



# SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8 March 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

**ORGAN PRELUDE** J.S. Bach, 1685-1750  
*Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son*

**OPENING HYMN 401**  
*The God of Abraham praise*

**OPENING SENTENCES** Prayer Book 355  
*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives  
all our sins.  
*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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.**

**KYRIE ELEISON** Hymnal S95  
*Priest/Cantors:* Lord, have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest/Cantors:* Christ, have mercy.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Priest/Cantors:* Lord, have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**  
*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**O** God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the

Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

*Our First Reading is the story of God's call to Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation. A Reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4a).*

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM (121)

*(Please respond following the asterisk.)*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \* and he  
who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

#### THE SECOND READING

*In our Second Reading Paul describes Abraham as an individual who through faith found a right relationship with God. He is the father of all who trust in the Lord. A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17).*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### GRADUAL HYMN 635

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

#### THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him

may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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, 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 summoned Abram and Sarai to a far country and a promise they could lay hold of only by faith. Grant us also to believe your prom-

ise, and to find strength for the journey to which we have been called:

*People:* **I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?**

*Lector:* You give life to the dead and call into existence the things that are not. Create in us clear vision, renewed passion, and discipline to follow where our ancestors in faith have led the way:

*People:* **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Lector:* Set a seal of righteousness within us, praying especially for bishops, priests and deacons as they preach, teach and minister the sacraments. Stir our lay membership to love, service and good deeds:

*People:* **God will not let your foot be moved.**

*Lector:* Let your loving-kindness be upon us, O Lord, and be especially present for our sick (*the people may offer their petitions*); for all youth and youth leaders, for those who make music by voice and instrument, and for all keeping special Lenten disciplines:

*People:* **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

*Lector:* Help us to be born from above, for the wind blows where it chooses, and we hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from, or where it goes:

*People:* **The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is God who shall keep you safe.**

*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:* We ask that a sense of your grace would suffuse our earthly life, that we may dedi-

cate ourselves to those things of lasting value, for you so loved the world that you gave your only Son:

*People:* **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.**

#### 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** Glenn L. Rudolph, b. 1951

*Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest Name, O Savior of mankind.*

*Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity. Amen.*

*12 th cent. Latin, tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78*

#### 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:* Blessings and thanks belong to you...

...singing 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:* Faithful 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...

... ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*People:* **AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Book 364

#### AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

#### 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 Sacra-*

ment. (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 473**

*Lift high the cross*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

J.S. Bach

*Our Father, who art in heaven*

Altar greens are given to the Glory of God by Doris Kuzmak in loving memory of her husband Walter, and by Norma Pool for the life and love of John Pool, 'Gone from my sight but not from my heart.'

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8 MARCH 2020**

**TODAY**

**MARCH 8 – LENT II**

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

1:30p Grief Support – St. Francis Room

2:00p Fr. Colville's Class – Conference Room

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room

9:00a Lenten Supper Prep – Kitchen

11:00a Social Activities – Conference Room

6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

10:00a Boutique Open until 1 PM

11:00a Lenten Supper Prep – Kitchen

2:00p Handbells – Loft

5:00p Stations of the Cross – Courtyard

5:30p Lenten Supper – Parish Hall

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel/Conf Room

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

8:00a Bulletins – Library

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

*No Parish events scheduled*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**MARCH 15 – LENT III**

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

•**‘BEING CHRISTIAN’...YOU’RE INVITED!** – Our former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, has written a lucid and luminous description of Christian life, titled *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer*. This Lent, I invite you to read and discuss this challenging introduction to the basic elements of Christian life.

We will meet on four consecutive Lenten Mondays, from 2 to 3:30 PM, in the Conference Room. 15 copies of *Being Christian* are available in the church office from Monday, March 24, for \$9 each. When they are gone, you can order directly from Amazon. Here is the schedule: March 2, Baptism; March 9, Bible; March 16, Eucharist; March 23, Prayer. Come, refresh your spirit this Lent! *Fr. Colville*

### *‘What’s Coming?’*

Wednesdays in Lent, 2020

March 11 – *What’s Coming in*

*Migration Ministry?*

Fr. David Chavez

March 18 – *What’s Coming to St. Francis?*

Fr. Warren Leibovich

March 25 – *What’s Coming in Stewardship?*

Canon Timothy Dombek

April 1 – *What’s Coming to  
the Episcopal Church?*

Bishop Jennifer Reddall

### *Schedule for Lenten Wednesdays*

5 PM – Stations of the Cross in the Courtyard

5:30 PM – Soup Supper in the Parish Hall

6:15 PM – Address: *‘What’s Coming?’*

7 PM – Blessing and on our way, rejoicing

•**LENTEN SUPPERS** – Sign-ups for Lenten Suppers have already begun and we invite you to add your name to the list after Sunday services today, or in the Parish Office during the week. Please print your name clearly; we will not be issuing tickets, but we will be checking you in at the door. In or-

der for us to have enough food it’s important we have a good hold on attendance, so please do sign up in advance. Each supper will be \$7 per person this year. Our soup menu will be posted at sign up desk (as usual, chef Mark will be preparing unforgettable fare, so don’t miss it).

Hurry as Lent began on Ash Wednesday! Questions? Get in touch with Sandy Eckstein via email at [seckste2@gmail.com](mailto:seckste2@gmail.com).

•**NEED A RIDE TO THE LENTEN SUPPERS?** – The St. Francis Men’s Group will be offering transportation to the Lenten Suppers for those needing a ride. Give Dave Dunn a call at 625-5324, or Charlie Reppenhagen at 207-5458 to make arrangements.

•**OUTREACH** – On Sunday, April 12, around 700 neighborhood children and their families will gather at the Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales for a celebratory Easter dinner. With your help each child will also receive an Easter Basket filled with traditional Easter goodies. Our goal is to provide filled baskets for 100 of those children. Here is the plan. (1) Put the following on your shopping list: Easter baskets, *wrapped* candies, small toys and stuffed animals. (2) Go shopping. (3) Bring your donations to the Parish Hall and put them in the big green box. (4) Mark Thursday, April 9, on your calendar and come to the Parish Hall from 10 AM to NOON and join in the fun. That’s the day we will fill the baskets!

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, March 12, the Group will continue discussion of *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. Please read chapter eight (Thin Places Opening the Heart) for March 12. Anyone interested is welcome any time. We meet every Thursday in the Conference Room from 12:30 to 1:50 PM. If you are a Choir member and interested in Seekers, we dismiss in time for you to get to choir drill. Questions? Call Anne Charter, 625-9591.

•**SOLO JOURNEYERS** – A SOLO JOURNEYER OPEN HOUSE SOCIAL has been planned for Friday, March 13, 5 to 7 PM at the home of Janet Kol-tun. Jan's address is 710 W. Calle De La Pelotita. Bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of your choice. There will not be a signup for this open house. If you are a Solo Journeyer come and share good conversation and friendship.

•**CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC GUIDELINES** – To stay healthy during the Coronavirus epidemic, we of St. Francis will follow these guidelines recommended by the Episcopal Church, as received from the Centers for Disease Control:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.
- Wash your hands after coughing, sneezing, preparing food or using the bathroom.
- Stay home from worship and meetings when feeling sick.
- Pass the Peace by voice, without a hug or a handshake.
- Clergy and LEMs will wash hands with soap before services, and will use hand sanitizer before distributing communion.
- Provide hand sanitizer for congregational use.
- You may refrain from receiving communion, or receive only bread. No intinction.

Thank you for good hygiene so that we all may remain safe and well! *Fr. Colville*

•**CHAPEL ROCK SUNDAY** – Here at St. Francis we will be observing CHAPEL ROCK SUNDAY on March 22. Bishop Reddall is asking each church and congregation members throughout the Diocese to support the CHAPEL ROCK CAMPERSHIP FUND for the benefit of our children and youth. The experiences that our campers have at Chapel Rock are life changing and extraordinary. Every year, when we read camper evaluations, camper after camper says, "That was the best week of my summer!" It is fun, Christ-centered, and provides the opportunity to grow closer to God through the beauty and power of our Episcopal Church traditions. Help send children and youth to camp this summer! You can go to Chapel Rock's web-

site, [www.chapelrock.net/donate.htm](http://www.chapelrock.net/donate.htm) to contribute securely online.

•**THE ST. FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY TRUST** – is in need of someone able to take notes at quarterly meetings the third Thursday in February, May, August and November. The meetings begin at 11 AM. For more information please contact Arlene Stremming at [ajstrem@gmail.com](mailto:ajstrem@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](mailto: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 [jnjrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnjrats@gmail.com).

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

•**THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA** – St. James the Apostle, Tempe

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

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** Bobbi Tucker, Marsha Tripp, George Haight, Wayne North, Wally Mullaly, Julie Ratley, Canon Anita Braden, Bill Baucom

•**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. Canon Colville Smythe  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson  
Lector: Judy Craig  
Prayers of the People: Susan Davis  
Acolyte: Norma Pool  
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,  
Jan Koltun  
Greeters: John & Pam Yeager  
Organist: Gerald Near  
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

**PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe  
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson  
Lector: Bobbi Tucker  
Prayers of the People: Cheryl Mendoza  
Crucifer: Glenn Matto  
Acolyte: Leslie Bindschadler  
Ushers: Janie Hessong, Dorothy North  
Greeters: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen,  
Louise Hursh  
Organist: Gerald Near  
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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*Sextons*

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

8 AM – 2 PM

**THE VESTRY**

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