



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe, Interim Rector

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9 February 2020

Rite Two, at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE Andreas Armsdorff, 1670-99

How bright appears the Morning Star

OPENING HYMN 8

Morning has broken

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Our First Reading is a denunciation of the injustices of those who only act at their religion. There is a promise of the Lord's favor for those who genuinely repent and care for the needy. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58:1-12).

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and

your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (112:1-10)

(Please respond following the asterisk.)

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND READING

In our Second Reading Paul teaches the Corinthians that the wisdom of God is very different from the wisdom in which humans pride themselves. A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-16).

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one compre-

hends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 125

The people who in darkness walked

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the

least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III

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: We enter these courts of prayer, O God, asking you to revive your work within us, setting us free for the liberty of abundant life, and for the labor you have given us to do:

People: **Your light shall break forth like the dawn; your healing shall spring up quickly.**

Lector: Lead us to a true fast, loosing the bonds of injustice, undoing the yoke of the oppressed, sharing our bread with the hungry, and providing for the homeless poor:

People: **Your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.**

Lector: Where this salt has lost its savor, restore its force, and where our light has grown dim, rekindle its flame, that we may be salt and light, live in good works, and give glory to your Name:

People: **Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer.**

Lector: Fill our proclamation with power, for the Spirit, who searches the depths of God is with us, and no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what has been prepared for those who love God:

People: **Your light shall rise in the darkness.**

Lector: Comfort and raise up our sick, remembering especially those for whom we now pray (*the people may offer their petitions*) and make them to tread upon the heights:

People: **The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs.**

Lector: Be strong for your Church and for this parish, quickening our best; that we might show forth mercy, offer right worship, and grow in the way of service:

People: **You shall be like a watered garden,**

like a spring whose waters never fail.

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: Alleluia! Happy are they who fear the Lord and take delight in God's commandments:

People: **They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever!**

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 Martin How, b. 1931

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more

dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.
-words: Richard of Chichester, 1197–1253

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: Empowering God...
...singing the 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: Eye has not seen...
...in remembrance of me.”
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Inspiring God...
...one 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 397

Now thank we all our God

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Flor Peeters , 1903-86

Lucis Creator Optime

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carolyn Andersen in gratitude for and in loving memory of her husband Mike Andersen, and by Claudette Haney in loving memory of her mother Mary Louise Kerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 FEBRUARY 2020

TODAY

FEBRUARY 9 – EPIPHANY V

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel

1:30p Grief Support – St. Francis Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00a Men's Group – Conference Room

11:00a Social Activities – Conference Room

6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

10:00a Boutique Open until 1 PM

2:00p Handbells – Loft

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:15a Centering Prayer – Chapel/Conf Room

12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conference Rm

2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

2:30p Home Tour Captains – Conf Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

No Parish events scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 16 – EPIPHANY VI

8:00a Holy Eucharist

10:00a Holy Eucharist

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.

•**PARISH DIRECTORIES** – All parishioners are entitled to a Parish Directory and we invite you to

pick up your copy in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings or in the Parish Office during the week. A \$1 donation per copy is appreciated.

•**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – If you have asked for weekly offering Envelopes, they are here and available in the Parish Office.

•**ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES** – Tickets are now on sale for the 2020 Tour of Homes. You can purchase yours at the Parish Office and at the Boutique, the Chamber of Commerce, Sue's Creative Coyote and the Javelina Run Restaurant (Continental Plaza) and online at www.stfranciscgvaz.org. Please do all you can to promote this annual event, the biggest fund-raiser of the year.

And, we need your help with transportation to and from the Tour homes; we are looking for hostesses—both dining room and in the Tour homes; we need goodies for the Gourmet Shoppe (pies, cookies, breads, jams, spiced nuts, etc.); and we need items for the Silent Auction (craft items, pictures, jewelry, etc.). There's lots to do and we invite you let us know how you can help by signing-up in the Parish Hall after Sunday services (we're counting on you). Let's make this the best Tour of Homes ever!

•**SOLO JOURNEYERS** – Mark your calendars for dinner out on Monday, February 17, at 5:30 PM at Manuel's. If you are a Solo, and would like to join the group for this dinner out, please call Kristi Thompson at 520-207-0465 or Carol Berg at 520-373-5770. You will need to make reservations with us in order that we can have an accurate count for Manuel's. There will **not** be a signup in the Parish Hall, so please call to make your reservation.

•**HANDBELLS** – Our new handbell ensemble is up and running under the direction of Sophia Witte. The group meets on Wednesdays at 2 PM in the Choir Loft. Questions? give Sophia a call at 509-5037, or via e-mail, smw_witte@yahoo.com.

•**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, February 13, the Group will continue discussion of the book chosen for the next two months: *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. Please read chapter four for February 13. 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.

•**EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT** – Sunday, February 23, has been designated as EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY. For over 75 years, Episcopal Relief & Development (previously called Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief) has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease.

Deacon Linda Hale from Christ the King, Tucson, the Diocesan coordinator for ERD, will be with us to preach at both services about what ERD is, its work and the two programs in our fundraiser that support families. In the spirit of Matthew 25, donations are requested both at church services and in the Parish Hall after services on Sundays from February 23 to March 15.

•**LATEST CRUZANDO FRONTERAS NEEDS** – The shelter in Nogales, Mexico, that provides shelter for asylum seekers is in dire need of the following: children's shoes, sweatshirts, and warm jackets. All sizes are needed. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall. Any and all donations are always appreciated.

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.

•**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of Grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin on Monday, February 10, and run for five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call to register or to obtain additional information: 520-625-1370 or 520-399-9208.

•**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 jnjrats@gmail.com.

•**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** – Emmaus Episcopal Church Plant, Surprise

•**ST. FRANCIS MINISTRIES** – Personnel Committee

•**PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT:** George Haight, Linda Schnelle, Julie Ratley, Marsha Tripp

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

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

PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Wayne North
Prayers of the People: Cheryl Mendoza
Acolyte: Sylvia Smythe
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,
John Yeager
Greeters: Craig & Tommy Reid
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Canon W.T. Holt III
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Colville Smythe
Deacon: The Rev. Becky Williamson
Lector: Larry Howell
Prayers of the People: Rae Turberg
Crucifer: Leslie Bindschadler
Acolyte: Glenn Matto
Ushers: Patty Russell, Sandy Russell
Greeters: Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen,
Janie Hessong
Organist: Michael Case
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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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Beth-el Klein, *Administrative Assistant*

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Sophia Witte, *Bellmaster*

John Colip, *Head Sexton*

Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez,

Clyde Tardy

Sextons

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

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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