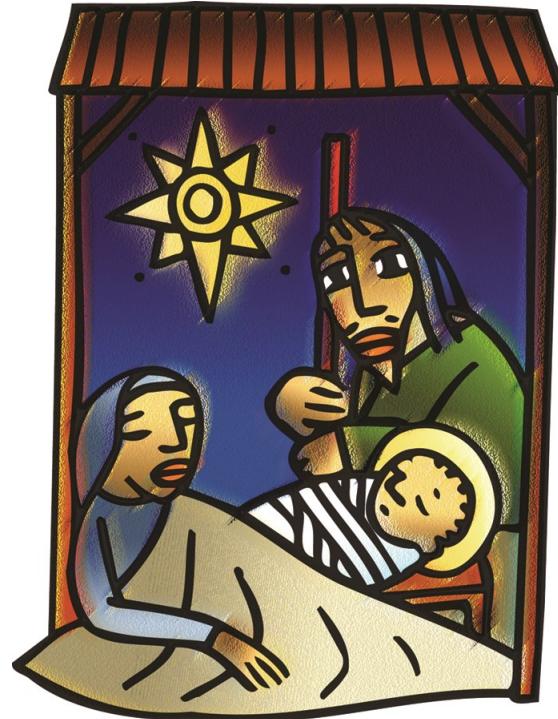


# Christmas Eve Eucharist

*December 24, 2021*

*3:45 pm Prelude, 4:00 pm Service*



*Holy Wisdom Monastery*

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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.*

**Prelude music** Sunday Assembly Instrumentalists  
 Bring a Torch , The Rose Tree Carol  
 Sunday Assembly Choir

## Gathering Hymn

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant, O  
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3.A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um phan - tes; ve -  
 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le-hem.  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
 ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le-hem.  
 Come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 "Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est":  
 Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.  
**Refrain:**  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
 3.Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! Do - mi-num.

Text: Latin, 18th century; attrib. to John Francis Wade. Transl. Frederick Oakeley, 1841 and others; alt.  
 Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, English melody, 18th century

## Welcome

**Blessing of the Crèche** Mary David Walgenbach, OSB, Prioress

## Christmas Gloria

Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o,  
 Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

Tune: GLORIA, French carol melody

## Opening Prayer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2021

- ❖ **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 [llemburger@HolyWisdomMonastery.org](mailto:llemburger@HolyWisdomMonastery.org)
- ❖ **Gender Neutral Restrooms** can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.
- ❖ **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://hollywisdommonastery.org/sunday-assembly/sunday-assembly-membership-form/>
- ❖ **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@hollywisdommonastery.org](mailto:nsandleback@hollywisdommonastery.org) or 608-836-1631, x105 to finalize your arrangements. Learn pricing and insights at [hollywisdommonastery.org/memorialcourtyard](https://hollywisdommonastery.org/memorialcourtyard)
- ❖ **As the New Year approaches, 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@hollywisdommonastery.org](mailto:abonomie@hollywisdommonastery.org).
- ❖ **Latinx Hispanic Ministry—Thank you to all who participated in the 2021 Latinx Hispanic Family Christmas Sharing Project.** We are excited to share that we sponsored 37 families and 93 children, sharing two gifts for each child, a \$300 gift card, and more than 90-lbs of groceries from The River Food Pantry to each family. As of Dec. 15, you shared \$10,115 in financial gifts from 45 donors and 34 participating volunteers. You are a beautiful, loving, and generous community.
- ❖ **New Member Ministry** is sponsoring a tour of the monastery after Sunday Assembly on January 9. We especially invite new members of Sunday Assembly, as well as other interested people. Catherine Cruickshank and Mark Hanson will provide an architectural tour and history of the monastery building. Catherine and Mark designed and built our facility. Please register with Lara Dulin at <https://rebrand.ly/HWMorientationjan9>
- ❖ **Liturgy of the Hours Schedule** Morning Prayer (8:00 am) and Evening Prayer (4:30 pm) will be held each day December 28 through 31. All are welcome to join us for prayer during this holy season.

## Concluding Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er -last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ner rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh, the God - head see; hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us sec - ond birth,

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
Tune: MENDELSSOHN 77 77D with refrain, from Felix Mendelssohn's *Festspiel*, 1840.

## We welcome you to Holy Wisdom Monastery!

Holy Wisdom Monastery is home to the Benedictine Women of Madison. For more than 68 years, we have shared a vision of prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth with the local and global community. We gather in Sunday Assembly for the celebration of Eucharist, composed of Word and Sacrament in continuity with the worship traditions of the main Christian churches. This Eucharist is ecumenical and inclusive, welcoming all who come to the table.

We are most happy to celebrate the great feast of Christmas with you today! If you are visiting, please sign our guest book in the gathering space.

Merry Christmas!

Additional announcements are found on the insert page of this bulletin.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Presider & Homilist** Lynne Smith, OSB    **Greeters** Donna Miller, Judy & Sal Troia

**First Reading** Michael Shinners

**Communion Ministers** Kathleen O'Reilly, Mary Kay Radtke, Denise West, OSB

**Cantor** Ann Baltes

**Euphonium** Katie Kretschman

**Piano** Sherri Hansen

**Sacristans** Diane Smith, Margaret Sommers    **Technology Assistant** Ryan Hall

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## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

## Liturgy of the Word

*All are seated.*

### First Reading

*Following each reading:*

**Reader** The Word of Salvation

**All** **Thanks be to God**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

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

### Psalm 96

To - day is born our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.

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### Second Reading

**Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**

**"Festival Alleluia"**

*All stand as you are able.*

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

Al - le-lu ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

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### Gospel

*Before the Gospel,*

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

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

**Luke 2:1-20**

*Following the Gospel,*

**Reader** The holy Gospel

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

### Homily

*All are seated.*

**Profession of Faith** *Response This is our faith. This is our hope.  
All stand as you are able.*

**General Intercessions** *Response God among us, hear our prayer.*

**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

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

**Presider** The Most High be with you.

**All** And also with you.

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Presider** Let us give thanks to our God.

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

We praise you, great and glorious God,  
for we who walked in darkness  
now see the light of your grace appear.

**For a child is born to us, a savior is given to us:**

**Jesus the Christ, born of Mary.**

**Born as the reflection of your glory,**  
**yet born as one of us,**  
**flesh of our human flesh, dwelling among us.**

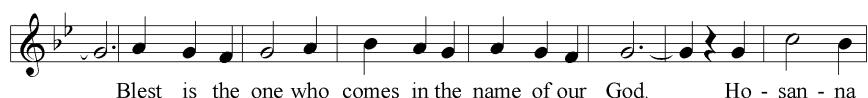
We praise and bless you, O God Most High,  
joining our voices with all the heavenly hosts, as we sing:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of pow-er, God of might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est.



Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God. Ho - san - na



in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high\_\_\_\_\_ est.

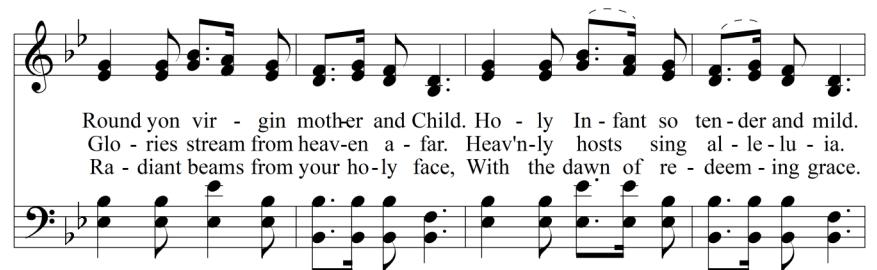
## Music during Communion

Night Long-Awaited/Noche de Paz, Sherri Hansen, arr.

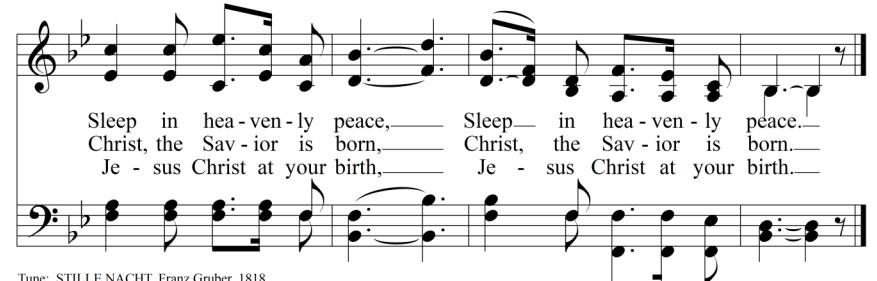
*All join in singing Silent Night, Holy Night*



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright!  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight!  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Child of God, love's pure light,



Round yon vir - gin moth-er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild.  
Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far. Heav'n-ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia.  
Ra - diant beams from your ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace.



Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
Christ, the Sav - ior is born, Christ, the Sav - ior is born.  
Je - sus Christ at your birth, Je - sus Christ at your birth.

Tune: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1818  
Music: Joseph Mohr, 1818, trans. John F. Young, alt.

## Prayer after Communion

## Final Blessing

## Dismissal

Through Christ.... forever and ever.



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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.

## 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.*

Glory to you, O God, in the highest heavens,  
and peace to all people on earth.

**Jesus came in your name, O God  
to bring good news of great joy,  
and to announce a time of favor.**

Before Jesus was to die, he who was born in Bethlehem  
took the bread of earth, blessed and broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
Take this all of you and eat. This is my body given up for you.

After the meal he took the cup, and after giving thanks,  
gave it to them saying:  
Take this all of you and drink.

This is the cup of my blood, poured out for people everywhere  
for the reconciliation of all.

This is a new and everlasting covenant.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:



The one who was first laid on the wood of the crib  
was nailed to the wood of the cross.  
But death had no final claim on him.  
His resurrection is the promise we share.

**God of love, give us new birth through the Spirit.  
May that Spirit come with power  
upon our gifts of bread and wine and upon us,  
that we become more fully  
the incarnation of Jesus in our time and place.**

Gracious God, gather together all the churches  
and faiths of the world to seek the unity that comes from love.

**Give peace to all our beloved dead  
and bring them with all your saints  
into the company of Mary and Joseph.  
May the poor of the earth hear the good news  
and may all the ends of the earth come to see your glory  
and the saving love you have shown in Jesus.**