

The Season After PENTECOST

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE
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Boniface OSB (**Latin:** *Bonifatius*; c. 675^[2] – 5 June 754) was an English **Benedictine** monk and leading figure in the **Anglo-Saxon mission** to the Germanic parts of **Francia** during the eighth century. He organised significant foundations of the **church in Germany** and was made **bishop of Mainz** by **Pope Gregory III**. He was **martyred** in **Frisia** in 754, along with 52 others, and his remains were returned to **Fulda**, where they rest in a **sarcophagus** which remains a site of **Christian pilgrimage**.

Boniface's life and death as well as his work became widely known, there being a wealth of material available — a number of *vitae*, especially the near-contemporary *Vita Bonifatii auctore Willibaldi*, legal documents, possibly some sermons, and above all his correspondence. He is venerated as a **saint** in the Christian church and became the **patron saint** of **Germania**, known as the "**Apostle to the Germans**". **Norman Cantor** notes the three roles Boniface played that made him "one of the

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Welcome and Announcements

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Entrance Rites - The people stand as they are able.

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Fa-
ther,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:**

**receive our prayer. For you alone
are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Salutation

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Collect of the Day:

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon your church in every land,
that like your servant Boniface we might proclaim the Gospel to all
nations, that your kingdom might be enlarged and that your holy Name
might be glorified in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Word of God: *(Please be seated for the lessons)*

First Lesson: A Reading from Bel and the Dragon (3–19):

The Babylonians had an idol called Bel, and every day they provided for it twelve bushels of choice flour and forty sheep and six measures of wine. The king revered it and went every day to worship it. But Daniel worshipped

his own God.

So the king said to him, “Why do you not worship Bel?” He answered, “Because I do not revere idols made with hands, but the living God, who created heaven and earth and has dominion over all living creatures.”

The king said to him, “Do you not think that Bel is a living god? Do you not see how much he eats and drinks every day?” And Daniel laughed, and said, “Do not be deceived, O king, for this thing is only clay inside and bronze outside, and it never ate or drank anything.”

Then the king was angry and called the priests of Bel and said to them, “If you do not tell me who is eating these provisions, you shall die. But if you prove that Bel is eating them, Daniel shall die, because he has spoken blasphemy against Bel.” Daniel said to the king, “Let it be done as you have said.”

Now there were seventy priests of Bel, besides their wives and children. So the king went with Daniel into the temple of Bel. The priests of Bel said, “See, we are now going outside; you yourself, O king, set out the food and prepare the wine, and shut the door and seal it with your signet. When you return in the morning, if you do not find that Bel has eaten it all, we will die; otherwise Daniel will, who is telling lies about us.” They were unconcerned, for beneath the table they had made a hidden entrance, through which they used to go in regularly and consume the provisions. After they had gone out, the king set out the food for Bel. Then Daniel ordered his servants to bring ashes, and they scattered them throughout the whole temple in the presence of the king alone. Then they went out, shut the door and sealed it with the king’s signet, and departed. During the night the priests came as usual, with their wives and children, and they ate and drank everything.

Early in the morning the king rose and came, and Daniel with him. The king said, “Are the seals unbroken, Daniel?” He answered, “They are unbroken, O king.” As soon as the doors were opened, the king looked at the table, and shouted in a loud voice, “You are great, O Bel, and in you there is no deceit at all!”

But Daniel laughed and restrained the king from going in. “Look at the floor”, he said, “and notice whose footprints these are.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm:

Psalm 115:1-8 (read in unison)

- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.**
- 2 Why should the heathen say, *
"Where then is their God?"**
- 3 Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.**
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.**
- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;**
- 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;**
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.**
- 8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.**

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to: **Mark(8:27-30):**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

HOMILY

Nicene Creed All say together (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Prayers of the People (Form 1, edited, BCP pp. 383-385)

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,

People: and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,

People: and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For our Bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all ministers in your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *The Episcopal-Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, in Lakeside.* And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home. May we continue to support one another in love and empathy. Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: and for people doing God's will, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations,

People: and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For this city of Sierra Vista, for every city and community,

People: and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,

People: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,

People: and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection,

People: and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,

People: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope,

People: without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O
Lord, with your grace.

**People: In the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, and
one another, and all our life, to you Holy and Living God. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each
other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the
evil that influences us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our
behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus
Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

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

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Presider: I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves
as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship.

Doxology #380 vs. 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

People: You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Presider: And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

All: Hymnal #S124

Sanctus -

**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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself; yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new Creation (+), the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN**
And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (Contemporary Lord's Prayer)

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 forever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)

Fraction Anthem G#830 Refrain Only: Seed Scattered and Sown

**Seed, scattered and sown, Wheat gathered and grown
Bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God**

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands

One cup that is shared by all

The living cup, the living bread of God.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Christ invites us all to be known and fed here.

All are welcome and invited to come to The Lord's Table and receive communion in this church. It is gluten free bread and real wine. To dip/intinct your bread into the wine and then consume it, please come to the left altar rail. To eat your bread and then sip wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, come to either rail and cross your arms over your chest and we will give you a blessing.).

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world,
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Benediction:

Presider: And now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with all of you now and forever.. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)

truly outstanding creators of the first Europe, as the apostle of Germania, the reformer of the Frankish church, and the chief fomentor of the alliance between the [papacy](#) and the [Carolingian family](#).^[3] Through his efforts to reorganize and regulate the church of the Franks, he helped shape the [Latin Church](#) in Europe, and many of the dioceses he proposed remain today. After his martyrdom, he was quickly hailed as a saint in Fulda and other areas in Germania and in England. He is still venerated strongly today by Catholics in Germany and throughout the [German diaspora](#). Boniface is celebrated as a missionary; he is regarded as a unifier of Europe, and he is regarded by German Roman Catholics as a national figure.^[citation needed]

In 2019 [Devon County Council](#), with the support of the Anglican [Diocese of Exeter](#), the [Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth](#), and local Devon leaders of the Orthodox, Methodist, and Congregational churches, officially recognised St Boniface as the Patron Saint of [Devon](#).^{[4][5][6]}

Early life

Prayer card, early 20th century, depicting Boniface leaving England

The earliest Bonifacian *vita*, birthname Wynfrehth (also Wynfrith, Winfrid, Winfried), does not indicate his place of birth but says that at an early age he attended a monastery ruled by Abbot Wulfhard in *escancastre*,^[7] or *Examchester*,^[8] which seems to denote [Exeter](#), and may have been one of many *monasteriola* built by local landowners and churchmen; nothing else is known of it outside the Bonifacian *vitae*.^[9] This monastery is believed to have occupied the site of the [Church of St Mary Major](#) in the [City of Exeter](#), demolished in 1971, next to which was later built [Exeter Cathedral](#).^[10] Later tradition places his birth at [Crediton](#), but the earliest mention of Crediton in connection to Boniface is from the early fourteenth century,^[11] in [John Grandisson's](#) *Legenda Sanctorum: The Proper Lessons for Saints' Days according to the use of Exeter*.^[12] In one of his letters Boniface mentions he was "born and reared...[in] the synod of London",^[13] but he may have been speaking metaphorically.^[14] His English name is recorded as being Winfrid or Winfred.^[15]

According to the *vitae*, Winfrid was of a respected and prosperous family. Against his father's wishes he devoted himself at an early age to the monastic life. He received further theological training in the [Benedictine](#) monastery and [minster](#) of [Nhutselle \(Nursling\)](#),^[16] not far from [Winchester](#), which under the direction of abbot Winbert had grown into an industrious centre of learning in the tradition of [Aldhelm](#).^[17] Winfrid taught in the abbey school and at the age of 30 became a priest; in this time, he wrote a Latin grammar, the *Ars Grammatica*, besides a treatise on verse and some [Aldhelm](#)-inspired riddles.^[18] While little is known about Nursling outside Boniface's *vitae*, it seems clear that the library there was significant. To supply Boniface with the materials he needed, it would have contained works by [Donatus](#), [Priscian](#), [Isidore](#), and many others.^[19] Around 716, when his abbot Wynberth of Nursling died, he was as invited (or expected) to assume his position—it is possible that they were related, and the practice of hereditary right among the early Anglo-Saxons would affirm this.^[20] Winfrid, however, declined the position and in 716 set out on a [missionary expedition](#) to [Frisia](#).

Early missionary work in Frisia and Germania

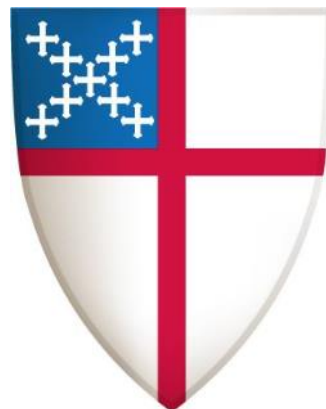
Boniface first left for the continent in 716. He traveled to [Utrecht](#), where [Willibrord](#), the "Apostle to the Frisians", had been working since the 690s. He spent a year with Willibrord,

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