

- ❖ **Gender Neutral Restrooms** can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.
- ❖ **New Members and Intrigued Visitors** The Sunday Assembly New Member committee is ‘hosting’ a table in the dining room after worship on Sundays. We will be there to welcome and answer questions from new members and visitors. A sign “*New Members and Intrigued Visitors*” will be posted at the table, so you know where to find us. We hope that you will stop and introduce yourself.
- ❖ **Join Sunday Assembly!** Have you been worshipping with us frequently over the last few months? We hope that you’ve found a spiritual home with us and invite you to consider becoming a member of Sunday Assembly. It’s simple. Yellow membership forms can be found at the monastery entrance. Just fill it out and return in the collection basket next Sunday or send by mail. Or sign-up through our website at: <https://holywisdommonastery.org/sunday-assembly/sunday-assembly-membership-form/>
- ❖ **After worship today**-Choir rehearsal in the Assembly Room.
- ❖ **Join us for “Tour de Middleton,”** presented by the Middleton High School Chamber Choir, this Thur., Dec. 16 at 12:30 pm in the Assembly Room. All are welcome to attend this long-standing Christmas tradition. Enjoy a hot chocolate and cookies to go, following the performance.
- ❖ **The Latinx Hispanic Family Christmas Sharing is nearing,** Dec. 18. All 95 children’s gift tags have been selected! Please return your wrapped present with gift tag secured to the outside by Dec. 16. We are also nearing our financial goal to provide Woodman’s gift cards to each of our 38 families. As of Dec. 7, we have raised \$6,643.33 towards our \$11,400 goal! Consider sharing a gift at [www.HolyWisdomMonastery.org](http://www.HolyWisdomMonastery.org). If you are able-bodied, we are still in need of volunteer drivers to deliver gifts and groceries on Dec. 18. Please contact Kathleen Shanovich at 608-438-5001.
- ❖ Sunday Assembly members, **Ann Baltés, Sherri Hansen, and Bill Rosholt** will perform as part of the Wisconsin Chamber Choir’s Christmas concert, “**Out of Darkness, Light,**” on Saturday, December 18th at 7:30 at Luther Memorial Church in Madison. Admission is free. Making its premiere is an arrangement of “Noche Anunciada/Noche de Paz” written by Sherri for the choir. Ann is also a featured soloist. The concert in addition to being an in-person will also be livestreamed via YouTube and also available to watch later. For more information and for the complete program, please go to: [www.wisconsinchamberchoir.org](http://www.wisconsinchamberchoir.org).
- ❖ **Join us on Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm Service** All are welcome!  
Note: No service will be held on Christmas Day.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 12, 2021*



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*Face masks are required to be worn by everyone age 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status.  
People who are fully vaccinated may participate in singing at worship.  
Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to continue to observe appropriate distance and refrain from singing.*

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Presider</b> Steve Zwettler	<b>Candle bearer</b> Fox Crawford
<b>First Reading</b> Lila Hemlim	<b>Second Reading</b> Mary Hoddy
<b>Homilist</b> Wayne Sigelko	<b>Cantor</b> Grace Rosholt
<b>Guitar</b> Vicki Clark	<b>Euphonium</b> Katie Kretschman
<b>Piano/Organ</b> Lynn Lemberger	<b>Technology Assistant</b> Bill Rosholt
<b>Greeters</b> Paula & Bob Dinndorf, Kathleen Kelly Shanovich	
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Jane Ahlstrom, Jeanie & Steve Tomasko	
<b>Sacristans</b> Margaret Sommers, Diane Smith	

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## Gathering Hymn

## While The Darkest Skies



1. While the dark - est skies re - veal their grand dis - plays  
 2. While the plan - et turns to change the length of days,  
 3. While the or - bit ceas - es on - ly to be - gin,  
 4. While the cos - mos whirls round and the cen - turies flee,



Or the sun dis - solves the ear - ly morn - ing haze,  
 Birth the in - car - na - tion of your ho - ly ways.  
 Year by year we yearn to let your spir - it in,  
 Draw us ev - er clos - er to your un - i - ty.



Weave your mys - tic mag - ic, fill us with de - light,  
 Let all life be filled with peace and ten - der - ness,  
 Al - ways to cre - ate and nev - er to de - stroy,  
 Link our hearts to - geth - er as a per - fect whole.



And in - still your wis - dom in each day and night.  
 And em - bod - y love in all our earth - i - ness.  
 Seek - ing to en - count - er your most sac - red joy.  
 Bless the Christ - ly com - ing in - to ev - 'ry soul.

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 Tune: CRANHAM Irregular, Gustav Holst, 1906.

## Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Isaiah 42:14-17

Following each reading:

Reader The Word of Salvation  
 All Thanks be to God

*A time of silent reflection follows each reading  
 as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.*

## Closing Hymn

## Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn



1. A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3. In deep - est night Christ's com - ing shall be, when  
 4. Re - joice! Re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, whose hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 cold the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



Je - sus is born, be - hold the Child of our long - ing!  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing!  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing  
 One with - out voice breaks forth in song, a lame one leaps in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our end - less



geth - er, to o - pen wide the heaven - ly door, and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of the an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak are raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry, may God fill ev - ery day we share, and



lives now in - side us for ev - er.  
 shat - ter all hate and in - jus - tice.  
 weap - ons are bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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### Announcements

❖ **A special welcome to guests and visitors!** Thank you for joining us. We welcome you and hope that you will find a spiritual home with us. We'd love to know that you were here. Please sign our guest book on the table near the entrance. For more information about Sunday Assembly, the monastery or the sisters' community please see <https://HolyWisdomMonastery.org> or contact Lynn Lemberger, Director of Worship & Music at 608-836-1631, x138 or [llemberger@HolyWisdomMonastery.org](mailto:llemberger@HolyWisdomMonastery.org)

## Breaking of the Bread

Be known to us, Christ Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Christ Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**Presider** The bread which we break,  
is it not communion in the body of Christ?  
The cup of blessing which we share,  
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?

**All** So all of us are one body,  
all who share the one bread and drink from the cup.

## Communion Rite

*Our Communion bread is gluten-free.*

*All are welcome to receive Communion.*

*Come to any one of the four locations in the room. Two stations are behind the altar, one at the side exit, and one near the piano.*

*A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.*

## Prayer after Communion

## Final Blessing

## Dismissal

## Canticle

Isaiah 12:2-6

Cry out with joy and glad - ness; for a - mong you is the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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## Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

*Before the Gospel,*

**Reader** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All** **Glory to you, O Christ**

*Following the Gospel,*

**Reader** The holy Gospel

**All** **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ**

## Homily

**General Intercessions** *Response: Come, Christ Jesus come.*

**Sign of Peace** *Please ask permission before greeting someone with a hug,*

**Presentation of the Gifts** *A basket is available on the table to receive your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The gifts of bread, wine and our offering are brought to the altar.*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Eucharistic Prayer II for Advent

*All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer. The Assembly parts are in bold.*

*Presider* May the Holy One be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them up to our God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the God of all.

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

We thank you, Creator of fire and water  
and of all the elements of the universe,  
for you are God who lives within us.  
From the depths of your mysterious darkness  
you call each of us by name into the light of your creation.

**We thank you for the darkness which heals and refreshes,  
allowing the seeds of the earth to germinate anew.  
Lead us into the quiet and rest that belongs to this season of the year  
so that our souls may be refreshed and our life in your Spirit  
may germinate itself anew.  
We thank you for the life that is brought forth even from death  
and for the special quality of light  
that has been born from the darkness.**

Therefore, together with all the living  
and all whom you have taken back into your embrace,  
we praise your name, O God, our Mother and Father,  
as we sing with all the angels:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of love and God of maj-es-ty.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - - - ry.



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed the One who comes in the name of our God.



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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We thank you for the life of Jesus,  
whom you called and sent to serve us and give us light,  
to bring freedom and redemption to poor and rich alike,  
and to be, forever and for all humankind,  
the image and likeness of your presence and goodness among us.

**In Jesus we see the promise of Emmanuel,  
the very gift of God's presence.  
May we become the fulfillment of God-with-us.**

The night before he died Jesus took bread into his hands and,  
raising his heart and eyes to you,  
gave thanks and said:  
Take this and eat. This is my body.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
At the end of the meal, he took a cup of wine;  
again he gave thanks and said:  
This is a new covenant of my blood  
which is shed for you and for the reconciliation of all creation.  
Every time you do this, do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a-gain.

With grateful hearts, O God, we present this sign of our faith.  
Send your Spirit upon these gifts and upon us.  
May we become the body and blood of Jesus, the Promised One.

**In these signs of fire and water,  
darkness and light and bread and wine,  
may we be enlightened ever more fully  
and come to enter the mystery of our true life in you.**

**Let the promised Holy One come,  
rising like a new star in our hearts and minds  
to transform our lives  
according to the plan you have always held for us.**

**Give a new face to this earth which we call home.  
May there be wisdom and peace as Emmanuel is born among us.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ...



A - men, a - - - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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## The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name.  
May your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.  
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.  
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.  
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**