



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector
The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, Assistant Rector

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
31 March 2019
Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B
at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

Flor Peters, 1903-86

Aria

OPENING HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

OPENING SENTENCES

Prayer Book 355

TRISAGION

Hymnal S100

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Our First Reading tells of the first Passover kept by the Israelites after they had crossed over the Jordan River into the promised land. . A Reading from the Book of Joshua (5:9-12).

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (32)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the
LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the
LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of
heart.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading Paul celebrates the new perspective that comes in Christ, and God's reconciling work in Christ that now makes its appeal to others through his disciples. A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:16-21).

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

The Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b-32

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go

in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe

THE NICENE CREED Prayer Book 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Prayer Book 383

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book 360

ABSOLUTION AND PEACE Prayer Book 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY Maurice Bevan, b. 1921

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; There’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind; And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members in the sorrow of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord. -words: Frederick William Faber

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer Book 367

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Hymnal S125

THE LORD’S PRAYER Prayer Book 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S161

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Prayer Book 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Bernhard Schmid, 1520-92
Gagliarda

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
Lector: Mary Levine
Prayers of the People: BrandE Faupell
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Ann Zublin,
Cheryl Tardy-Albin
Greeters: BrandE Faupell,
Jan Koltun
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Lector: Bernie Ravenelle
Prayers of the People: BrandE Faupell
Crucifer: David Dunn
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Cheryl Tardy-Albin, Mark Eckstein,
Roger Williams
Greeters: Kathy Helgeson, Jan Koltun
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

RECTOR SEARCH PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry and parish family of St. Francis in the Valley, to be of one heart and mind in our search for a rector who will be your faithful servant and who will minister to your flock.

By your light O Lord, draw to us those with vision and passion for St. Francis' future.

Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor, a dynamic preacher of your Gospel, to shepherd us as your flock, strengthen our ministries, and work with us in building up your kingdom.

May we strive to be your heart and hands in our parish and be a light of love to all. Amen.

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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, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;
ex officio: Bobbi Tucker, Clerk; Erik Ringjob, Treasurer.