



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

24 November 2019

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Wilbur Held, 1914-2015

Simple Gifts

James Pethel, b. 1936

We Gather Together

OPENING HYMN 433

We gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing

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 and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and

the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ 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 the Lord's mighty salvation of Israel from slavery in Egypt is recalled, and the people are bid to offer in thanksgiving the first fruits of their fields. A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (26:1-11).

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil,

and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (100)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness and come
before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; * he
himself has made us, and we are his; we are
his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his
courts with praise; * give thanks to him and
call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlast-
ing; * and his faithfulness endures from age
to age.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading Paul invites the new disciples at Philippi to exult in the Lord, who is near at hand. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9).

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all

understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 288

Praise to God, immortal praise

The Gospel: John 6:25-35

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

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

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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: We have been entrusted with a rich inheritance in this good land in which we dwell, and offer deep thanks for the abundance we experience in our lives, our families, and our nation:

People: **Be joyful in the Lord all you lands!**

Lector: As our fore-bears in faith gave to you from the first fruits of the harvest, grant that the celebration of our bounty and of all you have given to us would be a good return from our labors and for ministry and mission in Christ's Name:

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with a song!**

Lector: We offer supplication for those in authority and high position, asking your guidance for this nation that the peace of God may guard our hearts:

People: **Know this: The Lord is God; the Lord has made us, and we belong to God.**

Lector: Casting every anxiety on you, we fix our minds on that which is honorable, just, pure, pleasing and commendable. Lure our vision toward the excellent, and those things worthy of praise, that we may keep on doing that which we have learned from the God of peace:

People: **We are the Lord's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Lector: Minister your presence and healing power to all our sick, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Grant courage, grace and consolation in the midst of trouble:

People: **Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.**

Lector: Make us to tend those who lack the bread of this world and to strive for the love of you for those in need and trouble:

People: **The Lord is good, with mercy everlasting; God's faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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: Give us the food which endures for eternal life; that we may believe in Jesus Christ the true bread of heaven, for whoever comes to you will never hunger, and the one who believes in you will never thirst:

People: **Enter the gates with thanksgiving; go into God's courts with praise; give thanks and call upon God's holy Name!**

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 L. van Beethoven, 1770-1827

O God, your goodness reaches wide, As do the clouds above us. You crown us with your perfect love,

You guide us and protect us. O Lord, our rock, our shield, our friend, Unto our thoughts and words attend As now we pray before you.

*words: Christian Gellert, 1715-68;
trans: Alan Bullard*

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: Covenanting 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: Revealing God...
...in remembrance of me."
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Embodied God...
...all oppression is healed by your grace, and you are all in all.

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 397

Now thank we all our God

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE S. Karg-Elert, 1877-1933

Now Thank We All Our God

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Norma Pool in loving memory of her mother Katherine Sedler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
24 NOVEMBER 2019

TODAY

NOVEMBER 24 – THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

8:00a Holy Eucharist
9:00a Coffee Hour
10:00a Holy Eucharist
11:00a Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

No Eucharist Today

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
1:00p Thanksgiving Dinner – Parish Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 1 – ADVENT I

8:00a Holy Eucharist
9:00a Coffee Hour
10:00a Holy Eucharist
11:00a Coffee Hour

TODAY

•**OUR GUEST ORGANIST** – this morning is David Horr.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•**MORNING PRAYER** – Looking for an ongoing prayer practice? Join us for Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9 AM in the Chapel. It's a wonderful way to begin your day in prayer with others.

•**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER** – You are invited, Thursday, November 28 at 1 PM. Please sign up in the Parish Hall after services to let us know you will be attending, to bring a side dish or to volunteer to serve our guests. Donations are also being accepted for purchasing turkey, ham, salmon, mashed potatoes, carrots, sauerkraut and gravy. Please indicate the number of guests so we know we will have enough food. This annual event is for the community too, so bring a guest. No one should eat alone Thanksgiving Day.

••**PLEASE NOTE:** While we will not observe the usual Wednesday Eucharist on November 27, we cordially invite you to join us at 9 AM Thanksgiving Day for a special service of thanks and praise.

•**THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COVENANT FUND CHRISTMAS CARD PARTY** – will be celebrated this year at 3 PM on Wednesday, December 4, in the Parish Hall (please note time change).

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO REPORT that our special guests on this occasion will be St. Francis in the Valley's new Rector, The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch and his wife Annette. Fr. Warren will be on hand to meet you and to answer any questions you may have.

The scrumptious food will be served by the Hansen's and their staff from Santa Cruz Catering in Amado, and our friend Angel Perez will play beautiful holiday music. This is one of many special missions at St. Francis where we look out for one another. Here is how it works: instead of purchasing and mailing Christmas cards to all your friends at St. Francis, get one card and sign it and bring it to the party. Your card will be used to decorate the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall for everyone to enjoy. Contribute the money you save on postage and cards to the Covenant Fund. The fund was created by Dorothy Baldwin, Barb Hook's mother. It is used exclusively for St. Fran-

cis parishioners in need of financial assistance. There is no cost for your meal; just your generous donations for this special St. Francis mission.

Signup in the Parish Hall or call the Parish Office (625-1370) before November 27 so a correct head count can be given to our caterer.

•**OUR ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR** was a great success! So many of you stepped up and signed on to at least one ministry. It goes without saying that the generosity of each of you to spend your time supporting the efforts of our Parish are unparalleled. Thank you! The Stephen Ministry won the cookie contest again this year! (Honorable Mention goes to Gary LaBarre for his bourbon balls... Yikes!) How much fun tasting all the goodies and becoming aware of all of the great work our parishioners do each and every day. Kudos for your dedication and many thanks for supporting the "new kid on the block."

•**CHRISTMAS STARS** – Santa's elves invite you to take part in our annual Christmas Stars ministry for the Salvation Army. Pick up a Star after services today, and next Sunday, December 1. Gifts must be turned in to the Parish Office by December 11. Each Star will have a recipient's name and desired gift. Help us pass along some Christmas joy!

•**RUTH IN ADVENT** – Here comes a delightful Advent Bible study to prepare you for Christmas! It's an intimate story with cosmic consequences. The Book of Ruth is short (just four chapters) and sweet (happy ending), but it packs plenty of punch in those four chapters! Naomi and Ruth face life-threatening adversity and navigate risky relationships. We will have fun looking at the text to see how love conquers all!

December 2 Perils of family life!

December 9 Women without men

December 16 Survival? Seduction?

December 23 Bridge to the future

Four Mondays in December, 9 to 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. Invite a friend!

Fr. Colville

•**8 AM USHERS NEEDED** – We are currently needing 2-3 early worshipers to step up and become part of our active group of ushers. This is not a difficult ministry to participate in, but very rewarding and necessary. Serve only once every 4-5 weeks. Please give this your prayerful consideration. Contact Ken Adams at: keninswaz@gmail.com

•**OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED** – We are in need of a volunteer for a 2-hour shift in the Parish Office on Wednesdays. It can either be an 8 -10 AM or NOON -2 PM shift. Anyone wishing to step up for this ministry should contact Cheryl Mendoza at mendozaoldies@hotmail.com.

•**HANDBELLS ANYONE?** – We will be starting a handbell ensemble at St. Francis. Rehearsals will be once a week beginning in January and will take place in the Choir Loft, day and time to be determined. A background in music is helpful, but not necessary. Any questions, call Sophia Witte at 520-509-5037, or e-mail her at smw_witte@yahoo.com.

•**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin on Monday, November 11, and run for five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call to register or to obtain additional information: 520-625-1370.

•**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.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – Seekers will not meet this week, Thursday, November 28. Come to the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner instead. On Thursday, December 5, the Group will finish discussing *In the Beginning*. The Group will not meet for the rest of December. See the December Parish Newsletter for details of the next project.

•**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.

•**NEED A RIDE TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men's Group offers rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a lift, call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – Chapel Rock, Prescott

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Memorials and Special Gifts Committee

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Jan Travis, Libby Moore, Kathi Grier, Nathan Reddall, Joan Sciortino

•**FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY:** Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Issac Noone, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

•**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** The Rev. Doug Vest

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: BrandE Faupell
Prayers of the People: Judy Craig
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Carol Lyons, Nancy Helgath
Greeters: Susan Davis, Sue Spiewak
Organist: David Horr
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: Wayne North
Prayers of the People: Sylvia Smythe
Crucifer: David Dunn
Acolyte: Bud Tripp
Ushers: Joyce Remillard, Dorothy North
Greeters: Virginia & Don Scott, Louise Hursh
Organist: David Horr
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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.

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Beth-el Klein, *Administrative Assistant*
J. Michael Case, *Organist*
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, David Dunn, Sandy Eckstein, Larry Howell, Orji Isiogu,
Jenica Hisko, Sandy Russell, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;
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