

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Benedictine Spirituality class - Save the dates!** Are you hungering for spiritual conversation and closer community at Holy Wisdom? Join Sister Denise and oblate-homilist David McKee for our online Benedictine Spirituality: An Introduction class. We'll meet Thursday evenings for one month, take a two-week break for reflection and integration, then pick up again for four more weeks. Topics include Benedict and his Rule, silence, listening, prayer, humility, scripture and more. Each class will include prayer, readings, discussion, a spiritual practice and Q & A. Look for details and registration coming soon in your email inbox. **Thursdays 6:30-8:00 pm – Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, March 3, 10, 17, 24 via Zoom.**
- ❖ **Now is the perfect time to reserve your final resting place in the Holy Wisdom Memorial Courtyard.** Consider securing your niche by Dec. 31 to save 15%. Please contact Nancy Sandleback at [nsandleback@holywisdommonastery.org](mailto:nsandleback@holywisdommonastery.org) or 608-836-1631, x105 to finalize your arrangements. Learn pricing and insights at [holywisdommonastery.org/memorial-courtyard](http://holywisdommonastery.org/memorial-courtyard).
- ❖ **As Christmas nears and with a joyful heart, please consider your year-end gift by Dec. 31.** Your radical support elevates Holy Wisdom as a beacon of Benedictine spirituality, a place where all are welcome, and invites all to embrace our land as a spiritual resource. All financial gifts, stocks, and securities advance the sisters' mission, vision, and values for future generations. Contact Amy Bonomie with additional questions at 608-836-1631, x124 or [abonomie@holywisdommonastery.org](mailto:abonomie@holywisdommonastery.org).
- ❖ **Join us on Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm Service** All are welcome!  
Note: No service will be held on Christmas Day.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 19, 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 &amp; Homilist</b> Steve Zwettler	<b>Candle bearers</b> Zaia & Peleus Parker
<b>First Reading</b> Sandy Adams	<b>Second Reading</b> Rita Emmenegger
<b>Cantor</b> Bill Rosholt	<b>Guitar</b> Vicki Clark
<b>Euphonium</b> Katie Kretschman	<b>Piano/Organ</b> Lynn Lemberger
<b>Sunday Assembly Choir</b>	<b>Piano accompaniment</b> Sherri Hansen
<b>Greeters</b> Joyce & Gary Wodka, Joan Lundin	
<b>Communion Ministers</b> Alison & David McKee, Ed Emmenegger	
<b>Technology Assistant</b> Mike Crawford	
<b>Sacristans</b> Margaret Sommers, Ann McBride	

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## Gathering Hymn

## Seek a Sign, the Prophet Counseled



1. "Seek a sign," the proph-et coun - seled, "Deep as earth or
2. When we long had walked in dark - ness, God ap-peared in
3. God's great sign at last is giv - en For all those with
4. Yet this sign to - day con-fronts us With God's pres-ence
5. Praise the God who lives as Par - ent. Praise the God who



1. high as sky. Seek a sign to bol-ster cour - age
2. glim - m'ring light. When we long had sat in si - lence,
3. eyes to see: Not as light-'ning rend-ing heav - en
4. to our race In the child, the poor, the need - y-
5. comes as Child. Praise the God who, Ho - ly Spir - it,



1. When faith fal - ters or hope dies. Know that God will come to
2. God's word ech - oed in the night. Now our God has come to
3. But a child on moth - er's knee. Here our God has come to
4. All who bear a hu - man face. Here our God still comes to
5. Our own spir - its has be-guiled. Praise the God who comes to



1. meet us And with - in our midst will dwell:"
2. meet us And with - in our midst will dwell:
3. meet us And with - in our midst to dwell:
4. meet us And with - in our midst does dwell:
5. meet us And with - in our hearts will dwell:



- 1-5. God with us, Em-man - u - el. A - men.

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Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM; Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; Chant, Mode V; adapt. fr. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

## Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

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

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel



1. O come, O come Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
4. O come, O Day - spring from on high,



- And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And cheer us by your draw - ing nigh;



- That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,  
Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,



- Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



- Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, Latin 9th c., tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1890.  
Tune: VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL. LM with refrain; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890.

## 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)
- ❖ **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.

## 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.*

## Choir anthem

Sunday Assembly Choir

Bring a Torch

## Prayer after Communion

## Final Blessing

## Dismissal

## Psalm 80

God, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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## Second Reading

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

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

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## Gospel

**Luke 1:39-55**

*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.

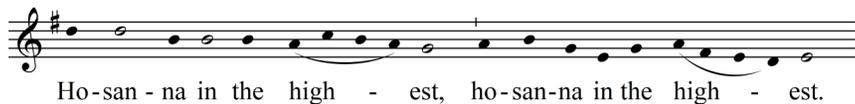
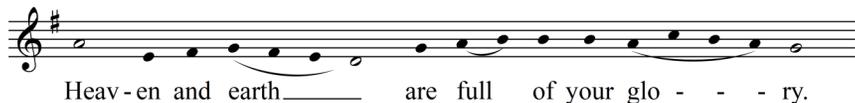
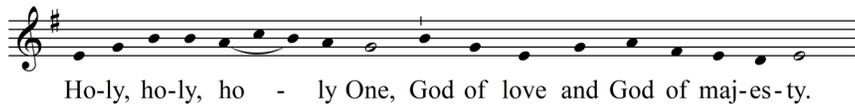
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the God of all.

**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:



*Missa Emmanuel*, Tune: "Veni Emmanuel", Text: Richard Proulx, arr. ©1991 GIA Publications, Inc. Adapted: LKL ©2007.

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:



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...



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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.**