



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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

6 October 2019

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE J.H. Fiocco, 1703-41
Adagio in G

OPENING HYMN 551
Rise up, ye saints of God!

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 everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and

mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading the prophet bitterly complains to the Lord about the injustice and violence in the world. God answers that justice will come in time; meanwhile, the righteous will live by faithfulness and loyalty. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk (1:1-4, 2:1-4).

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (37:1-10)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your
trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as
the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who
prosper, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those
who wait upon the LORD shall possess the
land.

THE SECOND READING

Our Second Reading is the opening letter of Paul to his friend and coworker Timothy, whom he keeps always in his prayers. A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:1-14).

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I re-

member you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 655

O Jesus, I have promised

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith

the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde

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: As the prophets mourned the ruin of Jerusalem, we grieve over violence and wrongdoing and the failure of justice; grant us oracles of hope that we may strive for the right and the true and live by our faith:

People: **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.**

Lector: Because you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, stir our minds and hearts to intercession that we may receive the abundance of your mercy beyond all that we desire or deserve:

People: **God's mercies never come to an end!**

Lector: Rekindle charity and every spiritual gift within your Church, O God, remembering you have not given us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and of love and of self-discipline:

People: **Your grace is new every morning; great is your faithfulness!**

Lector: Bless and strengthen the labors of this parish church and all our ministries, that your own good purpose might here be seen:

People: **The Lord is my portion; therefore I will hope in God.**

Lector: Quicken us in service to the down-trodden and those suffering from any oppression, that we might do what ought to be done for their care and well-being:

People: **The Lord is good to those who wait.**

Lector: Remember our sick Lord Christ, and especially those for whom prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Soothe the dying, bind up the broken-hearted, and give us confidence in the life and immortality brought to light through the Gospel:

The Lord is kind to the soul that seeks for God.

Lector: Increase our faith even to the size of a mustard seed that we might give ourselves to the holy calling with which we have been called, with the help of the indwelling Spirit:

People: **It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

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

R. Vaughan Williams,
1872-1958

Andante con moto

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: It is our duty and our joy...

...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: Exhilarating God...

...in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Generous God...

...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 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 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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 680

O God, our help in ages past

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

Andante Maestoso

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6 OCTOBER 2019

TODAY

OCTOBER 6 – PENTECOST XVII

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

10:00a Stewardship Mailing – Parish Hall

10:30a ESL Orientation – Library

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room

9:00a Telecare – St. Francis Room

10:00a Vestry Officers – Rector's Office

11:00a Social Activities – Conference Room

6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

10:00a Home Tour Cmte – Conference Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel/Conf Room

12:30p Seekers Discussion Group – Conf Room

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00a Bulletins – Library

7:00p True Concord Concert – Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 13 – PENTECOST XVIII

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

2:30p Afternoon Tea – Parish Hall

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•**TRUE CONCORD CONCERT** – Grammy-nominated TRUE CONCORD will be presenting their first concert of the season this Friday, October 11, here at St. Francis. The program—*Shakespeare in Song*—will be under the direction of Bruce Chamberlain, director of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Emeritus Professor of Music at the University of Arizona, and will begin at 7 PM with a pre-concert talk at 6:15. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 for general admission and \$40 for premium seating. TRUE CONCORD never disappoints, so don't miss it!

•**PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS** – Our Fall Choir season has begun and we are looking for singers in all sections of the ensemble; if you would like to join this congenial group, get in touch with Music Director Gerald Near through the Parish Office (625-1370) or via email at gerald@stfranciscgvaz.org. Rehearsals are held Thursdays at 2 PM in the Choir Loft.

•**AFTERNOON TEA** – Join us next Sunday, October 13, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall for Afternoon Tea with the Bridgers.

The Very Reverend Francis William Bridger is the Dean of Brechin in the Scottish Episcopal Church and will address “The Church of England’s Misstep: How may we Avoid it?” And The Rev. Helen Bridger, who is the Associate Rector

for Broughty Ferry will share some of their experience in the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

Meet our guests and take a break from everyday cares with an opportunity to relish in simple, sensory delights. We will have hand-selected teas, finger sandwiches and delightful treats. Please sign up in the Parish hall and include a guest from the community to accompany you. Monetary donations are being accepted, if you'd like to contribute.

If you have tea cups and teapots we can borrow for that day please bring them into the Parish kitchen and place them in cabinet so designated. And don't forget to mark the bottoms of your donated tea wares. *Sandy Eckstein*

•**SOLO JOURNEY GROUP** – Mark your calendars for Friday, October 18, 3 to 6 PM, when we will get together for an open house at the home of Larry Bear, 742 E. Armor Springs Place. If you can, bring a hors d'oeuvre to share (wine will be provided). Please join your fellow solo friends for an afternoon of enjoyment and conversation. We will also discuss future gathering plans.

•**TALENTS UNLIMITED BOUTIQUE** – Our Boutique is open today, following both services. We have new fall items, Green Valley Pecans, and hand-made items by our very own parishioners. All profits continue to go directly to Clergy Discretionary Funds; by purchasing Boutique items you are helping the needy in our community. Managers are Wendy Hill, Pam Yeager, Carol Vleck, Ric Pike and Jylene Wright. We look forward to seeing you!

•**OUTREACH FOR OCTOBER** – Our Outreach project for October continues to be collecting gift bags for the elderly distributed to Valley Assistance Services. If you have a filled gift bag, now's the time to bring it in. As always your donations are very much appreciated.

•**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.

• **LATEST CRUZANDO FRONTERAS NEEDS** – Our diocesan border ministry, Cruzando Fronteras, is so grateful for the faithful support it receives from St. Francis! The list of items needed for the asylum seekers they assist has recently changed. Current needs: toilet paper • soaps • shampoo • razors • bed sheets • towels • feminine products • diapers (all sizes) • baby wipes • sandals/flip flops • shorts • sneakers • undergarments (all sizes) • socks • backpacks • coloring books (child and adult) • crayons/pens/coloring pencils/notebooks for ESL class • peanut butter/jelly • snacks/snack bars • rice/beans (pinto), cereals, oatmeal. Could you help provide some of these? Collection boxes are in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall.

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.

• **SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – Seekers will complete study of the video series *From Christ to Constantine* within the next two weeks. We meet from 12:30 to 2 PM every Thursday in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to visit or join this group. We’re friendly and will share the fun of discussing interesting subjects that don’t often come up in social chat.

• **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 for any reason.

• **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** – All of our Episcopal Schools

• **ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Acolytes and Crucifers

• **PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Rae Turberg, Libby Moore, Mason Fletcher, Marleen Bell, Kathi Grier, Stephanie Huszar, Francisco Zacarias & Family, Linda Pantoja, The Rev. Heather Rose, Carolyn Gates, Sue Moody and family

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

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.

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

PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Judy Craig
Prayers of the People: Carol Vleck
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,
Nancy Helgath
Greeters: Bill & Marie Miller
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Bobbi Tucker
Prayers of the People: Reg Kahrimanis
Crucifer: Frank Anderson Acolyte: Bud Tripp
Ushers: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen
Greeters: Chris Arundell, Larry Bear,
Janie Hessong
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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Deborah Harby

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J. Michael Case, *Organist*

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;
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Jenica Hisko, Sandy Russell, Helen Mullaly, Cheryl Tardy-Albin;
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