



# SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

## CHRISTMAS EVE

24 December 2019

### A Musical Offering at 4:30 & 8:30 PM

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Johann Pachelbel  
*Vom Himmel hoch (From heaven above)*

**CAROL 79** (OMIT STANZA 4)  
*O little town of Bethlehem*

**A READING:** Micah 5:2-5

**A CAROL** Mode IV melody  
arr. John Scott

*Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Jesu, Savior of us all, regard thy servants when they call. Thou, grieving at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die, didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heavenly grace. Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine. At thy great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own, that thou art Lord and King alone. To thee, O holy One, we pray, our judge in that tremendous day, preserves us, while we dwell below, from every onslaught of the foe. All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the father we adore, and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.*

7th c. Office Hymn, *tr.* John Mason Neale

**A READING:** Isaiah 11:1-3, 4, 6-9

**HANDCHIMES** *trad.* French  
arr. Kevin McChesney  
*He is born*

**ORGAN INTERLUDE** Henri Mulet  
*Noël*

**A READING:** Luke 2:8-16

**A CAROL** *Quem Pastores*  
arr. Gerald Near

*He whom joyous shepherds praised, when the angel's song was raised bidding them be not amazed, heav'n's all glorious King is born. He whom sages, westward faring, myrrh and gold and incense bearing, worshipped bowing low before him reigns as King this happy morn. Now rejoice with Jesus' mother; praise her newborn Son, our brother; angels vie with one another, praising him beyond the sky. Sing to Christ, the King who reigneth, yet of Mary manhood gaineth, born our God; let us adore him: Glory be to God on high.*

Latin, 1410; *tr.* Winfred Douglas

**CAROL 82**  
*Of the Father's love begotten*

### The Holy Eucharist at 5 & 9 PM

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Johannes Brahms  
*Es ist ein 'Ros entsprungen*

**HYMN 83**  
*O come, all ye faithful*

**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.**

**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, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

**THE FIRST LESSON**

*In our First Lesson we hear a hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem. A Lesson from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7).*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and

with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM (96)**

*(Please respond following the asterisk.)*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be  
praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are  
but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his  
presence! \* Oh, the power and the splendor  
of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the  
peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
\* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is  
King! \* he has made the world so firm that it  
cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples  
with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be  
glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for

joy before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

### THE SECOND LESSON

*Our Second Lesson speaks of the two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory. A Lesson from the Book of Titus (2:11-14).*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn 96

*Angels we have heard on high*

### The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and

laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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:* Gracious and generous God, for the wonderful gift foretold by prophets and born in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ our redeemer, we give you thanks and praise!

*People:* **For unto us a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord.**

*Lector:* We beseech you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and all who name the Name of Jesus; that as Christ's Spirit indwells our spirits, we may perform deeds of mercy in his likeness:

*People:* **For the Promised One has dwelt among us.**

*Lector:* We intercede for the Church in all the world that we may serve the work given into our hands, and prosper the Gospel mission:

*People:* **For the Church's witness to God's Emmanuel.**

*Lector:* As Joseph and Mary made a home for their children, we pray for the parents and families of our parish, that the young people entrusted to our care may be nurtured with tender love and discipline; and grant to our children a holy faith, and Christmas joy and wonder:

*People:* **For you guided Joseph by dream and Mary by vision.**

*Lector:* We ask the solace of the Wonderful Counselor for all who are sick or downcast, and for those in any trouble or distress, especially those for whom we now pray (*the people may offer their petitions*). Sustain, uphold, and restore them, O God:

*People:* **For the star's bright light dispelled the shepherd's fear.**

*Lector:* May the humble circumstances of the holy family stir us to work for the poor, the oppressed, the displaced and unsheltered:

*People:* **For gifts were brought from afar, and offered at a rude manger.**

*Lector:* As you pierced the darkness of that first Christmas night, and began a great work in an unlikely place, through unexpected people, and within a small child, so pierce the night of our darkness, and perform new deeds in our lives:

*People:* **Behold your servants, O God, and be it done to us according to your will.**

*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:* Let us pray to the Lord:

*People:* **O God of stars and journeys and spoken Word made flesh, be born again within us, that we may witness to Christ, strive for his truth, and walk in his love; and all for your Name's sake.**

## 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

*On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring, news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth and good will. Amen." setting by Paul O. Manz*

### 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:* Almighty 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 new birth...  
...in remembrance of me."  
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

*Celebrant:* God who exalts the humble and humbles the exalted...  
...all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

*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.*

### 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.**

### HYMN 111

*Silent night, holy night*

### THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN 87

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

### THE DISMISSAL



## Christmas Flowers

Flowers for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ are given by

**Halden T. Aasen & Louise M. Moore;**

**The Rev. Christine Anderson** in memory of Marian E. Dealey, Sunnøve Anderson, Erik Anderson, Lottie & Robert Bohr, Nora Garner Bohr, and Frances & Reuben Anderson;

**Chris & Ginny Arundell** in thanksgiving for God's continued blessings;

**Deborah & Ron Billingsley** in memory of John & Norma, Ben & Ann, John & Annabelle, Grandma Odessa, and Grandma Joanne;

**Leslie Bindschadler** in thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Clumpner, Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Clumpner, Kristen Anne Olson, Jo Coffey, Bill, Joey, Dave, Jan, and great grandchildren Joshua and Anna;

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**Wally & Helen Mullaly** in memory of Clyde Mullaly;

**Margaret & Peter Murphy** in thanksgiving for all the prayers and support from friends at St. Francis for Peter's recovery;

**Wayne & Jeannie North** in memory of their granddaughter Alli's husband, Westin Christensen;

**Linda Pantoja** in loving memory of her mother Louise Pixley, and in thanksgiving for the healing of her son Paul Pantoja, and her daughter Cynthia Griffith;

**Norma Pool** in loving memory of John Pool and in thanksgiving for friends and family here and gone;

**Vince & Joyce Remillard** in memory of Leo & Madeleine Remillard and Emil & Ruth Tiber;

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**Harry & Patty Russell** in memory of Howdy Russell and Jeran Wallop Herbert;

**William R. Symons** in memory of William E. Symons, Delphine I. Herndon, Wanda D. Moore and Stephen R. Moore;

**Robert & Susan Tenney** in thanksgiving for

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**Kristi Thompson** in memory of Paul Thompson;  
**Bob & Sharon Thornby** in thanksgiving for their children;  
**Bobbi Tucker** in thanksgiving for her family and friends, human and canine, past and present;  
**The Rev. Judith Turberg, Joseph & Rae Turberg** in thanksgiving for the life of Edward F. Turberg;  
**Elaine Walker** in memory of her parents Joe & Florence McNaught.



### A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SOLO JOURNEYERS** – Clear the decks for Tuesday, December 31, from 3 to 6 PM, for an early New Years Eve gathering at the home of Kristi Thompson (120 W. Paseo Canastra 520-207-0465). Brink a snack to share; wine will be provided.
- LAST CALL FOR CONFIRMATION!** – On Sunday, January 5, new members of St. Francis Church will participate in a Confirmation service at the Church of the Apostles in Oro Valley. The five people who have already told me they wish to join the Episcopal Church are: Gary & Anita Jacobs, Don & Jan Meisner, and Mike Kuebler. They are coming to us as adults already formed in other denominations: one Lutheran and four Roman Catholic. So Bishop Reddall will receive these new members as already prepared for life and ministry here, rather than re-confirming them. We do not expect the bishop to visit St. Francis for reception or confirmation until some time in 2021, so if you or someone you know wishes to be received or confirmed, please let me know right away so they may be included in this service. *Father Colville*
- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – It's coming up Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 11 AM. If you are responsible for producing a report to be included in the Annual Report Booklet, please create your

copy as a Word file document and send it to the Parish Administrator via email ([gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org)); alternatively your report may be typed into the body of an email. Please do not format your copy.

- PRAYER CHAIN** – For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jnjrats@gmail.com](mailto: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 Deacon Becky Williamson know by calling her at 480-204-0022 (or via email at [1beckyw@cox.net](mailto:1beckyw@cox.net)). We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone unable to attend services.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Jackie Springer, Jim Toombs, Peter Murphy, Jan Travis, Kathi Grier, Julie Ratley, Nathan Reddall, Libby Moore, Bonnie Selcho, Joyce Kaminski
- FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:** Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Issac Noone, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn
- FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Keith Workman



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 5 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson  
Lector: Larry Howell  
Prayers of the People: Sylvia Smythe  
Crucifer: Wayne North  
Acolyte: Sylvia Smythe  
Ushers: Linda & Dick Kosnick  
Greeters: Stu & Marilyn Findley  
The Parish Choir  
Hand Chimes: Sharlyn Matthews,  
Lyn Ann Taylor, Sylvia Smythe,  
Sophia Witte  
Organist: Michael Case  
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

**PARTICIPANTS AT 9 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson  
Lector: Tom Neyland  
Prayers of the People: Judy Craig  
Crucifer: Harry Russell  
Acolyte: Sylvia Smythe  
Ushers: Harry & Patty Russell  
Greeters: Sue Moody, Cheryl Tardy-Albin  
The Parish Choir  
Hand Chimes: Sharlyn Matthews,  
Lyn Ann Taylor, Sylvia Smythe,  
Sophia Witte  
Organist: Michael Case  
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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*Sextons*

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8 AM – 2 PM