



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

16 February 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Robert Powell, b. 1932

Land of rest

OPENING HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Moses presents the people with their choice: love and obey the Lord and find life, or turn away to other gods and know death. A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (30:15-20).

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (84)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading Paul admonishes the Corinthians for their bickering and divisions. A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:1-9).

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

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

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms

quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil 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, 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: As we approach the conclusion of this Epiphany Season we rejoice in the gift of your Spirit, for all good comes from you, O God, and we need the help of your grace if we are to please you in what we choose, and in all we do:

People: **Happy are they who walk in the way of the Lord.**

Lector: We strive to seek you faithfully; to seek life and to honor your commandments, for all wisdom resides in you, O Lord:

People: **With my whole heart I will seek you.**

Lector: Mend the body of your faithful people throughout the world, strengthening us to move beyond human inclinations, pursuing the things of Christ, and laboring in common purpose; for we are called to be God's servants, God's field, God's building, working together:

People: **Happy are they who walk in the way of the Lord.**

Lector: Make those who serve your Church to love fully, remembering especially that they might be instruments of your goodness and justice, unity and peace, offering sound guidance, working for reconciliation; offering our gifts at the altar in full confidence of your presence:

People: **With my whole heart I will seek you.**

Lector: Help us to labor for you in all human endeavor, and especially in the politics by which the nations are governed, interceding with special intention for the President of the United States, Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Governor of this State:

People: **Happy are they who walk in the way of the Lord.**

Lector: Tend our sick, Lord Christ, as we remember them before you: (*the people may offer their petitions*). Give peace to the dying, comfort to the grieving, hope to the aged and infirm; that we might honor you through all things, and in all things:

People: **With my whole heart I will seek you.**

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: Manifest the signs of your presence in the midst of this parish church; in our relationships and marriages, our homes and families, in

our vocations, duties and pursuits; that we might will the good, labor for the right, and make truth to prevail:

People: **I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, and give attention to your ways.**

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 Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddès grace, No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

—Words by Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

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: Gracious God...
...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: God of mercy...
...in remembrance of me.”
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: God 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 R. Mark Otterstad, b. 1942
Fanfare



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Connie Wilt in loving memory of her beloved husband William B. Wilt and grandson Benjamin Meadows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
16 FEBRUARY 2020

TODAY

FEBRUARY 16 – EPIPHANY VI

8:00a Holy Eucharist
10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
10:00a Outreach – Library
1:30p Grief Support – St. Francis Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00a Staff Meeting – Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:30a Memorials Committee – Library
10:00a Boutique Open until 1 PM
2:00p Handbells – Loft

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
10:00a Communications – Library
10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel/Conf Room
11:00a Trust Committee – Library
12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm
1:00p Border Ministry – Parish Hall
2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 23 – LAST EPIPHANY

8:00a Holy Eucharist
10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•PLEASE NOTE – Parish Offices will be closed to-

morrow, Monday, February 17, in recognition of the Presidents' Day national holiday.

• **ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES – MARCH 6** – Tickets are now on sale for the 2020 Tour of Homes. You can purchase yours at the Parish Office and at the Boutique, the Chamber of Commerce, Sue's Creative Coyote and the Javelina Run Restaurant (Continental Plaza) and online at *www.stfrancis-gvaz.org*. Please do all you can to promote this annual event, the biggest fund-raiser of the year.

And, we need your help with transportation to and from the Tour homes; we are looking for hostesses—both dining room and in the Tour homes; we need goodies for the Gourmet Shoppe (pies, cookies, breads, jams, spiced nuts, etc.); and we need items for the Silent Auction (craft items, pictures, jewelry, etc.). There's lots to do and we invite you to let us know how you can help by signing-up in the Parish Hall after Sunday services (we're counting on you). Let's make this the best Tour of Homes ever!

'What's Coming?'

Wednesdays in Lent, 2020

March 4 – *What's Coming in Pastoral Care?*

The Rev. Amy Jacober, Ph.D

March 11 – *What's Coming in*

Migration Ministry?

Fr. David Chavez

March 18 – *What's Coming to St. Francis?*

Fr. Warren Leibovich

March 25 – *What's Coming in Stewardship?*

Canon Timothy Dombek

April 1 – *What's Coming to
the Episcopal Church?*

Bishop Jennifer Reddall

Schedule for Lenten Wednesdays

5 PM – Stations of the Cross in the Courtyard

5:30 PM – Soup Supper in the Parish Hall

6:15 PM – Address: *'What's Coming?'*

7 PM – Blessing and on our way, rejoicing

•**EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT** – Next Sunday, February 23, has been designated as EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY.

Deacon Linda Hale from Christ the King, Tucson, the Diocesan coordinator for ERD, will be with us to preach at both services about what ERD is, its work and the two programs in our fundraiser that support families. In the spirit of Matthew 25, donations are requested both at church services and in the Parish Hall after services on Sundays from February 23 to March 15.

•**SOLO JOURNEYERS** – Mark your calendars for dinner out on Monday, February 17, at 5:30 PM at Manuel's. If you are a Solo, and would like to join the group for this dinner out, please call Kristi Thompson at 520-207-0465 or Carol Berg at 520-373-5770. You will need to make reservations with us in order that we can have an accurate count for Manuel's. There will **not** be a signup in the Parish Hall, so please call to make your reservation.

•**OUTREACH** – The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is on Monday morning, February 17, at 10 AM in the Library. Parishioners who might be interested in learning more about (and perhaps participating in) this important ministry are invited to join us.

•**REFUGEE AND BORDER MINISTRY GUEST PRESENTATION** – Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre and his son produced a documentary, *Trails of Hope and Terror* in 2016. Beginning with the history of the Americas and the “manifest destiny” and policies embraced by the U.S., Dr. De La Torre highlights some of the factors leading to the immigration crisis. This documentary is a powerful look into what is happening on our borders from hopeful stories from some courageous people to some of the horrors that have occurred. There will be a viewing of this documentary on Thursday, February 27 in the Parish Hall at 2 PM. Come join us. There will be conversation after viewing the film.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, February 20, the Group will continue discussion of the book chosen for the next six weeks: *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. Please read chapter five for February 20. 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. Questions? 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.

•**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 jnjrats@gmail.com.

•**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.

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: David Barnes
Prayers of the People: Wayne North
Acolyte: Weston Barnes
Ushers: Susanne Fairman,
Kristi Menix
Greeters: Joyce Remillard,
Susan Davis
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Marie LeRoy

PRAYER REQUESTS

- THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – Church of the Epiphany, Tempe
- ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – The Altar Guild
- PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Alan Swain, George Haight, Canon Anita Braden, Julie Ratley, Carol Hinterthuer
- FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:** Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Issac Noone, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

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.

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: John Smith
Prayers of the People: Orji Isiogu
Crucifer: Wayne North
Acolyte: Bud Tripp
Ushers: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen
Greeters: Sue Moody, Penny Williams,
Cheryl Tardy-Albin
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY

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Deborah Harby

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Beth-el Klein, *Administrative Assistant*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

Sophia Witte, *Bellmaster*

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;
Mary Beth Bates, Bill Baucom, Sandy Eckstein, Kristi Menix, Orji Isiogu,
Jenica Hisko, Sandy Russell, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;
ex officio: Bobbi Tucker, Clerk; Erik Ringjob, Treasurer.