



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 THIRD SUNDAY

OF EASTER

5 May 2019

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE James Biery, b. 1956
Prelude on 'Vruechten'

OPENING HYMN 376
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

People: **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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading we hear how Paul is converted from being an enemy of the Christian way in order to become the great apostle to non-Jewish peoples. A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-20).

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instru-

ment whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (30)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me .
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave .
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness .
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime .
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning .
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
- 8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear .

- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper.”
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy .
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Our Second Reading presents a heavenly vision of the Lamb that was slain—a figure of Jesus. A Reading from the Revelation to John (5:11-14).

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

The Gospel: John 21:1–19

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him,

"Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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, and 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 on 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: As we journey into this Easter Season, Lord Christ, show yourself to us in our occupations and routines; that as the disciples came to see you on the Galilean shore, we may know you to be ever with us:

People: **I will exalt you because you have lifted me up.**

Lector: As you made Saul blind that he might truly see; strike us, and then remove the scales from our eyes that we may discern what is of lasting value, learning how we are to serve:

People: **Sing God's praise, you servants of the Lord.**

Lector: We intercede for our nation and ask guidance for wise choices and seriousness of mind in decision making, remembering especially our President and the members of Congress and the Supreme Court. We ask care for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and hope for a peace-making future:

People: **Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Lector: We pray for the Church, remembering especially (*intercessions for the Church may be offered*). Bless this parish and all who labor here for the cause of the Gospel. Prosper our ways and make sure our path:

People: **You have made me strong as the mountains.**

Lector: On this Alleluia Fund Sunday, strengthen our mission efforts, remembering especially our partners in mission. Help us each to

be useful and enlightened in how we might make a difference:

People: **Have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.**

Lector: We pray for the sick, especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Assist them to see your face, Lord Christ:

People: **Give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.**

Lector: We say that we love you, O God, and we ask your strength to love more deeply. When you say to us: "Tend my lambs," and "Feed my sheep," show us those things we must do:

People: **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing.**

Lector: Worthy is the Lamb of God to receive all wisdom and might, honor, glory and blessing:

People: **To the Lamb be honor and glory and might forever and ever! 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. **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 W.H. Harris 1883-1973

Prelude in E Flat

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: Worthy are you, Lord God...
...we join the the eternal hymn of 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.**

Celebrant: Providing God, your Son prepared...
...in remembrance of me.
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Great Shepherd...
...in the power of your Spirit.

People: **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Prayer Book 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

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 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Biery

Toccata on 'Gaudeamus Pariter'

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 MAY 2019

•**HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call Fr. Smythe or Rev. Pam at 625-1370. We bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

TODAY

MAY 5 – EASTER III

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 6

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 7

9:00a Staff Meeting – Library

10:30a Vestry Officers – Rector's Office

1:00p Stephen Ministry – St. Francis Room,
Library, Conference Rm, Vulliamy Rm

5:00p Search Committee – Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a Daughters of the King – Vulliamy Room

11:00a Altar Guild Luncheon – Parish Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:00a Finance Committee – Conference Room

12:30p Seekers Discussion Group – Conf Room

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, MAY 11

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MAY 12 – EASTER IV

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

•**TODAY — STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION** – Today, between the 8 and 10 AM services (9:15 to 9:45 AM) you are invited to meet in the Courtyard for a special worship opportunity: walking and praying together the Stations of the Resurrection.

This new devotional form, first developed in the early years of the 21st century, builds on the traditional Stations of the Cross (the Via Crucis) and extends them from the joyous celebration of Christ's defeat of death and into the resurrected life we are called to live today.

•**OUTREACH FOR MAY** – Your Outreach Committee is collecting peanut butter this month. All kinds of peanut butter are needed (crunchy, not so crunchy, not crunchy at all, etc.) Please bring your donation to the Parish Hall and deposit it in the box labeled 'Food Bank.' There are Food Bank baskets placed in the Narthex and at the entrance to the Chapel too, so let's fill them all up!

•**COMING IN MAY** – Three daytime sessions on Isaiah: the prophet who sparked a spiritual reformation and inspired Jesus! Wednesdays, May 15, 22, and 29, 10:30 until NOON in the Conference Room, led by Fr. Colville.

•**RECTOR SEARCH INFORMATION** – Looking for information on our Rector search? We've set up a couple of ways for you to find it! A new page on our St. Francis website has been added to provide the latest updates on the search—both for us as a parish and for potential rector candidates. You can find it at <https://www.stfrancisgvaz.org/>

rector-search.html. If you get our monthly emails about “What’s Happening” at St. Francis, we’re putting the latest search news in those as well. And we’ve set up space in the bulletin board display case in the Parish Hall next to the main door for the Rector search, which currently features a photo of the search committee and a list of the committee members. We’ll also be providing updated information in future newsletters. So check these places out, and find out what’s new on the search process!

•**A WOMAN’S JOURNEY INWARD** – This four session journey will guide women in moving from the ego towards the True Self. Led by Charlotte Neyland as your spiritual guide, the journey is on Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10 to 11 AM in the St. Francis room. Jesus bids us to follow him.

Participants should bring a journal to record the experiences of their journey. No registrations are necessary. If you have questions call Charlotte at 720-289-2750.

•**BECOMING AN HONORARY GRANDPARENT** – St. Francis is in the sixth year of its partnership with Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson. On 16 May we celebrate the graduation of twenty eighth grade scholars, presenting each with a \$100 Visa Gift Card, the evening before at their Baccalaureate Service.

Won’t you consider becoming an “Honorary Grandparent” to this year’s group of graduating eighth grade scholars. Make your checks payable to St. Francis, with Imago Dei Middle School on the memo line, leaving the check in the offering basket or dropping it off at the Parish Office.

And make plans to attend this year’s graduation on Thursday, May 16, in Tucson. Contact Wayne North at 399-9208, or the Parish Office for details on making a contribution, or if you wish to attend the graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 16. Why not do both?

•**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** – We are needing tellers beginning in May. The positions include picking up cash from the Sacristy, counting and preparing cash receipts for deposit, taking cash and receipts to the bank and returning receipts to the Parish Office. One or two hours of your time will be required every other month. Please contact Deborah at the Finance Office and let her know of your interest.

•**NEW BIBLE/BOOK DISCUSSION** – The book is *The Law* by the *Anglican Society of Biblical Scholars*. (Details in the May/June Newsletter.) Please read the Introduction and Chapter One for May 14.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – St. Michael’s, Coolidge

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Administrative Staff
•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Mason Fletcher, John Duntley, Vern Hughes, Jackie Springer, Stephanie Huszar, Prentiss Sawyer, Kim Kessing, Cooper Pennoyer, Kathy Ravine

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

•**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Sarah Terry, Dick Winter

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: Harry Lyons
Prayers of the People: Norma Pool
Acolyte: Wayne North
Ushers: Linda & Dick Kosnick
Greeters: Lou Terry,
George Grove
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Lector: Gary LaBarre
Prayers of the People: Bobbi Tucker
Crucifer: Frank Anderson
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Fred & Kathleen Keller
Greeters: Don & Virginia Scott,
Larry Bear
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Berg in thanksgiving for another year of life and for the blessing of family and friends.

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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John Colip, *Head Sexton*
Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez, Clyde Tardy
Sextons

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday
8 AM – NOON

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.