

•**PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS? ESPANOL? DEUTSCH?** – Sunday, June 9, will be Pentecost, when the Church celebrates its astonishing spread through the gift of languages. What foreign language do you speak? Can you read a few sentences of the gospel in another tongue? Readers are needed at both 8 and 10 o'clock, and we'll get you your reading. Sign up now in the Parish Hall to secure your language and service choice—or call the Parish Office weekdays between 8 AM and NOON.

Fr. Colville

•**NEW BIBLE/BOOK DISCUSSION** – The book is *The Law* by the *Anglican Society of Biblical Scholars*. (Details in the May/June Newsletter.) Please read the Introduction and Chapter One for May 14.

•**OUTREACH FOR MAY** – Your Outreach Committee is collecting peanut butter this month. All kinds of peanut butter are needed (crunchy, not so crunchy, not crunchy at all, etc.) Please bring your donation to the Parish Hall and deposit it in the box labeled 'Food Bank.' There are Food Bank baskets placed in the Narthex and at the entrance to the Chapel too, so let's fill them all up!

•**RECTOR SEARCH INFORMATION** – Looking for information on our Rector search? We've set up a couple of ways for you to find it! A new page on our St. Francis website has been added to provide the latest updates on the search—both for

us as a parish and for potential rector candidates. You can find it at <https://www.stfrancisgvaz.org/rector-search.html>. If you get our monthly emails about "What's Happening" at St. Francis, we're putting the latest search news in those as well. And we've set up space in the bulletin board display case in the Parish Hall next to the main door for the Rector search, which currently features a photo of the search committee and a list of the committee members. We'll also be providing updated information in future Newsletters. So check these places out, and find out what's new in the search process!

•**A WOMAN'S JOURNEY INWARD** – This four session journey will guide women in moving from the ego towards the True Self. Led by Charlotte Neyland as your spiritual guide, the journey is on Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10 to 11 AM in the St. Francis room. Jesus bids us to follow him.

Participants should bring a journal to record the experiences of their journey. No registrations are necessary. If you have questions call Charlotte at 720-289-2750.

•**GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR THE IMAGO DEI MIDDLE SCHOOL** – will take place this coming Thursday evening, the 16th, at 6:30 PM at the Armory Park Senior Center, located 220 S. 5th Avenue in Tucson (at the south edge of the central core area of downtown Tucson). For those wishing to let someone else do the driving, we will car pool from the covered parking area on the south side of the church, leaving at 5 pm SHARP. Wayne North will have driving instructions for those wishing to drive themselves, and there is ample parking close by. Call Wayne at 715-205-8374 if you have questions. You've made the donation, now plan to attend and personally congratulate the graduating eighth grade scholars and their families."

•**JUNE HANDBELL WORKSHOP SERIES** – New to handbells? A seasoned ringer? Rusty but have

some experience? Join Sylvia Smythe, assisted by St. Francis' own Sharlyn Matthews and Sophia Witte for a fun series of four Handbell Workshops offered on the Monday mornings in June, 11 AM – 12 NOON, in the Choir Loft. We will cover a wide range of topics and levels of the art of handbell ringing. Whatever your level, join us for the sheer joy of ringing bells, at one, several or all of the workshops. Contact Sylvia Smythe, ssmythemusic@gmail.com, or 626-824-4409 for more information.

•**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – Have you given any thought to becoming a Stephen Minister? Would you like to explore the basics, the training or anything else about this vital ministry? We recently learned that there will be a new class at Valley Presbyterian starting January 3, 2020, and Cheryl Tardy-Albin will again be teaching some of the modules.

For more information contact: Marybeth Bates (emmymex@yahoo.com or 206-259-0361); Mark Eckstein (az9261954@gmail.com or 433-807-2277); Cheryl Tardy-Albin (ltybbear1@gmail.com or 520-235-9031); or BrandE Faupell (bfaupell@gmail.com or 435-512-0286).

LIFE STORIES IN SIX WORDS

Little bit Lucy, tempered by Ethel.
 Secret of life: marry an Italian.
 Made a mess, cleaned it up.
 One tooth, one cavity; life's cruel.
 Ex-wife and contractor now have house.
 Found true love, married someone else.
 Became my mother. Please shoot me.
 I still make coffee for two.
 Was father, boys died, still sad.
 Where the hell are my keys?
 Wasn't born a redhead; fixed that.
 New Jersey to California. Thank God.
 Must remember: people, gadgets. That order.
 Being a monk stunk. Better gay.
 ABCs MTV SATs THC IRA NPR

History book travel loving parish priest.
 Summa cum music people my song.
 Iesous Christos Theou Uios Soter.
 Jesus Christ Son of God Savior.

•**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 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.

•**PRAYER CHAIN** — For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at jnjrats@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 Fr. Smythe or Rev. Pam know by calling them at the Parish Office (625-1370). We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – St. Stephen's, Douglas
- ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Heart and Hands Care Team
- PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Marlene Bell, Mason Fletcher, Vern Hughes, John Duntley, Stephanie Huszar, Prentiss Sawyer, Kim Kessing, Cooper Pennoyer
- FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:** Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Issac Noone, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn
- FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** pray for all who have died.

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: Susan Davis
Prayers of the People: Carol Vleck
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,
Bob Thornby
Greeters: Judy Richards,
Rita Beil
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Marie LeRoy

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Reg Kahrmanis
Prayers of the People: Margaret Sampson
Crucifer: Glenn Matto
Acolyte: Bud Tripp
Ushers: Mark & Sandy Eckstein
Greeters: Steve Huhta,
Charlie & Julie Reppenhagen
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

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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 – NOON

THE VESTRY

Wayne North, Senior Warden; Julie Reppenhagen, Junior Warden;
Mary Beth Bates, David Dunn, Sandy Eckstein, Larry Howell, Orji Isiogu,
Jenica Hisko, Sandy Russell, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;
ex officio: Bobbi Tucker, Clerk; Erik Ringkjob, Treasurer.