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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

November 15, 2020 10:00 a.m. ~ Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (BWV 663) J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements *(see notes page 7)*

The Word of God

Hymn 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate *all stand as the choir sings*

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

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-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *People* **Amen.**

The Lessons

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Hymn 547 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death (vs. 1, 2, 5)



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and
3 There is one Bo - dy and one hope, one Spi - rit
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died and con - quered



1 give you light, so learn his love— its length and
2 fear re - lease, to give the Spi - rit's u - ni -
3 and one call, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bap -
4 he might save; with kind and gen - tle hearts for -
5 in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go forth in



1 breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
2 ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.
3 tism, one Fa - ther of us all.
4 give as God in Christ for - gave.
5 faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went

away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Wayne Farrell

The Nicene Creed *all stand*

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 *remain standing*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Dabney our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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.*

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *J. S. Bach*
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd With the fire of life impassion'd. Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings, Where the flock in thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead thine own, In the love of joys unknown.

The Great Thanksgiving *remain standing*

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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-129

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.**

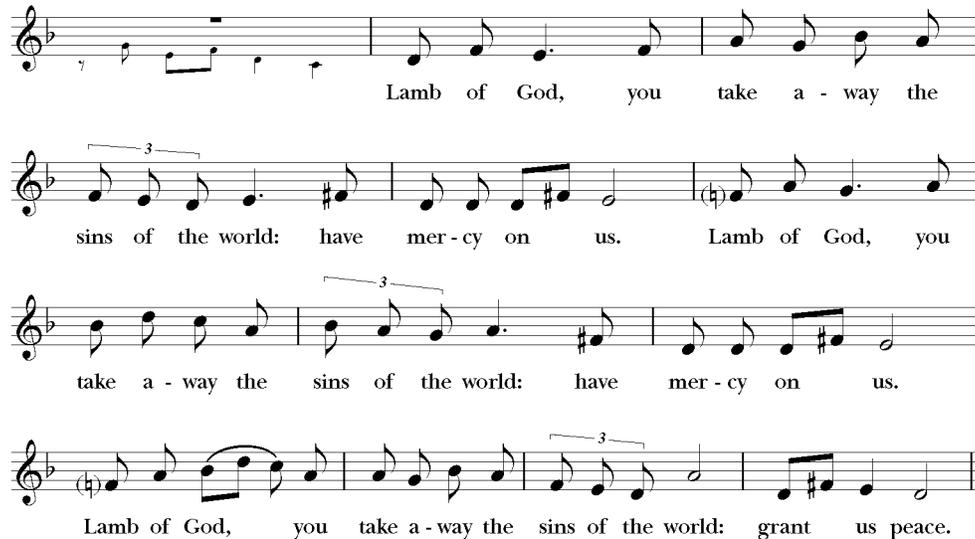
The Lord's Prayer

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 S-163



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way 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.

Communion Music

Hymn 312 Strengthen for service, Lord



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do
things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy
heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

Hymn 620 Jerusalem my happy home

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

After Communion, the people stand as 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

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 561 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;
 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long:

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.

from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,
 To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;

till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Postlude

Rondeau *J. Mouret*

Announcements

- ❖ Best wishes to those who **celebrate birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Jaqueline Bricker, Suzanne Gregory, Debbie Harvey, Marilyn Hill, Allen Ivey, Dick Mahaffy, Chris Rollins, Keith Rollins, Mellissa Simmons, Joan Stoutenborough, Bob Thacker, Helen & Doug Francis, Prill & Chris Nugent, Rita & Michael Piovane.
- ❖ **Faith-filled Generosity** Pledge packets have been mailed – if you haven't received yours already, please call the church office. Please prayerfully consider how your faith shapes your generosity, and how your generosity empowers our ability to carry out Christ's ministry at St. Boniface. Then, return your pledge by November 22, Abundance Sunday. If you missed joining in the fun and fellowship, celebration and vision of our Cottage Meetings last month, visit our website and search "cottage meeting." You'll hear a special word of encouragement from The Most Rev. Michael Curry and remarks from our parish leadership, and enjoy a chat with St. Nicholas and St. Boniface, and learn what we have to look forward to in 2021.
... What can be? It is a possibility limited only by our imaginations. It is an open invitation for all to participate fully in the future of the church. And through that participation to be fulfilled ourselves.
With joyful hope in uncertain times, let us give for what can be.
- ❖ A gift towards the **altar flowers** today is given in memory of George R. Henderson, from Cas Henderson & Barb Haskins.
- ❖ Gifts towards **new flags** are given by John & Denise Ayre, and Pattee Carrier, in memory of her husband Chuck.
- ❖ **Sunday morning Adult Ed** at 9:00 a.m. continues by Zoom, for **Bible Study** contact Fr. Jeff Hamblin, jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com, and for the **Book Discussion** group contact Vince Brennan, vhbrennan43@gmail.com.
- ❖ Next Sunday, November 22, **incense** will be used at the 10:00 am service, the Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King.

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 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.
- ❖ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom bi-weekly at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month **November 4 & 18** (ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733)
- ❖ **Wednesday** (in-person, masks required) **Eucharist** at 12:00 p.m. in our Chapel, also livestreamed on the Boniface Facebook page or Boxcast channel.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Wednesday music** offered weekly at 7:30 p.m. on our website bonifacechurch.org/music. This Wednesday's concert features Linda Bento-Rei, flute, Johanna Fincher, voice, Peter Madpak, 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.
- ❖ **Funeral** for Dale Willard this Saturday, 11:00 a.m. in church, safety protocols will be observed. The service will also be live-streamed, visit our "weekly services" page of our website.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Offering** This month your special giving can do double duty. Not only will it fuel the nurturing ministries at St. Boniface, it can also feed the hungry in our community. Once we have achieved \$1,000, we will donate all additional gifts to All Faiths Food Bank. Your gift may be a memorial or tribute. Please use the envelope in your packet or send your check to Saint Boniface marked Thanksgiving Day.
- ❖ **St. Nicholas 2020: A Virtual Fair!** Visit bonifacechurch.org to find out how you can participate in the St. Nicholas Fair safely this year. Purchase a set of exquisite art glass ornaments reflective of the St. Boniface Church windows, or direct a donation to Meals on Wheels, All Faiths Food Bank, and Family Promise of Sarasota. All profits from the art glass sales go to these three organizations.
- ❖ **Nominations** for members of the **vestry class of 2023** are now being accepted. Please contact vestry members Ann Hardcastle (941-538-8980), Phil Baker (214-549-7200) or Tom Krueger (678-699-6956) if interested.
- ❖ **Hope, Relief and ERD** Bring hope to the residents of Central America and southern Louisiana, recently slammed by hurricanes. Visit Episcopal Relief & Development's website (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.
- ❖ 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.

November 15, 2020

Risking our lives to find them

BY THE REV. CHRIS HARRIS



How do I find greater meaning and purpose in my life? Why is happiness so fleeting and a lasting joy so elusive? Who am I and what am I supposed to do with the rest of my life?

These are some of the big questions of life, and many of us begin to wrestle with them as we reach middle age and beyond. The best-selling book *The Second Mountain*, by David Brooks, suggests that we come to these questions most urgently when the “first mountain” of our life fails us either because we discover it to be ultimately unfulfilling (such as a life focused on financial success or career goals) or when it crumbles beneath our feet (as the result of a divorce or a life-changing health crisis).

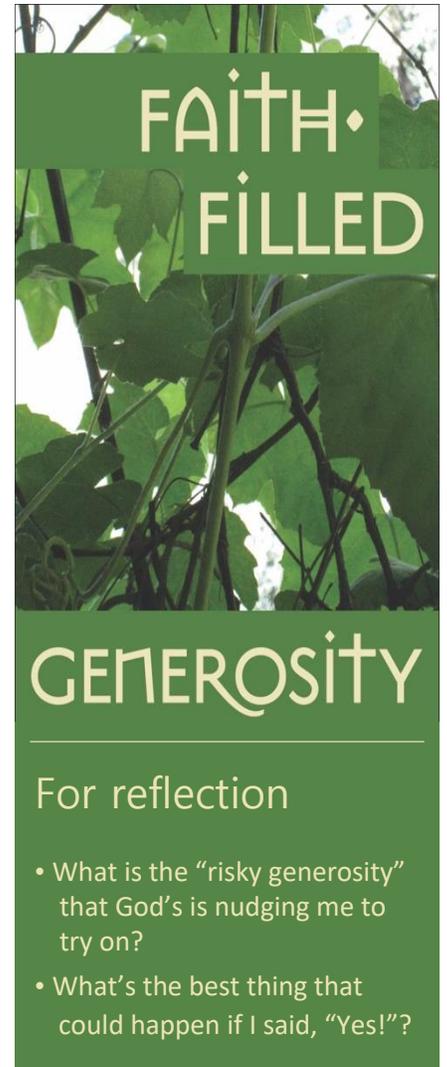
According to Brooks, most of us don’t come looking for the “second mountain” of our lives until we’ve been thrown off the first somehow. Until then, when life is still going our way, we don’t have the eyes to see or the ears to hear. But when we finally are forced off our perches, we have the chance to discover for ourselves what Jesus has tried to tell us all along — that meaning and purpose come not from our accomplishments, our perfect families, or even perfect health, but by risking all that we are and all that we have for the sake of others.

If you are someone looking for the second mountain of your life, the question at the heart of our Gospel this week offers all the directions we need:

How will I risk the gifts I’ve been given, to do the work God is calling me to do?

Notice that the story turns on risk. Playing it safe, worrying about ourselves and what others will say about us, is the first mountain all over again. And a life of tepid generosity, one that is constrained by fear and our need for control, leaves us languishing in the valley.

Unless we are willing to risk it all for the sake of others – to take a leap into a Faith-Filled Generosity – we never reach the summit of a truly abundant life.



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