



St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II: Morning Prayer with Holy Communion December 18, 2022 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Krista Laskowski, mezzo-soprano* Behold, a virgin shall conceive *GF Handel*
O thou that tellist good tidings to Zion / Improvisation on Stuttgart

10:00 a.m. Hymn 66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Order of Morning Prayer *remain standing*

Sentence of Scripture

Celebrant The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
all kneel or sit devoutly

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The 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. Alleluia.**

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

Jubilate S-11

Antiphons are sung with this setting.

1. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his pres - ence with a song. [Ant.] 2. Be ye
sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not
we our - selves; we are his people and the sheep of his pas - ture. [Ant.]
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and in - to
his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. [Ant.]
4. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is ev - er - last - ing;
and his truth endureth from generation to gen - er - a - tion. [Ant.]

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *8:00 a.m. all say 10:00 a.m. sung by the choir*

- 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.

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

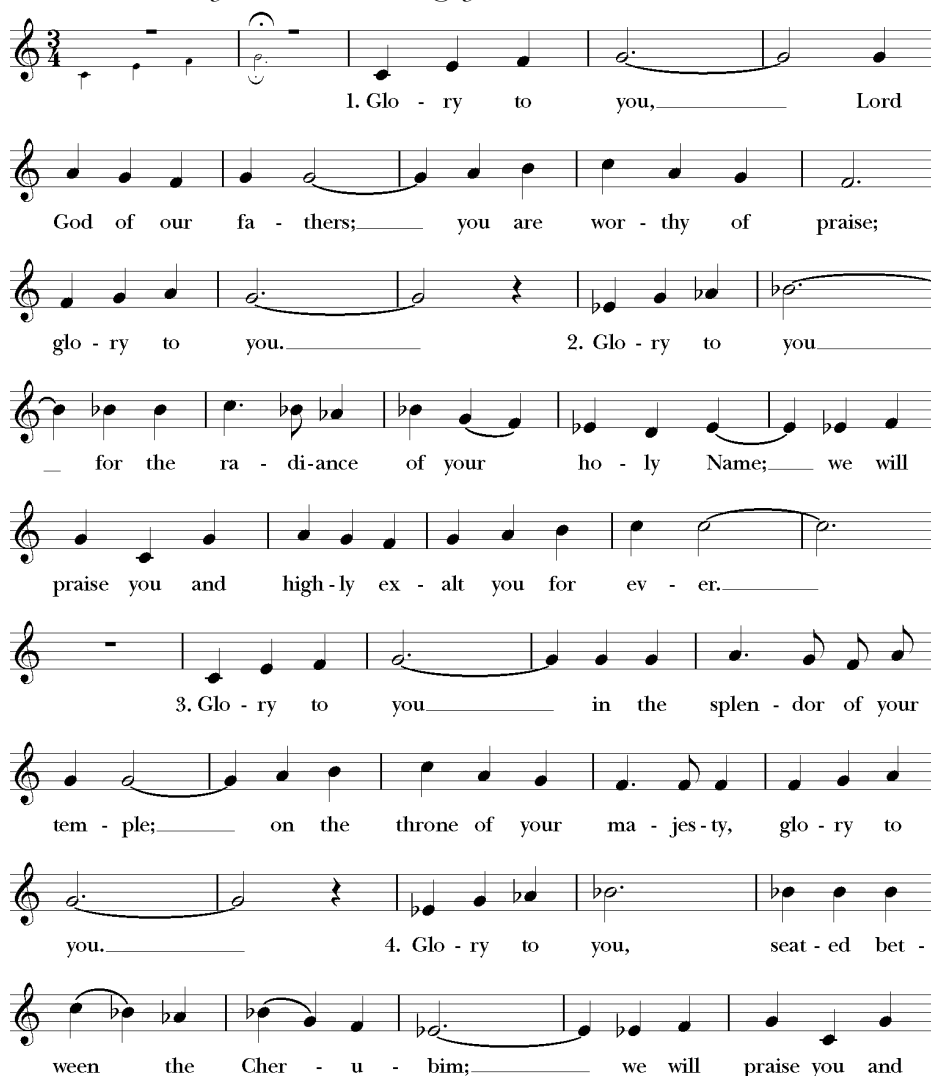
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons *remain seated*

Isaiah 7:10-16 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Canticle 13 *S-236* 8:00 a.m. all say 10:00 a.m. sung by the choir



1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

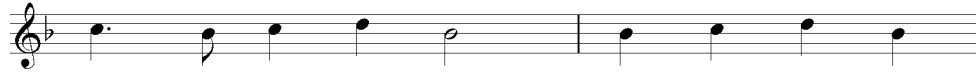
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come!



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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

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

Matthew 1:18-25 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nikki Seger

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 Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.*

Welcome

The Holy Communion


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

8:00 Hymn 66 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus** (*see opening hymn page 1*)


10:00 a.m. Offertory

How beautiful are the feet; break forth into joy; Their sound is gone out
Melissa Simmons, soprano; Annika Guyer, alto; Mark Wagstrom, tenor


10:00 Presentation Hymn 56 vs. 7-8



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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.

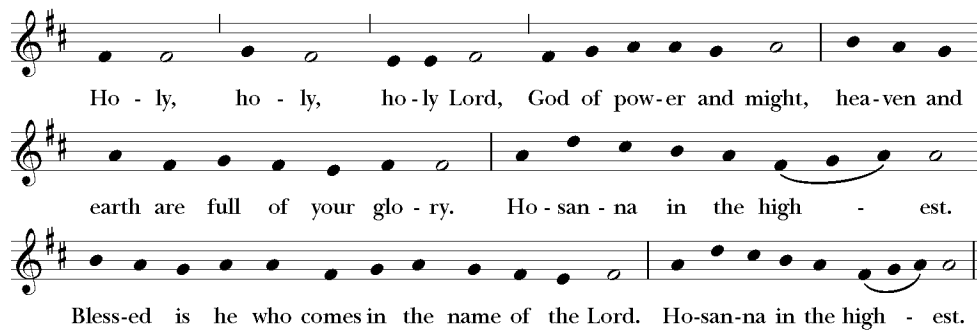
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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-124



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 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.**

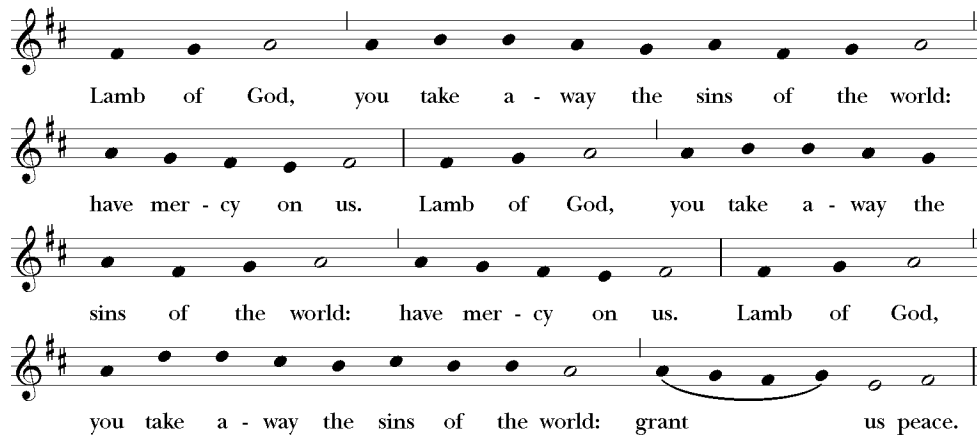
10:00 a.m. Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 a.m. Fraction Anthem S-161



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 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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

10:00 a.m. Communion Music

Instrumental

Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Robert J. Powell* Jen Weinstein, flute

Handbells

Carol of the Bells *Douglas E. Wagner*

Choir

Cançó a la Verge (Hymn to the Virgin) *Pablo Casals*

Chorus: Vos-tre altà olorós te clarors d'albada, Vostre esguard serè nostra vida guarda.

(Rising like the dawn, incense from thine altar, So thy loving care will protect us ever.)

Verge qu'ens te niu presoners tot hora la vostra presó es plena de joia.

Canten vostres cims coronats de gloria els camins del cel trobem aprop vostre.

Recer amorós on la pau convida paradís suau de l'ànima mia.

(Virgin mother kind, hold us ever captive, keep us full of joy in thy holy presence.

With us on the path, leading us all glorious on our way with song: help us rise to heaven.

Gentle paradise, peace is ever in thee, refuge of the best: calling to my spirit.)

La boira flotant damunt les carenes és prec fervorós, qu'ens porta la terra.

Us volten perfums de la serralada I de nit el vent amorós us canta.

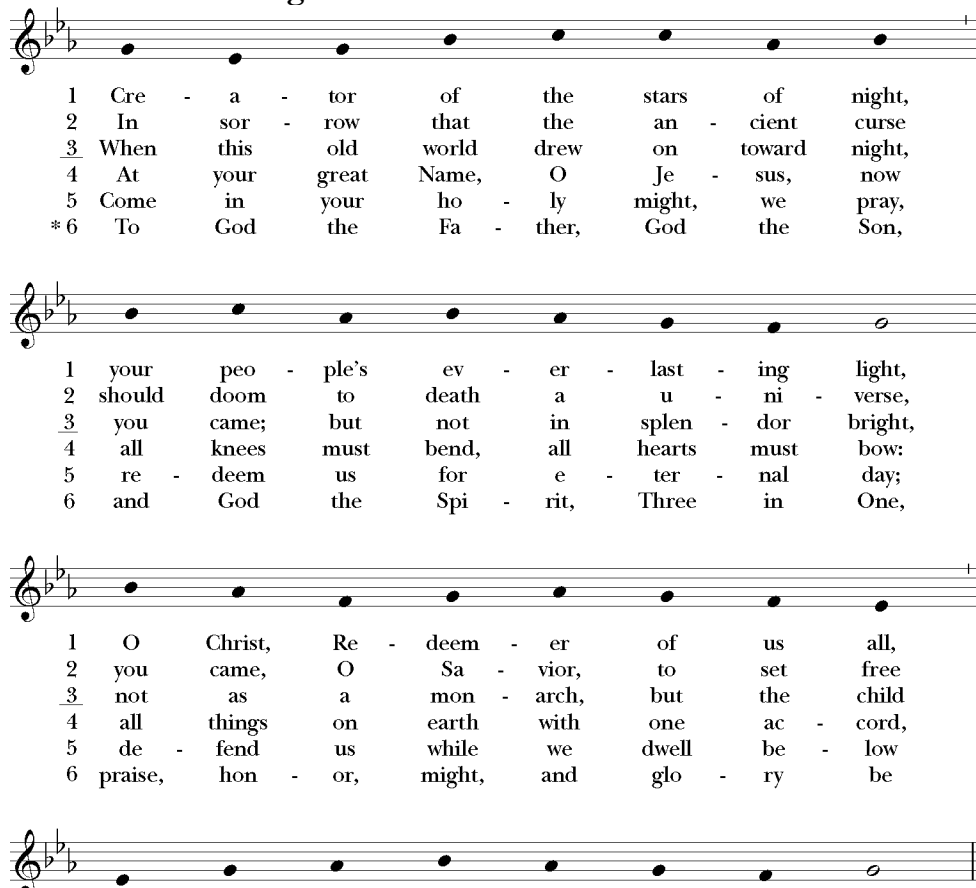
Feunos presoners, dolça mare nostra, sota d'aquest cel I de la vostra ombra.

(The mists high above the roofs rise to heaven like a fervent prayer, ascending from the earth.

Perfumes from the heights float all around thee as the winds at night eternally sing thy praises.

Keep us prisoners of thee, holy mother, beneath the vault of heaven, safe within thy shadow.)

Hymn 60 Creator of the stars at night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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: 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 Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; 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 go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

10:00 a.m. Closing Hymn 74 Blest be the King whose coming

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

Postlude

Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol *Gerald Near*

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 ~ December 18, 2022

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)
- ◆ ◆ Blessings to those celebrating **birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Jane Aguilard, Dor Brown, Beverly Dame, Patrick Hardy, John Leeming, Paul Neuhauser, Amanda Smoot, Carolyn Walker, Donna & Marcus Conyers.
- ◆ **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 (**December 7 & 21**) ID: 892 2764 4433 Passcode: 772976).
- ◆ **Wednesday worship and potluck** gathers in the Parish Hall at ***5:00 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. (**note earlier time for month of December*)
- ◆ **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. *Bible Study takes a break December 22 & 29, resuming Thursday January 5.*
- ◆ **Christmas Services:**
 - Christmas Eve **4:00pm** *Family Service with Pageant & Holy Eucharist*
 - 7:30 pm** *Christ Mass (with incense)*
 - Christmas Day **10:00 am** *Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Carols*

- ◆ Memorial and Thanksgiving **gifts** support the **Christmas music and decorations**. Please contact Lisa Wolf (941-349-5616 x320 or lwolf@bonifacechurch.org) by December 19th, or use the envelopes available at the Welcome Table.
- ◆ **Epiphany Service** – Thursday, **January 5**, 6:30 pm followed by reception
- ◆ **Epiphany Retreat** “Manifesting God” We create little prisons of fear and worry and clinging. Can we trust that an innocent babe, born through the operation of the Holy Spirit, can unlock these doors, enter in, and kindle our hearts and awaken hope? Join us as we explore this great mystery as it unfolds in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Friday, **January 6**, 10-2 pm, in Healing Mission, Brown Bag lunch in Parish Hall, Coffee/Tea provided. Contact Lisa Wolf to register, 941-349-5616 x320 or lwolf@bonifacechurch.org.
- ◆ **Seating of Bp. Scharf** – Saturday, **January 7**, 10:30 am, Cathedral of St. Petersburg, all are invited. Livestream available at www.episcopalswfl.org.

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.
- ◆ **Advent Lessons & Carols** with the St. Boniface Choir Wednesday, **December 21**, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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).
- ◆ **2022 pledge payments and year-end gifts** must be postmarked or received in the office by December 31 in order to be included on your 2022 giving statement.

The **Church Office** will be closed Monday & Tuesday, December 26 & 27, and Monday January 2. Staff will be available by appointment only December 28-30.