

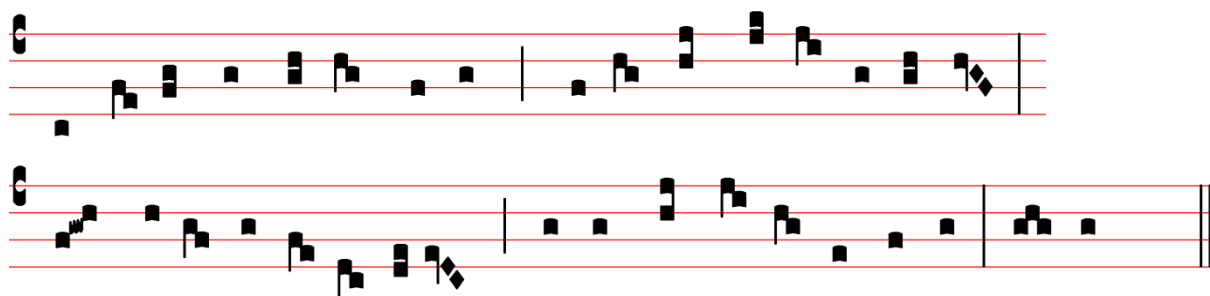
Office Propers – 5th June – S Boniface

These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Martyrs, which you may choose to substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.

Venite Antiphon:

The Lord is the Life of the Martyrs; O come, let us adore Him.

Office Hymn:



A-men.

O God, Thy soldiers' crown and guard,
And their exceeding great reward,
From bonds of evil set us free,
Who sing Thy martyr's victory.

On this the martyr's triumph day,
Let every voice its tribute pay
To those who counted all things loss
For love of Him Who bore the Cross.

Right valiantly they kept the Faith,
And glorified Thee unto death;
For Thee their blood they dared to pour,
And thence have joy for evermore.

O Christ, most loving King, to Thee
With God the Father, glory be,
And glory to the Holy Ghost,
From men and from the angel-host.

Look down upon us from above,
Uplift our hearts, O God of love,
And as our hymns to Thee we raise,
Accept Thy people's prayer and praise.

Psalm:

(3) LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! : many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul : There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender : thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice : and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people : that have set themselves against me round about.
7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God : for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : and thy blessing is upon thy people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(11) IN the Lord put I my trust : how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver : that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor : and his eye-lids try the children of men.

6 The Lord alloweth the righteous : but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest : this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

Responsory:

These are they who were faithful; even unto death.

[These are they who were faithful; even unto death.](#)

They have won a martyr's crown.

[These are they who were faithful; even unto death.](#)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

These are they who were faithful; even unto death.

Benedictus Antiphon:

For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven, who despised worldly living: who have won the rewards of the Kingdom; and have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

Magnificat Antiphon:

This is indeed a Martyr, who for the love of Christ poured forth his/her blood; but with joy attained unto the heavenly Kingdom.

Collect of the Day:

God our Redeemer, Who didst call Thy servant Boniface to preach the Gospel among the German people and to build up Thy Church in holiness: grant that we may so preserve in our hearts that Faith which he hath taught with His words and sealed with His blood, and profess it in lives dedicated to the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end.