



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Daniel J. Messier, Rector
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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

13 January 2019

CONFIRMATION

at 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Ch-M. Widor, 1844-1937
Méditation (Symphonie I, Op. 13)

OPENING HYMN 657
Love divine, all loves excelling

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading the Lord assures Israel that they are God's chosen people. They are not to fear; God will save them. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:1-7).

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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 wilderness; * 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 hear of the spread of the early church as converts are received from among the Samaritans. A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17).

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 660

O Master let me walk with thee

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you

with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith

THE NICENE CREED Prayer Book 358

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES Prayer Book 415

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT Prayer Book 416

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES Prayer Book 305

THE CONFIRMATION Prayer Book 418

THE PEACE Prayer Book 419

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY Harold Friedell, 1905–58

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer Book 361

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Hymnal S125

THE LORD'S PRAYER Prayer Book 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S161

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

On Receiving Communion: *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 Prayer Book 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 439

What wondrous love is this

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Ravine families in thanksgiving for Kathy's birthday, and by Helen & Wally Mullaly in thanksgiving for their St. Francis Parish family.

The loose offering for the day is traditionally designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to help clergy and their families in need. You will find envelopes for your offering in the pew racks. Please be generous.

Today's Gospel

Today's gospel reading is the story of Jesus' baptism. Some people expected that John the Baptist might be the Christ, but he points to a yet mightier one to come whose baptism will be decisive. The Holy Spirit is then manifest and shows this one to be Jesus. A voice from heaven speaks to him in words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.



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 Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith
Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith
Lector: Stu Findley
Prayers of the People: Judy Craig
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,
John Yeager
Greeters: Bill & Marie Miller,
Susan Davis
Organist: Gerald Near
Sound Technician: Marie LeRoy

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith
Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith
Lector: John Smith
Prayers of the People: Reg Kahrmanis
Crucifer: Glenn Matto
Acolyte: Country Wagaman
Ushers: Mark & Sandy Eckstein
Greeters: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen
Organist: Gerald Near
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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Sextons

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

8 AM – 2 PM

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