



# St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two October 11, 2020 10:00 a.m. ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

O Waly Waly *Emma Lou Diemer*

Trust (medley of popular hymns) *Brockner & Shepherd* (Kathie Hayes, bell tree)

Welcome and Announcements *(see notes page 9)*

### The Word of God

Hymn 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Song of Praise S-266 vs. 1, 3-4**

*Introduction* *Antiphon*

Splen - dor and hon - or and  
king - ly power are yours by right, — O Lord our God,  
1. Splen - dor and hon - or and king - ly power are yours by right, —  
— O Lord our God, 2. For you cre - a - ted ev - ery - thing that  
is, and by your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing. [Ant.]  
3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your  
blood you have re - deemed for God, 4. From ev - ery fam - ily, lan - guage,  
peo - ple, and na - tion, a king - dom of priests to serve our God. [Ant.]

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of

ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life** *sung by the choir, congregation may remain seated*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Wayne Farrell*

## The Nicene Creed

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 Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.

*Celebrant* 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. Amen.

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another with a nod, or a bow, in the name of the Lord.*

Stewardship Minute

*Kathie Hayes*

Richard Walker Retirement Recognition

### The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Offertory Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (bell tree) *Brockner & Shepherd*

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus S-127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei Hampton*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God for the People of God. To those who, due to this pandemic, are unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine; I assure you that all of the benefits of this Holy Communion are received spiritually, even though the Sacrament is not received physically.

### *People may pray* **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I offer my praise and thanksgiving in communion with those who are receiving the blessed bread and cup at this Holy Eucharist. As I embrace you with all of my affections, send your body and blood to dwell spiritually in my life. Amen.

10:00 a.m. Communion music

Choir Motet

I sat down under His shadow *Edward C. Bairstow*

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.*

*He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.*

Hymn 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Celebrant* May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### Closing Hymn 557 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (vs 1, 2, 4, 5) *remain standing, only choir sings*



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -  
\*6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall  
\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the  
2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true  
3 loud, while an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like  
4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in  
5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till  
6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -  
7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high the



1 cross of Christ your King.  
2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -  
5 dawns the gold - en day.  
6 ru - sa - lem the blest.  
7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

### Postlude

St. Anthony Chorale *Haydn (arr. Guyer)*



## Announcements

- ❖ Best wishes to those who **celebrate birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Carrie Benes, Judy Copland, Canny Guiles, Meg Larrabee, Wendy Marshall, Nancy Rafter, Chris Scott, Carolyn Thompson, Forrest Tompkins, Erika Borland and Matt Borland, Suzanne and Bob Gregory, Bradley Moore and Michael Pate, Goose and John Pohlman, Barry and Phil Starr.
- ❖ **Dick Walker retirement** Today we honor our Building Manager Richard “Dixie” Walker as he heads into a well-earned retirement. Dixie joined the staff in 2000. Since then he has guided our facilities maintenance and improvements, and provided support for countless gatherings. Moreover, he has been the face of hospitality here as his meals, especially the Friday Night Fish Fry’s, will be long remembered. As Dixie turns 80 next month we wish him continued health and happiness. Notes and cards of congratulations for Dick may be mailed to 310 Bayside Pkwy Nokomis, FL 34275.
- ❖ **Faith Filled Generosity...** Our generosity to our beloved St. Boniface Church flows from our faith in a God who is generous in all things. *With joyful hope in uncertain times, let us give for what can be.*
- ❖ **Sunday morning Adult Ed** at 9:00 a.m. continues by Zoom, for **Bible Study** contact Fr. Jeff Hamblin, [jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com](mailto:jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com), and for the **Book Discussion** group contact Vince Brennan, [vhbrennan43@gmail.com](mailto:vhbrennan43@gmail.com).

### This week’s meeting and worship opportunities:

- ❖ Join us weekdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer**, and at 5:00 p.m. for **Evening Prayer** via our St. Boniface Church Facebook page. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to open your account.
- ❖ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues on Tuesdays by Zoom to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God’s healing love. Contact Meg Larrabee by email [meglarrabee@hotmail.com](mailto:meglarrabee@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Wednesday** (in-person) **Eucharist** at 12:00 p.m. in our Chapel.
- ❖ **Circulo español** Conversational Spanish Group meets by Zoom on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. - there are no books, no tests, no homework -- just friends who want to improve and refresh their ability to speak Spanish and to help one another in doing so. Contact Mary Gordon for more information, 941-923-2302 or [jmkpl@aol.com](mailto:jmkpl@aol.com).
- ❖ **Wednesday music** offered weekly at 7:30 p.m. on our website [bonifacechurch.org/music](http://bonifacechurch.org/music). This Wednesday’s concert features Sam Nelson, organ.
- ❖ Join us for **virtual coffee hour** at 10:00 a.m. every Thursday via this Zoom link (password 207747) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83690988158?pwd=UC9ZSmtiWWtuSGNjcUJKbG9lTnpDUT09>
- ❖ **Men of Boniface** gather each Friday at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom, contact Reg Irvine for the invite information, [reg.irvine@verizon.net](mailto:reg.irvine@verizon.net).
- ❖ **October’s Special Offering** supports our **Center for Spiritual Transformation**. We all seek to understand and dwell in God’s Grace. This ministry provides practices and companionship for all who are seeking to deepen their spiritual lives.

- ❖ **The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Diocesan Convention** on Saturday, October 17 will be a virtual event. The theme is “Love your Neighbor, Seek the Lost.” Our parish lay delegates are Suzanne Gregory, Phil Baker, Peg Davant and Tom Kruger. Clergy delegates are Wayne Farrell, Jonathan Evans, and Elisa Hansen. Business will include elections, resolutions, and approving the \$3,369,833 budget for 2021. St. Boniface Church’s share to support the budget is \$116,358, the sixth largest apportionment among the 78 parishes in the diocese.
- ❖ **First Concert of the Season** Join us Sunday **October 25**, 7:30 p.m. for this live-streamed event with concert organist, John Schwandt, accompanying the 1922 classic silent film: Nosferatu. This free (virtual) concert is sponsored by the Boniface Friends of Music.
- ❖ **Storms, Floods and Fires** Reach out to those grappling with the devastation in the wake of hurricanes and the record-breaking California wildfires. Visit **Episcopal Relief & Development’s** website ([www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)) or write your check to St. Boniface (with ERD on the memo line). This independent outreach organization of the Episcopal Church is already coordinating with their established partners to bring immediate aid and provide long-term rebuilding.
- ❖ **“Curbside” Communion** Should you desire to receive the Holy Communion at home during the week, please call the church office.
- ❖ The **clergy are always available**, please call Fr. Wayne Farrell, 941-266-2140 or Fr. Jonathan Evans, 786-540-5704.
- ❖ **Healing ministers** are available by phone to offer a mini-session of healing prayer: lifting of intentions, Lord’s Prayer, few minutes of silent meditation and final grace. Call (941)349-5616 x335 and leave a message at the Healing Mission. They will quickly respond.
- ❖ As you are able, your **financial gifts** and continuing payments toward your pledge are appreciated. On-line giving is easy through the donate button at the bottom of the video, or at [bonifacechurch.org/stewardship](http://bonifacechurch.org/stewardship).

October 11, 2020

# Living into new ways of being Church

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me. – PSALM 23*

BY THE REV. MELANIE S. DONAHOE



The comforting words of Psalm 23 have taken on new meaning as together we have walked through the “valley of the shadow of death” created by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

It has not been an easy time, yet God’s “goodness and mercy” have been abundantly reflected as God’s people have faithfully cared for strangers and for one another.

You have reached out to help bear the pain of those who have lost loved ones. Through simple acts of kindness — picking up groceries for elderly neighbors, regularly calling those who live alone in fearful isolation, sewing masks, serving in food pantries — God’s Holy Spirit has inspired you to be Christ’s daily loving, healing presence in the world. Our physical church doors may have necessarily been shuttered, but “the Church” has never been closed.

And God has never been absent. God has shepherded us, leading and guiding us along us pathways we could not have imagined a year ago. Perhaps it is in the hardest times when we most clearly recognize how God continues, always, always to sustain us.

Even when we could not gather together for Holy Communion, God continued to feed us — with God’s Holy Word, with live-streamed services and “virtual” coffee hours.

And now as some of us slowly, carefully begin to gather again inside our churches, we will learn new ways of including those who still need to “shelter in place” — and innovative ways of welcoming those who have never been “inside’ our church buildings, but joyfully discovered Church on the internet in a time of pandemic.

As we live into new, exciting (yes, exciting!) ways of being Church, God will continue to reveal opportunities for us to welcome everyone so that, together, we may “dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.”

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A vertical graphic with a green background and a photograph of green leaves and vines. The text is in white and yellow. It reads: "FAITH FILLED" in large letters, "GENEROSITY" in a smaller font below it, "For reflection" in a smaller font, and a list of three reflection questions.

FAITH FILLED

GENEROSITY

For reflection

- How have you felt God’s sustaining presence during these past months?
- How has God revived your soul?
- How is God calling you to lend comfort to others?