



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

23 February 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

PRELUDE Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637-1707

We pray now to the Holy Spirit

OPENING HYMN 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed

into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 is called up to Mount Sinai, and the glory of the Lord appears. A Reading from the Book of Exodus (24:12-18).

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (99)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the
earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great
and awesome; * he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have
established equity; * you have executed
justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and
Samuel among those who call upon his
Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he
answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
* they kept his testimonies and the decree
that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them
indeed; * you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND READING

Our Second Reading presents the apostle Peter as he recalls his vision of Jesus in majesty on the holy mountain and the heavenly voice that announced this was God's beloved Son. A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter (1:16-21).

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying,

“This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until

after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Linda Hale

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: We come in worship to the mountain of the Lord, asking God to inscribe Law and Commandment upon our hearts, and to give us instruction for the living of faithful lives:

People: **The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim!**

Lector: We have the prophetic message more fully confirmed and are attentive as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts:

People: **O lover of justice, you have established equity in all the earth.**

Lector: Grant us, O God, eyes to see Christ transfigured in the world about us, that we may be changed into his likeness:

People: **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and fall down before the Holy One!**

Lector: We intercede for the mission of the Church, that bonds of compassion would unite us in deepened service, and that all who call upon the Name of Christ would seek first Christ's interests and concerns:

People: **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God!**

Lector: We intercede for the children of our city, state and nation suffering abuse and neglect, economic challenge, and restricted opportunity, and ask that you would make your Church a light for them:

People: **Establish your justice, and make hope to shine forth.**

Lector: We pray for all laity in the exercise of their gifts of ministry, and also for the ordained that good may show forth in the midst of the faithful:

People: **Moses and Aaron among God's priests, Miriam and Samuel among those who call upon the Lord.**

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: Make whole our sick, interceding with special concern offered for (*the people may offer their petitions*). Gather our dead into your presence, remembering especially those whom we love and see no more (*the people may offer their petitions*). Restore the tired and weary, and do not let us flag in deeds of mercy:

People: **They called upon the Lord, and God answered them.**

Lector: Place a pillar of cloud in our midst and set your Shekinah glory upon our Altar, that this parish might offer sustenance, guidance, and true worship in the midst of our several communities:

People: **For the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

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 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

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: Creating and liberating 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: Dazzling God...
...in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Transfiguring God...

...ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy 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 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 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

John A. Behnke

Siyahamba

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carol Clayton in loving memory of Charles Clayton, Justin Thomas and Ross Long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

23 FEBRUARY 2020

TODAY

FEBRUARY 23 – LAST EPIPHANY

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

1:30p Grief Support – St. Francis Room

1:30p Refugee & Border Ministry – Library

2:00p Stewardship Vision – Conference Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

10:00a Boutique Open until 1 PM

2:00p Handbells – Loft

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel/Conf Room

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm

2:00p Border Ministry – Parish Hall

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 1 – LENT I

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

TODAY

•**PLEASE WELCOME** – The Rev. Linda Hale, our guest preacher this morning. Deacon Hale, Diocesan Coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development, is here today at the invitation of the St. Francis Outreach Committee. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and MEd in Bilingual Education from the University of Oregon and taught for thirty-five years in Oregon and Washington, retiring in 2001. She then launched into her second calling as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. As such she has served two congregations in the Yakima Valley, teaching courses in Safeguarding God's Children and Anti-racism. Deacon Linda moved to Tucson in 2013 and now serves on the staff of Christ the King Episcopal Church. We are delighted to have her with us this morning and we look forward to learning more about the important work of Episcopal Relief and Development.

•**'BEING CHRISTIAN'...YOU'RE INVITED!** – Our former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, has written a lucid and luminous description of Christian life, titled *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer*. This Lent, I invite you to read and discuss this challenging introduction to the basic elements of Christian life.

We will meet on four consecutive Lenten Mondays, from 2 to 3:30 PM, in the Conference Room. 15 copies of *Being Christian* are available in the church office from Monday the 24, for \$9 each. When they are gone, you can order directly from Amazon. Here is the schedule: March 2, Baptism; March 9, Bible; March 16, Eucharist; March 23, Prayer. Come, refresh your spirit this Lent! *Fr. Colville*

•**OUR THANKS** – Thanks to Priscilla Zimmerman who is conducting the Parish Choir at the 10 o'clock service this morning, and to Sophia Witte—our handbell ensemble director—who is playing the organ at both services.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, February 27, the Group will continue discussion of the book chosen for the next six weeks: *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. Please read chapter six for February 27. 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.

'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

•**NEED A RIDE TO THE LENTEN SUPPERS?** – The St. Francis Men's Group will be offering transportation to the Lenten Suppers for those needing a ride. Give Dave Dunn a call at 625-5324, or

Charlie Reppenhagen at 207-5458 to make arrangements.

• **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.stfranciscvaz.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).

• **ORIENTATION MEETING FOR TOUR OF HOMES DRIVERS** – There will be an orientation meeting for Tour Of Homes drivers on Monday, March 2, at 2 PM and Tuesday, March 3 at 10 AM. Both meetings will be held in the Vulliamy Room and should last 45 minutes to an 1 hour. It is important that drivers make one of the two meetings to pick up the orientation package and route map. If you have questions, please call Dave Dunn at 625-5324 or Chris Arundell at 777-6995.

• **REFUGEE AND BORDER MINISTRY GUEST PRESENTATION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 2 PM** – 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 in the Parish Hall this Thursday at 2 PM. Come join us. There will be conversation after viewing the film.

• **ASHES-TO-GO** – On Ash Wednesday (February 26) we’re going to try something new—an added opportunity to receive ashes for those who are unable to attend one of our regularly-scheduled Ash Wednesday liturgies at church.

This outreach to the community, known as “Ashes-to-Go,” is offered by hundreds of Episcopal and other Christian churches around the country. *Ashes-to-Go* allows people to either drive through or walk up to a location where a priest/minister will sign a person’s forehead with a cross of blessed ashes, saying, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

One of our St. Francis clergy will be stationed on the half-circular driveway in front of the church between the hours of NOON to 5:30 PM. And let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity too!

• **WESTON BARNES TO PERFORM** – Weston Barnes, son of David and Katharine Barnes, and our acolyte at the early service on the third Sunday of each month, will be performing at this year’s “Jazz In The Desert” show on Saturday, February 29, at the Quail Creek Country Club, with a matinee performance at 1 PM and a dinner show at 5 PM. Weston plays the lead trumpet in the Sahuarita High School’s Jazz Ensemble. Space is limited, so call early to reserve your tickets at 520-271-4831, or they can be purchased at the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce offices. Tickets for the matinee show are \$10 and \$45 for the dinner show. Come and enjoy the musical talent of one of very own musicians from St. Francis!

• **HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sac-

continued on back page

Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Officiant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Preacher: The Rev. Linda Hale
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Vince Remillard
Prayers of the People: Harry Lyons
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Nancy Helgath, Joyce Hayes
Greeters: Jan DallaMura,
Sue Spiewak
Organist: Sophia Witte
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Officiant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Preacher: The Rev. Linda Hale
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Bernie Ravenelle
Prayers of the People: Larry Howell
Crucifer: Frank Anderson
Acolyte: Sylvia Smythe
Ushers: Mark & Sandy Eckstein
Greeters: Virginia & Don Scott, Chris Arundell
Organist: Sophia Witte
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

continued from page 7

rament 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – Episcopal Campus at ASU, Tempe

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Ushers & Greeters

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Alan Swain, Marsha Tripp, 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

**SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

600 South La Cañada Drive,
Green Valley, Arizona 85614
520-625-1370

office@stfrancisgvaz.org www.stfrancisgvaz.org

www.facebook.com/stfrancisgvaz

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall, *Bishop*

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, *Interim Rector*

The Rev. Becky Williamson, *Deacon*

Gerald Near, *Parish Administrator*

Deborah Harby

Financial Officer

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.