

❖ **TODAY:**

- **Childcare** is available during worship
- **Choir rehearsal** after worship
- ❖ **Upcoming special liturgies and events:**
 - December 18- **Children's Ministry**- Children ages 6-9 are invited for some learning and prayer time during Liturgy of the Word. If you have questions or you are an adult interested in listening to God with the children (willing to sit along as a second adult), contact Sarah Wilkin Gibart (sjwilkin09@gmail.com).
 - December 24- **Christmas Eve Service** at 4:00 pm All are welcome!
 - December 25- **Christmas Day Service** at 9:00 am All are welcome!
- ❖ Sunday Assembly members, Ann Baltés, Sherri Hansen, and Bill Rosholt are singing in the upcoming **Wisconsin Chamber Choir, "Snow Samba,"** The concert is on Saturday, December 17th at 7:30 PM at Luther Memorial Church in Madison. This unique concert features the world premiere of Samba da Neve by Minnesota composer Ann Millikan. The program will include arrangements of favorite carols and music about winter, with works by Claude Debussy, Astor Piazzolla, Abbie Betinis, Stephen Chatman, and Giles Swayne. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students, available in advance from www.wisconsinchamberchoir.org and at the door.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presider & Homilist Rex Piercy

First Reading Sandy Adams

Second Reading Kathleen O'Reilly

Cantor Ann Baltés

Piano/Organ Lynn Lemberger

Technology Assistant Bill Rosholt

Greeters Janine Edwards, Jeanie &

Steve Tomasko

Communion Ministers Lila Hemlin,

David & Allison McKee

Euphonium Katie Kretschman

Sacristans Margaret Sommers, Diane Smith

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Gathering Hymn

There is a Longing



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O God for you to re-



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Verses

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,



1. for free - dom, for mer - cy: hear our prayer. In
2. for cour - age, for com - fort: hear our prayer. In
3. for whole - ness, for new life: hear our prayer. In



1. sor - row, in grief: }
 2. weak - ness, in fear: }
 3. sick - ness, in death: }
- be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Greeting

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

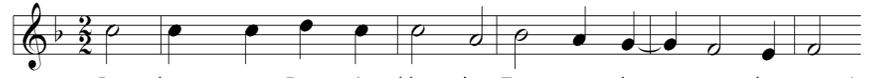
Following each reading:

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

Lo, How A Rose



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem has sprung!
2. I - sa - iah had fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.
With Mar - y we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where;



It came a flow - 'ret bright, a - mid the cold of
To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a
True hu - man, yet true God, from sin and death now



win - ter, when half spent was the night.
Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
save us, and share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11.1, German, 15th century; Tr: Theodore Baker, 1894; alt.
Tune: ES IST EIN ROS 7 6 7 6 6 7 6, *Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1599

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.
- ❖ **Gender Neutral Restrooms** can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.
- ❖ **Pastoral Care Services** are available to members of the Holy Wisdom Monastery communities. For more information or to receive care, contact Sandy Adams at 608-833-2058.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Memorial Courtyard** – The quiet, protected, and sacred space of the Memorial Courtyard is offered to all Sunday Assembly members, as a final resting place for interment. Contact the Mission Advancement team at hwm@holywisdommonastery.org or 608-836-1631, x105.
- ❖ **Our sincere sympathy** to Charles McLimans and Rich Merrion, and the McLimans family at the death of Charles' mother, Doris Lou McLimans on December 4. May she find eternal rest and peace in God's love.

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

Psalm 146

O God, come and save us.

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Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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

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 that belongs to this season of the year
so that our souls may be renewed
and our life in your Spirit may flourish.**

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 creation:



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.

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.

**In him we see the very image and likeness
of your presence and goodness among us-
the promise of Emmanuel.**

The night before he died Jesus took bread into his hands.
Raising his heart to you, he gave thanks and said:
Take this all of you and eat. This is my body.
At the end of the meal, he took a cup of wine.

Again he gave thanks and shared it with them saying:
Take this all of you and drink.
This is a new covenant of my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
so that creation may be reconciled.
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 offer 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 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.**