

SAINT BONIFACE

(Bishop and Martyr)
5 June



About Saint Boniface (c. 675-754)

Saint Boniface was a member of a Benedictine Monastery in Devon (England) in about 675. He was elected as abbot, but resigned so that he could become a missionary. The pope gave him the name Boniface and sent him to Germany, where he served as a bishop for thirty years. He was sent there to evangelise the Germanic peoples.

He was ordained a bishop and given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. He founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at synods and maintained close associations with various emperors.

He is remembered as a determined missionary and as a church worker and reformer whose work shaped the way for the future of the Church in Europe.

He was martyred by a band of pagans during Mass on Pentecost Sunday 754.

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What can we learn from Saint Boniface?

Boniface left the comfort of his homeland and went to a foreign land where he did not know the people and probably didn't speak their language either. He didn't let those barriers prevent him from doing God's work and setting up parishes and organizing the Church.

Like Saint Boniface, we should concentrate on doing God's work no matter what barriers we may encounter. Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial and wait upon God's strengthening aid.

Prayer Resources

COLLECT

May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord,
that we may firmly hold the faith
he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood
and confidently profess it by our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL

John 10:11-16

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

‘I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.’

Communion Antiphon

Mk 8:35

Whoever loses his life for the sake of the Gospel
will save it, says the Lord.

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Hymn for the Memorial of Saint Boniface

1. Apostle to the people
in Gaul and Germany,
*Saint Boniface would live in
holy humility.*
He chose to leave his homeland
to preach and to proclaim
to those Germanic people,
to them make known Christ's name.

2. "Go out to every nation,
baptize them in my name."
Just as the Lord commanded,
Boniface did proclaim.
May we who live in this age
find ways to tell God's news
of his eternal love to
a world that is confused.

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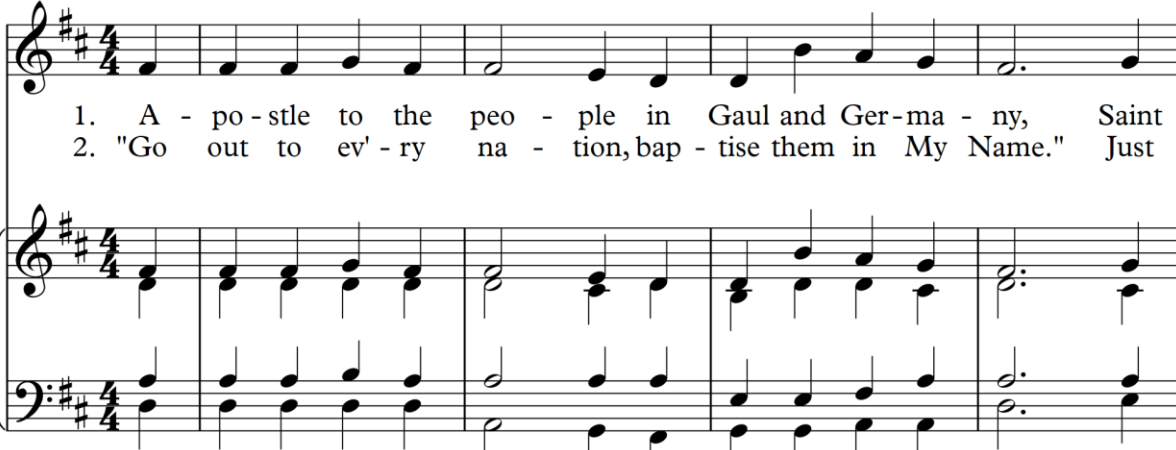
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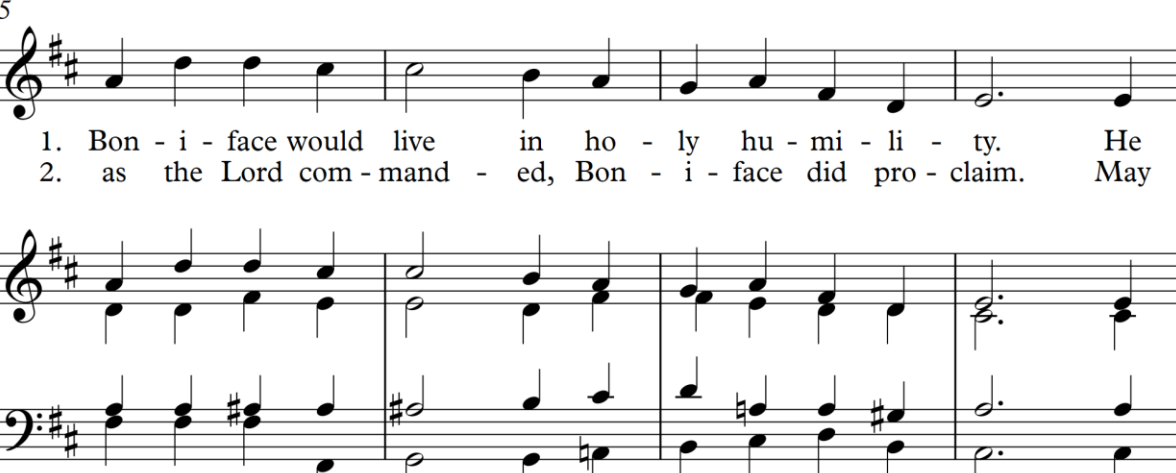


1. A - po - stle to the peo - ple in Gaul and Ger - ma - ny, Saint
2. "Go out to ev' - ry na - tion, bap - tise them in My Name." Just

Organ

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Voice

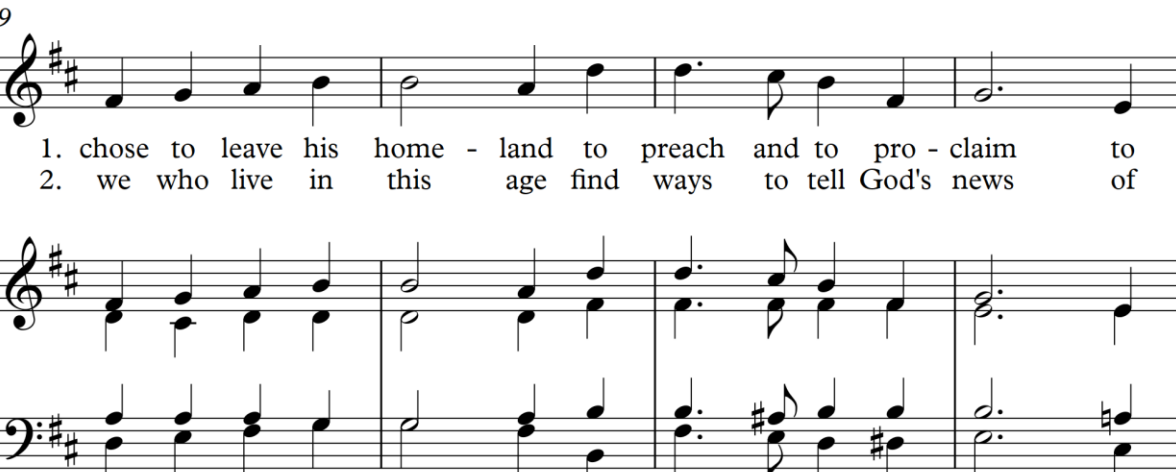


1. Bon - i - face would live in ho - ly hu - mi - li - ty. He
2. as the Lord com - mand - ed, Bon - i - face did pro - claim. May

Org.

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Voice



1. chose to leave his home - land to preach and to pro - claim to
2. we who live in this age find ways to tell God's news of

Org.

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Voice

1. those Ger - ma - nic peo - ple, to them make known Christ's Name.
2. His e - ter - nal love to a world that is con - fused.

Org.

The musical score is written for Voice and Organ. The Voice part is a single melodic line in G major (one sharp). The Organ part consists of two staves, treble and bass, with a chordal accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. those Ger - ma - nic peo - ple, to them make known Christ's Name. 2. His e - ter - nal love to a world that is con - fused. The score ends with a double bar line.