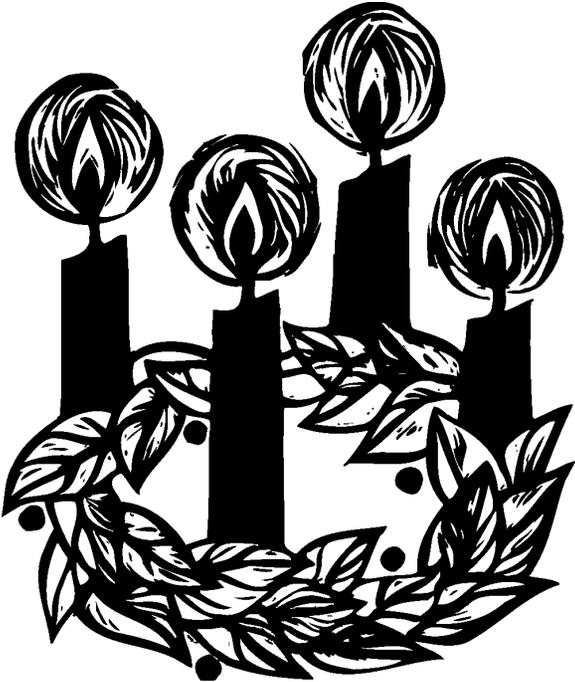


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022



January 10th, 6:30-7:45 pm. Our balance with creation stems from our responsible consumerism. Presenters will be Lynn Bradley Leopold from Reuse movement in upstate New York and nationally along with Joe Spair from Pellitteri Waste System on Recycling. Register online by January 9 at <https://holywisdommonastery.org/event/climate-action-reduce-reuse-recycle/> for this free program.

- ❖ NOTE: Monastery offices will be closed December 23-January 2.
- ❖ **Join us in giving to sustain the tradition of Holy Wisdom Monastery** Make your year-end gift online at holywisdommonastery.org/support/donate-today/ or by check. For checks to be counted toward 2022 taxes, they must be **postmarked before December 31st**. If hand-delivering your check, we recommend dropping it in the donation box at Sunday Assembly on or before December 25th, as the monastery will be closed the following week. Contact the mission advancement office with questions: blf@holywisdommonastery.org, or 608-836-1631, x124.
- ❖ **TODAY:**
 - **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).
 - **Choir rehearsal** after worship
- ❖ **Upcoming special liturgies and events:**
 - Saturday, December 24- **Christmas Eve Service** at 4:00 pm, Special music begins at 3:45 pm. All are welcome!
 - Sunday, December 25- **Christmas Day Service** at 9:00 am All are welcome!
 - Sunday, January 1- **Sunday after Christmas Service** at 9:00 am and **Children's Ministry** during worship.

2022 Annual Giving Update

*Annual revenue raised Jan 1 – Dec 11, 2022; compared to annual budget.

Care for the Sisters	210%	\$31,619 of \$15,000
Friends of Wisdom Prairie	83%	\$23,352 of \$28,000
Oblates	156%	\$28,221 of \$18,000
Sunday Assembly	79%	\$213,252 of \$270,000
Wisdom Fund Annual Fund	55%	\$305,306 of \$557,404 <small>*Unrestricted, where most needed</small>

Annual Budget Goal

Learn more at www.HolyWisdomMonastery.org or contact the mission advancement team at hwm@HolyWisdomMonastery.org or 608-836-1631, 124.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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| Presider Paul Knitter | Homilist Wayne Sigelko |
| First Reading Alan Joranlien | Greeters Patricia Donovan, Louise Johnson & Dick Russo |
| Second Reading Ryan Pierce | Communion Ministers Paula & Bob Dinndorf, Scott Shimanski |
| Cantor Grace Rosholt | Euphonium Katie Kretschman |
| Piano/Organ Lynn Lemberger | Technology Assistant Bill Rosholt |
| Guitar Vicki Clark | |
| Sacristan Ann McBride | |
| Candle bearer Liliana Bonomie | |

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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.

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Following each reading:

Reader The Word of Salvation
All Thanks be to God

Isaiah 7:10-14

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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Climate Action Sessions are back!!** *Reuse, Reduce, Recycle* (Zoom program) on

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

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

Psalm 80

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

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Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

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 1:18-25

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.

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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.**