



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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

18 August 2019

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750
Air from Suite No. 3 in D Major

OPENING HYMN 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading God speaks through the prophet: this is a God lofty and distant as well as near, and God knows the lies of the false prophets. A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (23:23-29).

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (82)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
* he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

- 2 “How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?”
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.’”
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading Jesus the promised one has opened access to the Father in ways previous generations longed to see. A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11:29—12:2).

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to

death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It

is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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: You fill heaven and earth, O God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Plant your word in our deepest recesses, and help us to live faithful lives, redounding to your praise:

People: **Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

Lector: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; rescue the distressed and the poor, and use us in your service:

People: **All of the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Lector: Refine and increase your Church, O Lord, remembering especially that we may rise to our calling, and proclaim the Gospel in word and deed:

People: **Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

Lector: Strengthen us through the examples of our fore-bearers in faith, so that, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with perseverance the race set before us:

People: **All of the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Lector: Raise up the sick and downcast among us, and especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*), that we may together look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:

People: **Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

Lector: With you come fire and division and a baptism with which we must be baptized. Make us alert to the present time in which we live, and always ready to learn your will:

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will: Put me to doing, Put me to resting, Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you; Let me be full, let me be empty, Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I yield all things to your disposal, so that you are mine, and I am yours, through Jesus Christ, who is all in all. Amen.

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 J.S. Bach, *arr.* Charles Maggs
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: It is a good and joyful thing...
...as we join the 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: Righteous God...
...in remembrance of me."
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Redeeming God...
...one God, now and always.

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 300

Glory, love, and praise, and honor

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47
Sonata II: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Music at the Offertory this morning is played by Lynann Taylor, flute, and Sophia Witte, Sylvia Smythe, and Sharlyn Matthews on handbells.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

18 AUGUST 2019

TODAY

AUGUST 18 – PENTECOST X

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00a Bible Study – St. Francis Room
10:00a 'Closer Walk' Prayer Group
– Vulliamy Room
1:00p Stephen Ministry – St. Francis Room,
Library, Conference Rm, Vulliamy Rm
5:00p Search Committee – Library

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
10:00a Fr. Colville's Psalms & Proverbs class
– Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

12:30p Seekers Discussion Group – Conf Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

AUGUST 25 – PENTECOST XI

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•**Transformational Psalms, and Proverbs** – The psalms give us plenty to love: poetry, praise, intimacy with God and...transformation. No other book of the Bible directly addresses our feelings

in the way that Psalms do. There are several types of psalms; we will look at two which are designed to bring us into close relation to God. Finally, we will examine Proverbs, which presumes a worldview in stark contrast to the transformational style of the gospels.

This summer we have learned and shared faith in classes addressing biblical material. If you're not leaving town for an end-of-summer vacation, join your St. Francis friends on three Wednesday mornings, 10 to 11:30 AM, in the Conference Room for a ripping good ride through Psalms and Proverbs.

August 21: Psalms of Lament;

August 28: Psalms of Ascent;

September 11: Proverbs: Consecrated Common Sense. *Fr. Colville Smythe*

•**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) 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 One of the *Daniel* book.

•**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, 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.

•**AUGUST MOVIE NIGHT** – The Social Activities Team will be hosting a Potluck and Movie Night at 5 PM on Friday, August 30. Please sign up in the Parish hall and let us know the food you plan to bring to share with friends. The movie will be *Auntie Mame* (1958) with Rosalind Russell. We have a special movie-watching snack too.

•**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 22. 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.

•**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.

•**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 for any reason.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – St. Mark's, Mesa
- ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Deacon Becky
- PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Mason Fletcher, Marleen Bell, Cindy Griffith, Gordon Pixley, Bob Vint, Kathi Grier, Stephanie Huszar, Elizabeth Haight, Francisco Zacarias & Family, Judy Craig, Linda Pantoja, Bart DallaMura, Jackie Springer
- 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: David Barnes
Prayers of the People: Wayne North
Acolyte: Weston Barnes
Ushers: Jan Koltun, Ken Adams
Greeters: Marie LeRoy,
Bob Swendrzynski
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Marie LeRoy

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Gary LaBarre
Prayers of the People: Margaret Sampson
Crucifer: Wayne North
Acolyte: Sylvia Smythe
Ushers: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen
Greeters: Nancy Albin, Cheryl Tardy-Albin,
Sue Moody
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

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John Colip, *Head Sexton*

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;
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.