

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 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ NOTE: Monastery offices will be closed December 26-January 2.
- ❖ **Liturgy of the Hours Schedule** Morning Prayer (8:00 am) and Evening Prayer (4:30 pm) will be held each day December 27 through 30. All are welcome to join us for prayer during this holy season.
- ❖ **Upcoming special liturgies and events:**
 - January 1- **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).
 - **Sunday, February 5, in the Assembly Room, from 4 to 6 p.m.** "Body, Heart, Spirit: Integrative Health" David Rakel, M.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at UW-Madison, and founder of the Integrative Health Program is our guest speaker. Focusing on compassion care, empathy, human relationship, and listening – Dr. Rakel brings to medical care a balanced and wholistic approach. Come and be encouraged to become stronger self-advocates in your own health care, to make integrative and proactive choices promoting the fullness of your health and well-being.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presider Terry Larson

Lector Susanna Bradley

Homilist Sue Larson

Organ/Piano Lynn Lemberger

Violin Grace Rosholt

Greeters Charles Bradley, Judy Collins

Cantor Anna Purnell

Communion Minister Sally Bowers

Technology Assistant Mike Crawford

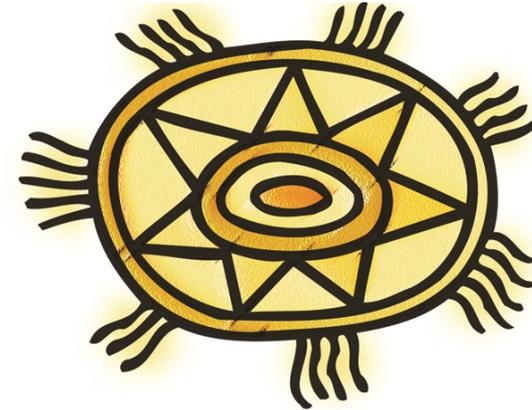
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Christmas Day Eucharist

December 25, 2022

9:00 am Service



Holy Wisdom Monastery

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We welcome you to Holy Wisdom Monastery!

Holy Wisdom Monastery is home to the Benedictine Women of Madison. For nearly 70 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!

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!
ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus, 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

Greeting & Welcome

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

Communion Hymn

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 you 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

Closing 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 *Festtag*, 1840.

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



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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.*

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

All are seated.

First Reading

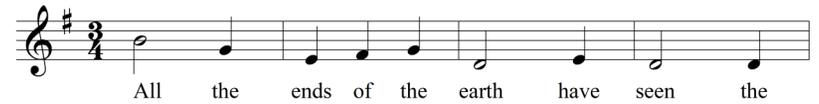
Isaiah 52:7-10

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.*

Psalm 98



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Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

Gospel Acclamation

“Festival Alleluia”

All stand as you are able.



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Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

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:

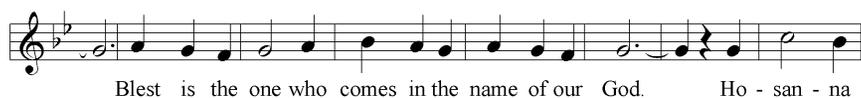
Jesus the Christ, born of Mary.

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:



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 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.**