



Saint Francis in the Valley
Episcopal Church
Green Valley, Arizona

The Reverend Daniel J. Messier,
Rector
The Reverend Pamela W. Hyde,
Assistant Rector

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 2018

Christmas Eve
A Musical Offering
at 4:30 & 8:30 pm

ORGAN PRELUDE André Fleury,, 1903-95
Variations sur un Noël bourguignon

CAROL 79 (OMIT STANZA 4)
O little town of Bethlehem

A READING: Micah 5:2-5

A CAROL Mode IV melody,
arr. John Scott, 1956-2015
Creator of the stars of night, thy people's ever-lasting light, O Jesu, Savior of us all, regard thy servants when they call. Thou, grieving at the

bitter cry of all creation doomed to die, didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heavenly grace. Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine. At thy great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own, that thou art Lord and King alone. To thee, O holy One, we pray, our judge in that tremendous day, preserves us, while we dwell below, from every onslaught on the foe. All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the father we adore, and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

7th c. Office Hymn, tr. John Mason Neale

A READING: Isaiah 11:1-3, 4, 6-9

ORGAN INTERLUDE Richard Shephard, b. 1949
Cradle Song

A READING: Luke 2:8-16

A CAROL John Joubert, b. 1927
Torches, torches, run with torches, All the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping; come and sing your song to him! Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby, Ah, Roro, my love, Roro; Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, While we sing you our Roro. Sing, my friends, and make you merry, Joy and mirth and joy again; Lo, he lives, the King of heaven, Now and evermore, Amen.

tr. J.B. Trend (from the Galician)

CAROL 82

Of the Father's love begotten



The Holy Eucharist
at 5 & 9 pm
Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer B

ORGAN PRELUDE Johannes Brahms,
Es ist ein 'Ros entsprungen
(A lovely Rose is blooming)

OPENING HYMN 83 *O come, all ye faithful*

The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

In our First Lesson we hear a hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem. A Lesson from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsel-

or, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 (*Please respond at the half-verse*)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
* proclaim the good news of his
salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised; * he is more to be feared than
all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they
are but idols; * but it is the Lord who
made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of
his presence! * Oh, the power and the
splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of
the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord
honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his
Name; * bring offerings and come
into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness; * let the whole earth tremble
before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The
Lord is King! * he has made the world
so firm that it cannot be moved; he will
judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

Our Second Lesson speaks of the two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory. A Lesson from the Book of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 96 *Angels we have heard on high*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city

of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

at 5 o'clock
at 9 o'clock

The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
The Rev. Daniel J. Messier

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest: Loving Father of the One who has come, your Star rises in our hearts as we make our own journey to greet you. Bring us to the humility of the stable as we join our voices in prayer.

The Lector continues

For the church. For your people gathered here in joy, and for those gathered throughout the world. Remind us of what it means to be faithful, even as Mary offered her womb, Joseph, the strength of his protection, and the shepherds their awe and wonder. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For the world. For our nation and for all nations. Keep us mindful that the hopes and fears of all time, of all hearts, and of all spirits are met in you, and that you are Emmanuel, God with us. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For this community. Let the light of your star illumine the shadows that hide the needs of those around us. Bring us your vision of justice and the courage to live it; the willingness to learn the names of those in need, and the compassion to respond as we discover you in each other. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For ourselves. Open us ever more deeply to your Presence. Open our eyes to see by the stable lamp that we are created in your own image. Open our ears to hear the stars that bend their voices, and blend our voices with the stones that cry in praise of you. Forgive us when we fail you and give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For our children and for children everywhere. That even as we greet the Holy Child, we may know the holy and joyous gift of their presence in our lives, and that we may come to know the truth of your love together. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For those who suffer. Show them, through us, the brightness of your Star, the promise of your presence, and the hope of your healing, that they may know, in special ways, grace upon grace. Please feel welcome to add your personal prayers and petitions. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

For those who have died. We rejoice that because of your birth, they now live in perfect joy, their spirit voices praising your name and reminding us that the absence we know is, by your grace, made full and holy. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Prayer Book 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS**AT THE OFFERTORY**

Russell Schulz-Widmar

b. 1944

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the

*tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and
cease your strife and hear the angels sing! For lo!
the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the
time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give
back the song which now the angels sing.*

words by Edmund H. Sears, 1810-76

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer Book 367

**THE LORD'S PRAYER AND
BREAKING OF THE BREAD** Prayer Book 364

The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon
request at the Altar Rail.*

*Those seeking prayers after Communion are
invited to the Chapel rail.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive
Communion with us.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Prayer Book 366

HYMN 111 *Silent night, holy night*

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 87 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Gerald Near, b. 1942

Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol

Christmas Day

The Holy Eucharist

at 9 am

OPENING HYMN 83

O come, all ye faithful

OPENING SENTENCES

Prayer Book 355

The Collect of the Day

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 (Please respond at the half-verse)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.

- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, * and all the
ends of the earth have seen the victory
of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you
lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and
sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the
horn * shout with joy before the King,
the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is
in it, * the lands and those who dwell
therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let
the hills ring out with joy before the
Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the
world * and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 93 *Angels, from the realms of glory*

THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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THE DISMISSAL

Christmas Eve

Participants at 4:30 & 5 o'clock

The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, *Preacher*

Stu Findley, *Lector*

Stephen Schwarzman, *Prayers of the People*

Glenn Matto, *Crucifer*

Norma Pool, *Acolyte*

Linda & Dick Kosnick, *Ushers*

Bill & Marie Miller,

Lois Plante, *Greeters*

Michael Case, *Organist*

Arnie Berglund, *Sound Technician*

Participants at 8:30 & 9 o'clock
The Rev. Daniel J. Messier, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Daniel J. Messier, *Preacher*
David Barnes, *Lector*
Carol Vleck, *Prayers of the People*
David Dunn, *Crucifer*
Bud Tripp, *Acolyte*
Steve Huhta, Cheryl Tardy-Albin, *Ushers*
Julie & Charlie Reppenhagen, *Greeters*
The Parish Choir
Gerald Near, *Director of Music*
Michael Case, *Organist*
Marie LeRoy, *Sound Technician*

Christmas Day

Participants

The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde

Celebrant & Preacher

BrandE Faupell, *Lector*

Norma Pool, *Prayers of the People*

Glenn Matto, *Acolyte*

Harry Russell, Arliene Stremming, *Ushers*

Cheryl Tardy-Albin, Nancy Albin, *Greeters*

Michael Case, *Organist*

Neal Hursh, *Sound Technician*

A Note of Thanks

As we give thanks for the gift of God's son in our lives we are mindful of our deep gratitude for you, our St. Francis Parish family. What a gift you are to us, our families and the community. Your expressions of love through outreach and caring ministries are admirable and are a blessing to so many. We also thank the many who give time and energy to every detail in making the Advent and Christmas liturgies the meaningful expressions of faith that they are. May the blessings of God's son, born in simplicity, be poured upon all of you every day.

Fr Dan *Rev. Pam*

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John Colip, Sue Whitney, Henry Ramirez, Clyde Tardy

Sextons

**The mission of St. Francis in the Valley, Green Valley,
is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.**