



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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7 April 2019

Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B
at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706
By the waters of Babylon

OPENING HYMN 675
Take up your cross, the Savior said

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

TRISAGION Hymnal S100

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Our First Reading tells how the same Lord who brought the people through the Red Sea waters and crushed the army of the Egyptians will do a new thing in this day when God will bring the people home through the wilderness. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:16-21).

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in

the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (126)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading the apostle Paul can boast of his religious background, yet nothing matters in comparison with knowing Christ as his Lord. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14).

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

The Gospel: John 12:1–8

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at

the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON	The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
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 Gerald Near
King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didn't note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didn't clear me; and alone when they replied, thou didn't hear me. Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee. George Herbert, 1593-1633

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	Prayer Book 367
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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 471

We sing the praise of him who died

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Pachelbel
Chromatic Fugue

Altar greens are given to the glory of God by Roger Cracraft and Janice Gallagher in loving memory of Paul Cracraft.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

There is something disconcerting about Jesus' response to Judas, because Judas' question is one that many of us might ask. One would think that we would hear exactly the opposite from Jesus—that all of our resources should go to the poor. This is especially disconcerting when we see such disparity around income inequality that we do today. These moments when Jesus' answers do not meet our expectations force us to continue to examine what discipleship means.

The timing of this passage is important as it comes right before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of his passion. Mary anoints Jesus just as a king would have been anointed, foreshadowing his entrance and Jesus' turning of this expectation on its head by washing the feet of his disciples, thereby reframing our concept of kingship and leadership.

On the surface, Judas' critique meets our expectations and Mary is indeed being wasteful, but John makes it clear that even if Judas is saying the "right" thing, his motives are impure and Mary's actions are those of a true disciple. Where Judas uses the plight of the poor to enrich himself, Mary serves God through the abundance of creation and seeks a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Discipleship is about love and service to God, not saying the right thing in service to our own ends. The critique, like many of the difficult teachings of Jesus, is not about what we say, but why we say it and what is in our hearts. When we are discerning how best to utilize the resources of creation or how we can best use our time, talents, and treasure to further the mission of God, we must examine ourselves as much as we examine what happens around us. We are quickly approaching Holy Week, where our deepest flaws, sinful tendencies, and outright sins will be laid bare. As painful as this type of reflection can be, we take heart that the work of Lent and Holy Week culminates in the redemptive work of the cross and Jesus' resurrection – good news indeed.

by The Rev. Patrick Burke

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
Lector: Stu Findley
Prayers of the People: Susan Davis
Acolyte: Norma Pool
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,
Bob Thornby
Greeters: George Grove, Lou Terry,
Rita Beil
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Lector: Stephen Schwarzmann
Prayers of the People: Carol Vleck
Crucifer: Frank Anderson
Acolyte: Bud Tripp
Ushers: Joe & Pat McCarthy
Greeters: Kathy Helgeson,
Roger & Penny Williams
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

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8 AM – 2 PM

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