



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

2 February 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Charles Callahan, b. 1951
Aria

OPENING HYMN 436
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

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 everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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 prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord's judgment nears, God will send a messenger to make ready the way. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi (3:1-4).

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (24:7-10)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” *

“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading we are reminded that Jesus has now shared in all aspects of human life. By himself experiencing death, he has broken the power of death over humankind. A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18).

Since God’s children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 259

Hail to the Lord who comes

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout,

looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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: Your promised messenger has come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight. Help us to heed his words that we may be cleansed from sin and guided onto a sound path:

People: **Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in!**

Lector: The time of purifying judgment has begun; so refine us with fire as silver and gold, that with our dross burnt away, we may offer pleasing lives in your service:

People: **The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

Lector: Born of flesh and sharing fully in the human condition, the child Jesus was like us in every respect, that he might hallow our sufferings and challenges and show us how to live as children of God.

People: **Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in!**

Lector: As on the eighth day Jesus was presented in the temple, fulfilling all righteousness, stirring proclamation in blessed Simeon and testimony from the prophetess Anna; so stir our minds and hearts that we may offer witness to the Savior:

People: **The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

Lector: We pray for those struggling with the afflictions that visit our mortal frames, (*the people may offer their petitions*). Help our faith in dark times, amidst faltering trust and imperfect hope:

People: **Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in!**

Lector: As Joseph and Mary were amazed at what was said about the holy child Jesus, make us ever open to wonder and surprise at the unfolding mystery of your work among us:

People: **The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

Lector: Make us useful witnesses to the weak and the strong, to the credulous and cynical, to those brought low and to the fortunate, to people of every opinion, party, sympathy and creed, that our life might be seen in generosity of spirit:

People: **Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in!**

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: As disciples of the one who healed, grant us gifts to broaden liberty and bring freedom to those bound by circumstance, illness, deprivation, addiction, small mindedness, and every fetter to which mortal flesh falls pray. In your Light, help us see light, in your Hope, lead us to fresh vision, in your meaning, show us true purpose; that we and all your children might be free:

People: **The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

Lector: Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel:

People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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

AT THE OFFERTORY Gerald Near, b. 1942

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to lighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Luke 2:29-32

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: Blessed are you, Lord 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 our companion...

...in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: God of glory...

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

People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Prayer Book 364

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

On Receiving Communion: *Our Communion Table is open to all baptized Christians. You may stand or kneel at the rail to receive the Sacrament. (If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let one of the clergy know.) If you do not wish to receive Communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Members of the Daughters of the King will be at the Chapel rail at both services to administer prayers for healing and thanksgiving. Please go to the Chapel rail after your Communion.*

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (to be said by all)

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

In peace and joy I now depart

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Eric and Adrian Gough in loving memory of their wife and mother Patricia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 FEBRUARY 2020

TODAY

FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

10:30a ESL Meeting – Classroom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00a Staff Meeting – Library

10:30a Vestry Officers – Rector's Office

1:00p Stephen Ministry – Vulliamy Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

10:00a Boutique Open until 1 PM

2:00p Handbells – Loft

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00a Women's Group – St. Francis Room

10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel/Conf Room

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9 – EPIPHANY V

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•**MORNING PRAYER** – Join us Mondays at 9 AM for Morning Prayer. As always the service is held in the Chapel. It's a wonderful way to begin your day in prayer with others.

•**PARISH DIRECTORIES** – All parishioners are entitled to a Parish Directory and we invite you to pick up your copy in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings or in the Parish Office during the week. A \$1 donation per copy is appreciated.

•**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you have asked for weekly offering Envelopes, they are here and available in the Parish Office. Stop in and pick yours up.

•**ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES** – 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.stfrancisgvaz.org. 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; with goodies for the Gourmet Shoppe (pies, cookies, breads, jams, spiced nuts, etc.); and with items for the Silent Auction (craft items, pictures, jewelry, etc.). We invite you to sign up in the Parish Hall after Sunday services (we're counting on you). Let's make this the best Tour of Homes ever!

•**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** (NO KIDDING, WE REALLY DO!) – The Finance Office is in desperate need of tellers able to assist one or two hours every

other month. Responsibilities involve picking up cash from the Sacristy and counting and preparing cash receipts. Our Finance Officer, Deborah Harby, is eager to talk to you (she's really nice).

••**AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR** volunteers to provide a welcoming face in the Parish Office from NOON until 2 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Nothing more complicated is involved than answering the phone. If you can help, please let Administrative Assistant Beth-el Klein know (625-1370).

•**SOLO JOURNEYERS** – Mark your calendars for dinner out on Monday, February 17, at 5:30 PM at Manuel's. If you are a Solo, and would like to join the group for this dinner out, please call Kristi Thompson at 520-207-0405 or Carol Berg at 520-373-5770. You will need to make reservations with us in order that we can have an accurate count for Manuel's. There will **not** be a signup in the Parish Hall, so please call to make your reservation.

•**HANDBELLS** – Our new handbell ensemble is up and running under the direction of Sophia Witte. The group meets on Wednesdays at 2 PM in the Choir Loft. If you are interested in becoming part of this great new group, give Sophia a call at 509-5037, or via e-mail, smw_witte@yahoo.com.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, February 6, the Group will continue discussion of the book chosen for the next two months: *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. Please read chapter three for February 6. 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. Question? Call Anne Charter, 625-9591.

•**EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT** – In the past, our outreach has been focused on local and area needs. This year, we are including worldwide

needs. The love for our neighbor is worldwide because God loves all of creation, and so did our patron St. Francis.

Sunday, February 23, has been designated as EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY. For over 75 years, Episcopal Relief & Development (previously called Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief) has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease.

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

•**LATEST CRUZANDO FRONTERAS NEEDS** – The shelter in Nogales, Mexico, that provides shelter for asylum seekers is in dire need of the following: children's shoes, sweatshirts, and warm jackets. All sizes are needed. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall. Any and all donations are always appreciated.

As always, funds are also a priority need. If you can provide monetary assistance, donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at *fronteras.azdiocese.org*, or drop a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line in the offering plate or at the Parish Office.

•**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin on Monday, February 10, 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 or 520-399-9208.

•**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.

•**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Would you like to sponsor altar flowers on a certain Sunday? Flowers can be given in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving for persons or for a special date and occasion you wish to celebrate. Call the Parish Office (625-1370) or Carol Berg (373-5770) with your request. Donations are \$35.

•**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*.

•**NEED TRANSPORTATION TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men's Group will provide the ride. Just call the Parish Office, 625-1370, to confirm the date and time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – Church of the Advent, Sun City West

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Finance Committee

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** George Haight, Jackie Springer, Julie Ratley, Marsha Tripp

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

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: Bill Wells
Prayers of the People: Susan Davis
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Ken Adams,
Ann Tenpenny
Greeters: Stu & Marilyn Findley
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: Stephen Schwarzmamm
Prayers of the People: Reg Kahrimanis
Crucifer: Frank Anderson
Acolyte: David Dunn
Ushers: Steve Huhta, George Schappach
Greeters: Kathy Helgeson, Louise Hursh,
Larry Bear
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

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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Deborah Harby
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Beth-el Klein, *Administrative Assistant*

J. Michael Case, *Organist*

Sophia Witte, *Bellmaster*

John Colip, *Head Sexton*

Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez,

Clyde Tardy

Sextons

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

THE VESTRY

Wayne North, Senior Warden; Julie Reppenhagen, Junior Warden;
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Jenica Hisko, Sandy Russell, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;
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