



St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II: Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Adagio (from Symphony V) *Charles-Marie Widor (arr. Klomp)*
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Sigfrid Karg-Elert Jen Weinstein, flute

The Word of God

Hymn 497 How bright appears the morning star

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise S-202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *be seated*

Isaiah 49:1-7 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 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.**

Hymn 538 God of mercy, God of grace

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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

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

John 1:29-42 John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nikki Seger

All standing 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

God said, "Let there be light...and there was light."

Gen 1:3

God of Guidance, as the power of the star drew all of the world to Bethlehem, we pray to be ministers at St. Boniface so that we may be that light to others.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come... **and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**" Is 60:1

Servant God, may your light shine in the hearts of all in civil authority that they may know the power of being faithful servants.

"You are my servant, Israel... **in whom I will be glorified.**" Is 49:3

God of Peace, we pray that your powerful light overcome the darkness in the world especially war, poverty, addiction, and prejudice. Protect those who work with, and those who live, on the edges of society.

"What does the Lord require of you...

to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

God of Health and Healing, may the warmth of your light shine upon your people suffering from loneliness, grief, lack of employment, and illness.

"The Lord will guide you continually... **and satisfy your need in parched places.**" Is 58:11

God of Welcome, we pray for those who have entered your realm of endless light. We mourn them and are soothed by the knowledge of their presence with you.

"The Lord will swallow up death forever... **and wipe away the tears from every face.**" Is 25:8

God of Grace, we thank you for the light of your blessings, especially for those celebrating this week Steve Ball, Sherry Cook, Dyson Gay, Lorraine Livingston, Ellyn McColgan, Tony Munson, Goose Pohlman, Dave Sherwood, Phil Starr, Brenda Wolter, Willy Wolter, Bill Wood, Mia Laity & Jesse Munoz, Meg & Herb Larrabee.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Leader 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.**

The Celebrant gives the 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.*

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord

8:00 a.m. Offertory **Hymn 533 How wondrous and great thy works** (*see next page*)

10:00 a.m. Presentation Hymn 533

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
 their wor - ship and vows, shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
 thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

The Great Thanksgiving 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.

A proper preface is said

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

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. 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

Fraction Anthem S-155

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant 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

Instrumental

Let us break bread together *arr. Judy Nishimura*

Choir

Surge, Illuminare *William Byrd*

Hymn 439 What wondrous love is this

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

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sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Eucharistic Visitor may be sent out using these words:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing the Gifts of God that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Blessing

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Onlybegotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. And the blessing of Almighty God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon 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 599 Lift every voice and sing



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Postlude

Praeludium in d minor *Georg Böhm*

Mission: We are a joyful and inclusive Christian community. Our mission is to live and reflect God's love through worship, teaching, healing, and outreach to all creation.

Vision: St. Boniface Episcopal Church will be a community that transforms the greater community through action and unconditional love.

Announcements ~ January 15, 2023

Worship

- ◆ **We receive the wine by chalice** during our Holy Communion. As always, choosing to receive the bread only is considered sufficient. If you prefer intinction (where the wafer is dipped into the wine), present the wafer to your chalice bearer who will carefully dip it into the chalice and return it to your waiting hand. (Note: the wafer will not be placed in your mouth)
- ◆ Gifts towards **altar flowers** today are given by Ann Hardcastle and family, in loving memory of Charles, in celebration of Herb & Meg Larrabee's 49th wedding anniversary and the first birthday of their first grandchild, Calista Larrabee, and in celebration of Cas Henderson's birthday from Barb, Sandy and family.
- ◆ Calling **readers, torch bearers, and more!** Interested in being a part of the altar party as a crucifer, acolyte or chalice bearer? Or, read a scripture lesson or lead us in prayers of the people? If the Spirit is calling you to this ministry, join us for a refresher training **TODAY** after the 10 am service.
- ◆ **10:00 a.m. Tuesday**, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.
- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom bi-monthly at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (**January 18**) ID: 892 2764 4433 Passcode: 772976).
- ◆ **Wednesday worship and potluck** gathers in the Parish Hall at **5:30 pm** for Evening Prayer (Eucharist first Wednesdays of the month) followed by a Pot Luck supper. Please bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share. Contact Katherine Johnson for info, 941-927-2066.
- ◆ **Mid-Week Eucharist & Bible Study!** Join us at noon on Thursdays for a short Eucharist followed by Bible Study in the Studio. Contact Priest Nikki for the study readings.

Fellowship

- ◆ Join us in the Parish Hall following worship today for **fellowship**, conversation, a beverage and goodies. Contact the church office to provide items for an upcoming Sunday.
- ◆ **Boniface Artists Group** invites all artists and photographers to a meeting **today** in the Library after the 10:00 service. We will plan solo exhibits, discuss campus studio hours, and initiate a steering committee for Fall 2023 Boniface Celebration of the Arts. Also, join us next Sunday, **January 22**, for our first exhibit in the Parish Hall from 11:30 - 3:00 with featured artist and parishioner Michael Pate.
- ◆ **Key Chorale** concert here at St. Boniface Church, Sunday, **January 22**, 4:00 p.m. "Miniature Masterpieces" featuring works by Verdi, Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Hogan, Whitacre and more. Tickets can be purchased at keychorale.org.

Healing

- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. For info, contact Meg Larrabee, meglarrabee@hotmail.com.
- ◆ **Beyond the Broken Heart**, support group for grief and loss, will gather on Sunday, **January 22** in the Healing Mission at 11:30 am. For information contact Rita Piovane, 610-442-0984 or drritav@gmail.com.

Teaching

- ◆ **Church School** *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade gather Sundays at 10:00 a.m, then return to their parents in church just before Communion. The first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday. Children participate in the full worship experience by joining their families for the entire service.
- ◆ **Sunday** morning 9:00 a.m. **Bible Study** with Fr. Jeff Hamblin (jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com) meets in the Library and Zoom.
- ◆ The **Sunday Book Group** meets at 8:45 am in the Studio, in person and on Zoom. Contact Vince Brennan 941-356-4400 (mobile) via text for more information.

Outreach

- ◆ The Brady Chapter **witness for gun safety** meets at the Sarasota Bayfront (along US 41 at the southern end of the parking lot) Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. For information, contact David & Nancy Evans 941-954-2059.
- ◆ Our parish **Strategic Plan** has been approved for implementation by the Vestry. Its development first identified our CORE VALUES, rooted in scripture. These represent deep significance to our parish life and will guide our work going forward: OPEN AND AFFIRMING (Mt 22:32-40) VIBRANT COMMUNITY (Mark 1:19,20) WELCOMING (Mt 25:35,36) JOYFUL (Psalm 126:2,3) OUTREACH (Mt 22:32-40).
- ◆ The St. Boniface Church **Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, **January 29**, 2023 after the 10:00 service. Our business will include reports from various parish leaders, presenting the 2023 budget, thanking our retiring vestry members, and voting on the slate of vestry nominees for the 2025 class. The nominees are Donna Conyers, Kay Goodman, Justin Miller, Rita Valenti-Piovane. **Biographies are available in the church entry**, and on the vestry page of our website.
- ◆ **The church office** will be closed Monday, **January 16** in observance of the MLK holiday.