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The Holy Eucharist: Morning Prayer with Holy Communion **November 29, 2020 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ First Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Robert J. Powell*
Rejoice, rejoice, believers *Powell*

Welcome and Announcements *(see notes page 7)*

10:00 a.m. **Hymn 57 vs. 1,3,4 Lo! He comes , with clouds descending** *all stand as the choir sings*
Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Order of Morning Prayer *remain standing*

Sentence of Scripture

Celebrant Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35,36*

Confession of Sin *all kneel or sit devoutly*

Celebrant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 our Savior 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 priest gives an absolution

The Invitatory and Psalter *all stand*

Celebrant Lord open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Celebrant and People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Venite S-34 *8:00 a.m. spoken 10:00 a.m. only choir sings remain standing*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *8:00 a.m. spoken 10:00 a.m. only choir sings be seated*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Gloria Patri

The Lessons *remain seated*

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we

sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Canticle 11 *8:00 a.m. spoken 10:00 a.m. only choir sings remain seated*

Healey Willan

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Canticle 18 *8:00 a.m. spoken 10:00 a.m. only choir sings*

Calvin Hampton

Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore.

All stand for the Gospel

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

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

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and

earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Wayne Farrell

The Apostles' Creed *all stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Give to the departed eternal rest;

R. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.*

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

10:00 a.m. Offertory Anthem But who may abide (from Messiah) *G. F. Handel* Mark Wagstrom, baritone
But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

The Great Thanksgiving *all stand* Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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-114 *8:00 a.m. spoken 10:00 a.m. only choir sings*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

8:00 a.m. Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

10:00 a.m. 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

8:00 a.m. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 a.m. Fraction Anthem S-172 (only choir sings)

Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples. For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

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 will be brought to those worshipping in church by the clergy. To receive the bread please stand, keep your face covered, move down the pew to the nearest aisle (not crossing in front of others), and fully extend your arms and hands. After the priest moves on, remove your mask and consume the bread.

10:00 a.m. Communion Music

Choir Motet

My Lord, what morning *Negro Spiritual*

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.

- From Rev. 8:10

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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

10:00 a.m. Closing Hymn 59 vs. 1,4,5 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding *remain standing, only choir sings*

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;

"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

*so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.*

*Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.*

Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661) *J. S. Bach*

Please use caution and follow healthy guidelines when exiting the church. Thank you.

Announcements

- ❖ Best wishes to those who **celebrate birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Denise Ayre, Gail Becker, Charlotte Calhoun, Lou Colantuono, Barbara Driscoll, James Guyer, Fred Mann, Joel Pye, Pauline Tod, Bob Woody, Lynn Wright, Barbara and Brian Ford-Coates, Kay and Bob Goodman.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Faith Filled Generosity** To-date 142 households have pledged \$544,334 toward our \$833,000 goal. We give thanks for all who have pledged for 2021 – especially our first-time pledgers! To add your pledge, supporting our mission and ministry next year, materials and information are available in the church entry, in the church office and on the website.

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 mejlarrabee@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom bi-weekly at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (**December 2 & 16** ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733), and first Mondays (**December 7** ID: 860 34285 784 Passcode: 097079).

- ❖ Our December **Quarantina concerts** will begin with a program featuring Ricardo Rivera, Sarasota opera Baritone, and pianist George Hemcher, back for a second appearance. In-person attendance is available for the concert; seating is limited and by reservation only. This will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 11:00 a.m. and last around 1 hour. Register online here or call the church office 941-349-5616 by Monday 5:00 p.m. The event is free (free-will offering). The program will be broadcasted on Boxcast, Facebook Live, and our Youtube channel on Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Circulo español** Conversational Spanish Group meets by Zoom on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Contact Mary Gordon for more information, 941-923-2302 or jmkpl@aol.com.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **A Mystic Looks at Advent** This Advent we would like to invite you to reflect with Fr. Jonathan Evans on the writings of Evelyn Underhill, one of the most read mystics of the early 20th century. We will meet via zoom on Monday nights during Advent at 7pm. You will need to order a copy of “Advent with Evelyn Underhill.” Please email jevans@bonifacechurch.org to register for the class.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Offering** This month your special giving can do double duty, nurturing ministries at St. Boniface, and also feed the hungry in our community. Once we have achieved \$1,000, we will donate all additional gifts to All Faiths Food Bank. Please use the envelope in your packet or send your check to Saint Boniface marked Thanksgiving Day.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **“Curbside” Communion** Should you desire to receive the Holy Communion at home during the week, please call the church office.
- ❖ 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.