



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE EPIPHANY

5 January 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE M. Duruflé, 1902-86
Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie

OPENING HYMN 124

What star is this, with beams so bright

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, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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 Prophet envisions the end of exile and the glorious restoration of Jerusalem. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (60:1-6).

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (72:1-7, 10-14)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to
the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the
people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush
the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon
endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the
mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall
pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in
distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression
and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

THE SECOND READING

Our Second Reading sets forth the great theme of Paul's apostolic commission: the revealed mystery that Christ's salvation extends beyond Judaism to in-

clude all peoples. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:1-12).

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 128

We three kings of Orient are

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child

who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Judith Turberg

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: You have done wonders through the ages, gracious God, summoning into being that which was not, and leavening all peoples and cultures with the yeast of righteousness. We give you thanks for the signs of your presence witnessed by Abraham and Sarah, by Moses, Aaron and Miriam, declared by prophets, and sung by poets:

People: **Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Lector: We rejoice in the revelation of Jesus Christ to the earth and its peoples, whom you love without partiality and with a fierce love, seeking and finding and refreshing hearts through your presence:

People: **Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Lector: Lift our eyes that we may see and be radiant as we look upon your work in the world. You defend the needy among the people and rescue the poor; you show mercy to the lowly, and make justice to flourish:

People: **Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Lector: Fix our minds on Christ the Day Star that we might learn the mystery being made known to humankind, share in the promise made manifest, and serve the grace and wisdom illuminating the world:

People: **Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Lector: Be a comfort to those in difficulty: to the solitary and isolated, to those in grief or mourning, to the fearful, and to those who are sick or infirm, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Pour upon them the new light of the incarnate Word:

People: **Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

Lector: All things come from you; so inspire us to return to you from all that we have received, even as the Magi offered their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh:

People: **Arise, shine; for your light has come!**

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 you manifested yourself to the Gentiles, so manifest among all peoples, and shine brightly in our lives, leading us by faith to your presence, where we may know you in Jesus our Lord, and in the Spirit's might:

People: **Blessed be God's glorious Name, and may all the earth be filled with God's glory! Amen. 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

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Words by George Herbert, 1593-1633

Setting by Erik Routley, 1917-82

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: Revealing God...
...singing their hymn of 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 wonder...
...in remembrance of me."
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: God of wisdom...
...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.

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 Gerald Near, b. 1942

What star is this

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kristi Thompson in loving memory of Paul Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 JANUARY 2020

TODAY

JANUARY 5 – THE EPIPHANY

8:00a Holy Eucharist

9:00a Coffee Hour

10:00a Holy Eucharist

11:00a Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00a Staff Meeting – Library

10:30a Vestry Officers – Rector's Office

1:00p Stephen Ministry – Vulliamy Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00a Finance Committee – Conference Rm

10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel, Conf Rm

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm

2:00p Home Tour Cmte – Vulliamy Room

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00a Bulletins – Library

1:00p DOK Training – St. Francis Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

3:00p Grier Memorial

4:00p Memorial Reception – Parish Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

JANUARY 12 – EPIPHANY I

8:00a Holy Eucharist

9:00a Coffee Hour

10:00a Holy Eucharist

11:00a Coffee Hour

TODAY

•**CONFIRMATION** – Today five new members of St. Francis Church will participate in a Confirmation service at the Church of the Apostles in Oro Valley. They 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. **WELCOME!**

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.

•**SEEKING TELLERS** – We have a wonderful set of volunteers who help us with the Sunday collection every Monday morning! Wouldn't you like to be one of them? We have some new openings on our teller teams and are seeking a few volunteers who can assist one or two hours every other month. You would be picking up cash from the Sacristy and counting and preparing cash receipts. Interested? Have some questions? Finance Officer Deborah will be happy to visit with you.

•**EXPLORE YOUR ARIZONA TAX CREDIT OPTIONS** – We are so fortunate in the state of Arizona to be able to direct our own tax dollars to schools, groups and charities that we care about deeply. You all know that you are able to use your Arizona Tax credit option as a gift to Imago Dei, our partner school. You may not know that you can also direct your tax dollars to our Sahuarita and Continental schools. You are not limited to one choice for your tax dollar. You have many additional gift options. For instance, you are able to use your tax liability as a gift to help support other charities currently under the wing of St. Francis and dear to the hearts of many Franciscans like Youth on Their Own, The Food Bank, Salvation Army, Valley Assistance, Friends In Deed, Hands of a Friend to name a few. All these charities are supported by you through your work with the Tour of Homes and through your support of Outreach projects. Why not consider designating your Arizona tax liability as gifts to one or more of these charities. When you donate you can claim a dollar for dollar reduction in your Arizona state income taxes. For more information call or email Barb Hook (520-648-7949 or behook@aol.com).

•**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – It’s coming up Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 11 AM. If you are responsible for producing a report, please create your copy as a Word file document and send it to the Parish Administrator via email (*gerald@st-francisgvaz.org*); alternatively your report may be typed into the body of an email. Please do not format your copy.

•**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.

•**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. Questions, call Sophia Witte at 509-5037, or via e-mail, *smw_witte@yahoo.com*.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – Seekers meetings will revert to the regularly scheduled time, 12:30 - 1:50 pm, Thursday afternoons on January 9. This meeting will consider and we hope decide on the next project for the group. We welcome new members at any meeting in the Conference Room.

•**LATEST CRUZANDO FRONTERAS NEEDS** – Toilet paper, soaps, shampoo, jeans (size 28-36), bed sheets, towels, sweatshirts, diapers (sizes 2&3), warm jackets, sneakers, undergarments (all sizes), socks, backpacks, coloring books (child & adult), crayons/pens/coloring pencils/notebooks for ESL class, peanut butter/jelly, snacks/snack bars, rice/beans (pinto), cereals, oatmeal, and blankets.

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.

•**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.

•**PRAYER CHAIN** – For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at *jnrats@gmail.com*.

•**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – We are always in need of new LEMs. Come and participate as a Lay Eucharistic Minister in this time-honored tradition, or if you or a loved one would like to request a visit, please contact Deacon Becky Williamson at 480-204-0022 or, via email, at *1beckyw@cox.net*. If you would like to train to become a part of this important ministry Becky would be happy to train you and add you to our active visitor list.

•**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.

•**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** – St. Andrew’s Sedona

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Senior Warden

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** George Haight, Jackie Springer, Jan Travis, Julie Ratley, Libby Moore, Bonnie Selcho, Joyce Kaminski, Jim Toombs, Teddy Copeland

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

•**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Harry Russell, Kathi Grier, Juan Navarete-Harrelson

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

PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Judith Turberg
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Wayne North
Prayers of the People: Bill Wells
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Dick & Linda Kosnick
Greeters: Gerlinda Juhala,
Judy Richards
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Marie LeRoy

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Judith Turberg
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Orji Isiogu
Prayers of the People: Stephen Schwarzman
Crucifer: Glenn Matto
Acolyte: Leslie Bindschadler
Ushers: Joyce Remillard, Cheryl Tardy-Albin
Greeters: Kathy Helgeson, Louise Hursh,
Janie Hessong
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
Financial Officer
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;
ex officio: Bobbi Tucker, Clerk; Erik Ringjob, Treasurer.