

# Welcome to St. Boniface Church and the Community Thanksgiving Service, November 19, 2006

*Theme: "Let this day be for us not simply a Thanksgiving Day but a Thanks-living Day"*

Welcome . . . . . M. J. Paul - St. Boniface Church

Opening Hymn . . . . . "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Opening Prayer . . . . . Panner Selvam - Immaculate Conception Church

First Reading II Corinthians 9:6-5, Pat Jaworsky - Christ the King Episcopal Church

Responsorial Psalm . . . . . "Blessed be the Name of the Lord"

Gospel Reading . Luke 17:11-19 - Lura Kidner-Miesen - United Methodist Church

Sharing and Reflection I . . . . . Lura Kidner-Miesen, Panner Selvam,  
Dell Schonburg - Calvary Lutheran Church

Hymn . . . . . "Let All Things Now Living"

Sharing and Reflection II . . . . . D. H. Shearer - Turner Christian Church,  
Carmen Van Schaick - Mountain View Church, M. J. Paul

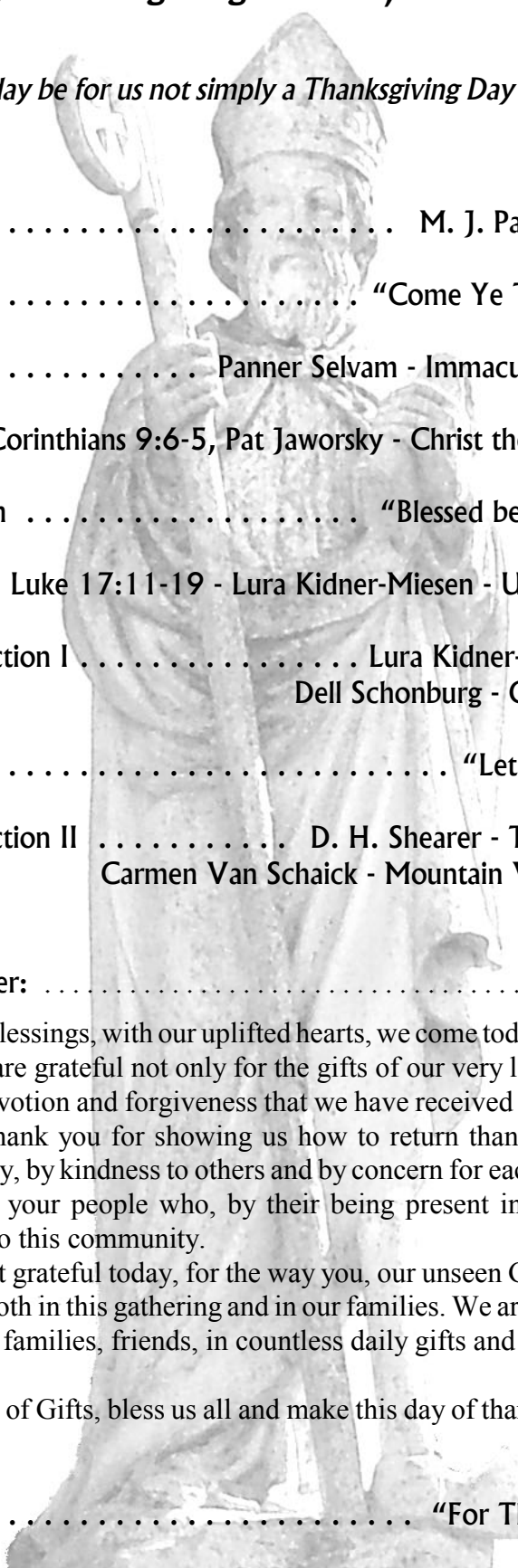
Thanksgiving Prayer: . . . . . All

Lord of all blessings, with our uplifted hearts, we come today to your presence to give thanks to you. We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and forgiveness that we have received and shared. On this day of thanksgiving, we thank you for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by actions of hospitality, by kindness to others and by concern for each other. We thank you for the presence of all your people who, by their being present in this church, have added happiness and joy to this community.

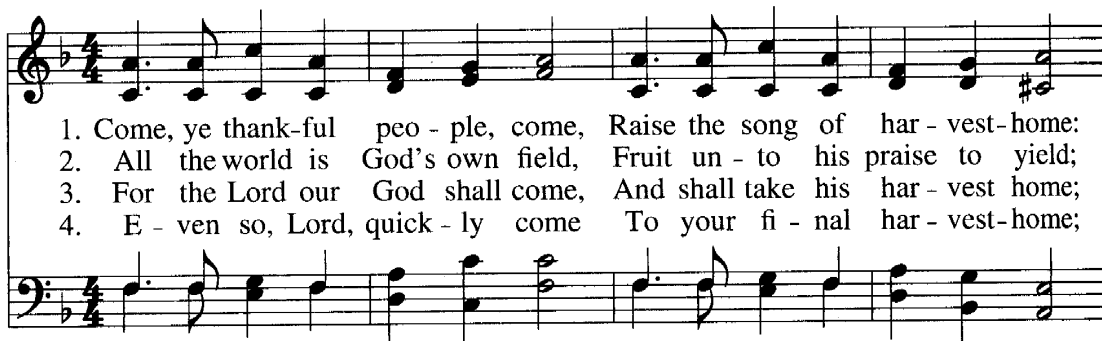
We are most grateful today, for the way you, our unseen God, has become visible to us in one another, both in this gathering and in our families. We are thankful to you for being present to us in our families, friends, in countless daily gifts and in the marvels of creation itself.

Come, Lord of Gifts, bless us all and make this day of thanksgiving a day of thanks-living. Amen.

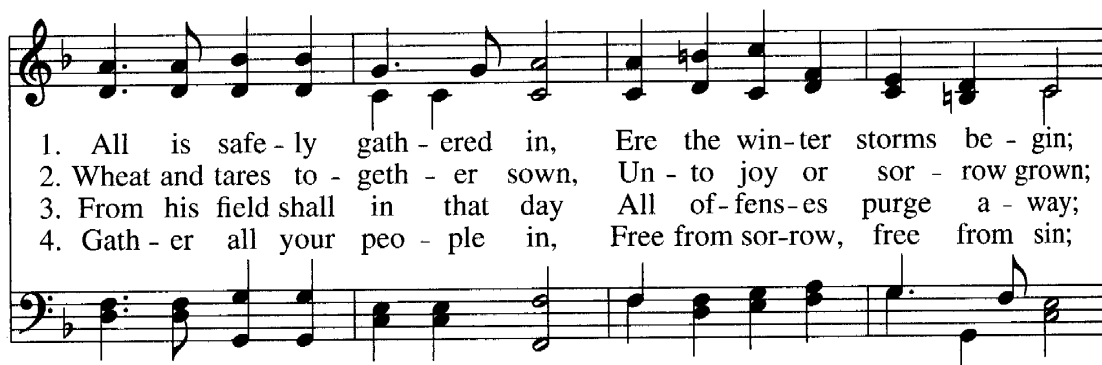
Closing Hymn . . . . . "For The Beauty of The Earth"



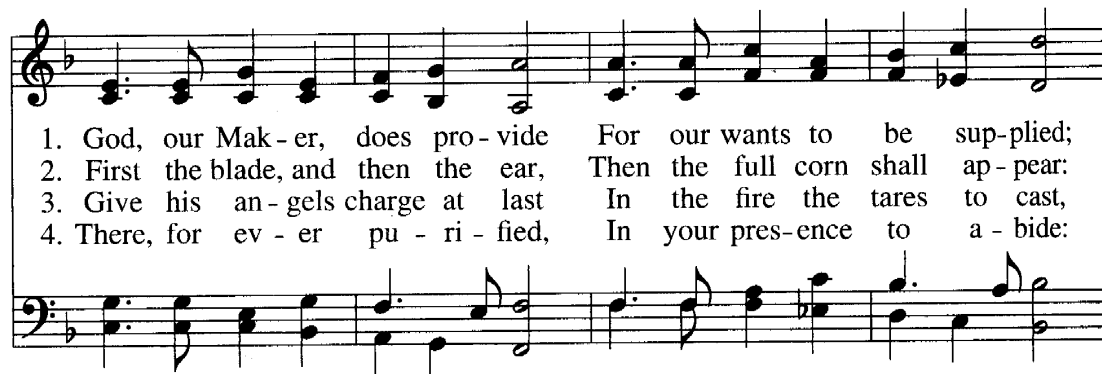
## COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME



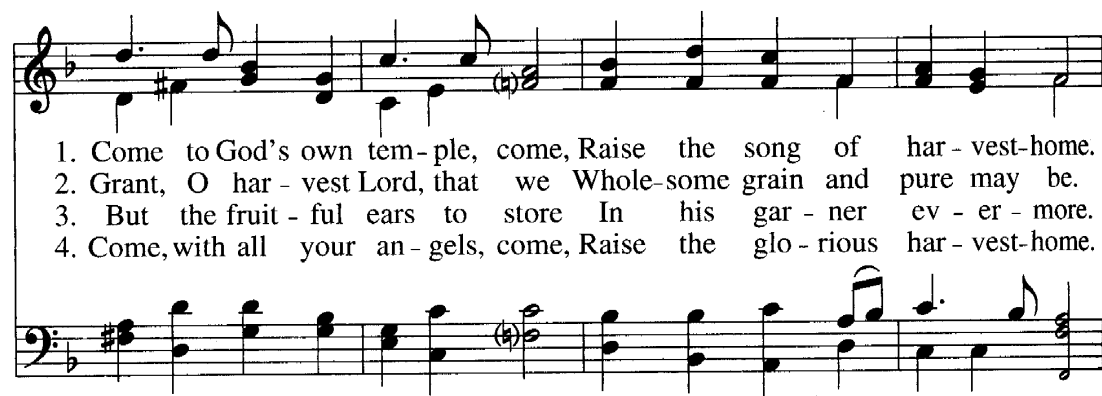
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest-home;  
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his har - vest home;  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal har - vest-home;



1. All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 2. Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
 3. From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 4. Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;



1. God, our Mak - er, does pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;  
 2. First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;  
 3. Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 4. There, for ev - er pu - ri - fied, In your pres - ence to a - bide;



1. Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest-home.  
 2. Grant, O har - vest Lord, that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 3. But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 4. Come, with all your an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest-home.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (945.2)

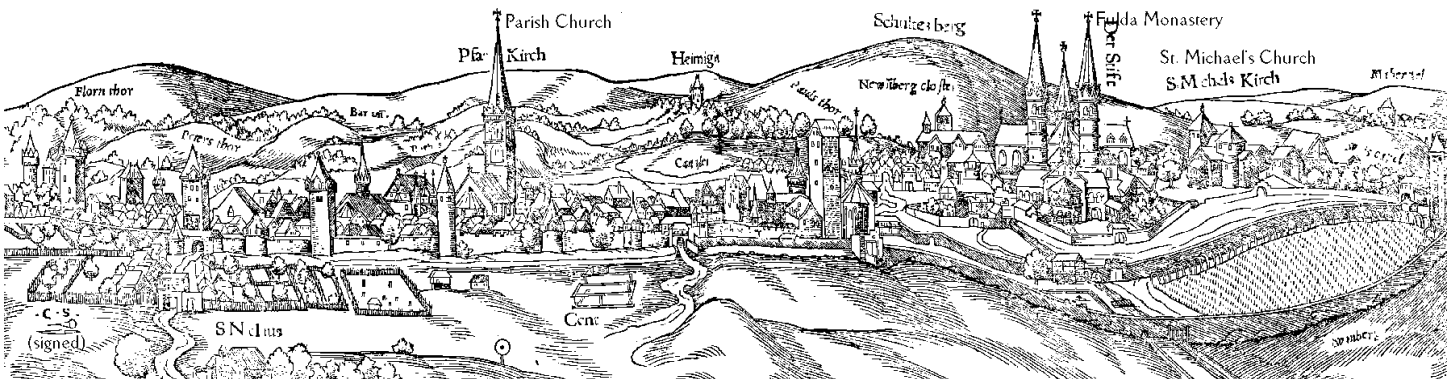


**R.** Bless - ed be the name of the Lord for ev - er.

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**Or: Alleluia.**

- ▶ Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever. **R.**
- ▶ From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory. **R.**
- ▶ Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below? **R.**
- ▶ He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor,  
To seat them with princes,  
with the princes of his own people. **R.**



St. Boniface church was founded in 1879 and celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004, which was coincidentally the 1250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface. Born about 679 in England, he brought the Christian faith to the Germanic peoples. He is often thought of as the originator of the Christmas tree, presenting the evergreen as a sign of Christ and Christmas. In 1879 the Catholics of Sublimity, mostly German settlers from the Midwest, chose him as patron saint of their church.

The woodcut here from about 1500 AD shows the city of Fulda, Germany, including the famous abbey-monastery founded by Boniface. Fulda was already 750 years old when this woodcut was made 500 years ago.

### Prayer of Saint Boniface

Eternal God, refuge and help of your children. In our weakness you are strength, in our darkness you are light, in our sorrow you are comfort and peace. For all your goodness we bless you. May we ever live in your presence, love the things that you love, and serve you in others each day.

For the History of Sublimity, St. Boniface Church and its Archives, see . . . . . [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net)

# Let All Things Now Living

*Sing unto the Lord, all the earth, show forth from day to day His salvation.*

Katherine K. Davis  
Previously attributed to  
John Cowley

—I Chronicles 16:23

ASH GROVE  
Traditional Welsh Melody  
Descant by Katherine K. Davis

*Descant*

2 Ah \_\_\_\_\_ O sun, in Thy

1 Let all things now liv-ing A song of thanks-giv-ing To God the Cre-  
2 His law He en-forc-es: the stars in their cours-es, The sun in His

or-bit, o-be-dient-ly shine. Ah \_\_\_\_\_

1 a-tor tri-um-phantly raise, Who fash-ioned and made us, pro-  
2 or-bit, o-be-dient-ly shine; The hills and the moun-tains, The

\_\_\_\_\_ The deeps of the o-cean pro-claim Him di-

1 tect-ed and stayed us, Who guid-eth us on to the end of our  
2 riv-ers and foun-tains, The deeps of the o-cean pro-claim Him di-

vine. Re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ re - joice! With glad ad - o -

1 days. His ban-ners are o'er us, His light goes be - fore us, A pil-lar of  
 2 vine. We too, should be voic-ing our love and re - joic-ing, With glad ad - o -

ra-tion a song let us raise. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

1 fire shin-ing forth in the night, 'Til shad-ows have van-ish-ed And dark-ness is  
 2 ra - tion a song let us raise, 'Til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks-

\_\_\_\_\_ To God in the high-est, ho - san-na and praise. A - men.

1 ban-ish-ed, As for-ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 2 giv - ing To God in the high-est, ho - san-na and praise! A - men.



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and  
 3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,  
 4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly  
 5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so

1. of the skies, For the love which from our birth  
 2. of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
 3. par - ent, child, Friends on earth and friends a - bove;  
 4. hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore  
 5. free - ly giv'n, For that love from which will shine,

1. O - ver and a - round us lies: }  
 2. Sun and moon, and stars of light: } Lord of all, to  
 3. For all gen - tle thoughts and mild: }  
 4. A pure sac - ri - fice of love: }  
 5. Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: }

1-5. you we raise This our gift of grate - ful praise.

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**We invite everyone to join us in the parish hall for fellowship, coffee, snacks and refreshment!**