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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

November 8, 2020 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 J. S. Bach
from Partita on Wachet auf: II. Bicinium Hugo Distler

Welcome and Announcements (see notes page 7)

The Word of God

Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us (vs 1 & 2)

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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 O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those

who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Psalm 70

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

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

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

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'" The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Evans

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 or a suitable Collect.

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

Keep Your Lamps *André Thomas*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

-Traditional Negro Spiritual

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 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.

Motet

Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Edward Bairstow*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded For with blessing in his hand,

Christ our Lord to earth descendeth Our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood.

Lord of Lords, in human vesture In the Body and the Blood

He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way

As the light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day

That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,

Veil their faces to the Presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

-From the Liturgy of St. James (Greek)

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 - tyrs'
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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn Rejoice, rejoice, believers *remain standing, only choir sings*

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907
 Music: Swedish folk tune

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Postlude

Toccatina *Wilbur Held*

Announcements

- ❖ Best wishes to those who **celebrate birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Madison Borland, Sharon Floyd, Jan Huff, Sally Johnston, Reed Leeming, Jonathan Percival, Charlie Pettengill, Wendy Prell, Rita Valenti-Piovane, Tom Bisker and Rich Swastek, Gino Fellin and Bill Logan, Yu Ya Hersey.
- ❖ **Faith-filled Generosity** Watch your mail box for your pledge packet – if you haven’t received yours already! 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.

... In the midst of confusion, let us recognize the steadfast strength of God, and let us participate in realizing a stronger and more vibrant future at St. Boniface.. *With joyful hope in uncertain times, let us give for what can be.*

- ❖ The **altar flowers** today are given in memory of Louise St. Phillip.
- ❖ **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.

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, November 11** is Veteran's Day, the church office will be closed for the holiday.
- ❖ **Wednesday music** offered weekly at 7:30 p.m. on our website bonifacechurch.org/music. This Wednesday's concert features organist Ann Stephenson-Moe.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Literary Ladies** next meet via Zoom **November 12** at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the book *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Contact Marilyn Hill for more info and the Zoom invite, 941-374-1990.
- ❖ **Center for Spiritual Transformation Zoom educational event November 14, 10:00 a.m.** A Saturday Zoom event lead by Judy Sherpa presenting on blending Eastern and Western prayer. (Zoom ID 849 5849 3207 Passcode: 596368)
- ❖ **Hope, Relief and ERD** Bring hope to the residents of southern Louisiana, recently slammed by Hurricane Zeta. This is the fifth storm to hit the state this year! 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 8, 2020

The gifts of faith

BY THE REV. MATTHEW WOODWARD



The parable of the wise and foolish virgins brings back so many rector wedding memories. I have to say, virgins trimming wicks are few and far between in early 21st century Bay Area weddings; you are more likely to find mason jars liberally strewn around the barn venue and handwritten chalkboards offering tri-tip, which you can eat perched on a bale of hay. But the frenetic last-minute energy of things needing to be fixed is just the same today as in scripture.

If you get stuck in the anxiety, keeping company with the wedding planner and their staff, you are going to miss the point of the event.

Weddings confer the blessing of companionship. We can get stuck in the mechanics of delivery and all of the anxiety it generates. Or we can acknowledge that love is a great gift, and we should be grateful for it.

I once oversaw a wedding in which the couple forgot to get a license. I took a deep breath, made sure they had a wonderful day, and secretly remarried them a month or two later. Their love for each other was a gift. We found a way to fix the paperwork.

Faith is a gift, Christian community is a gift; worship, children's choirs and that moment when teenagers suddenly make a profound connection with their faith: These are all gifts. We could get caught up in the anxiety of paying for it all, or we could just say thank you and write the pledge that shows how grateful we are for all we have received.

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For reflection

- Do you get stuck in the anxiety of stewardship and just how much it takes to run a church?
- What if you started thinking about giving by looking at a finger painting of Mary and Joseph your preschooler, face beaming, just brought you (still wet) from Sunday School?

The Rev. Matthew Woodward is an Englishman on the West Coast of America and the Rector of Transfiguration Episcopal Church in San Mateo California. He is a recent puppy parent, and loves comics. He has also found stewardship ministry to be a real joy, rather than the other thing, in recent years.