Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Holy Wisdom Monastery

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- **Presider** Steve Zwettler
- **First Reading** Ann Baltes
- **Second Reading** Kathy Heskin
- **Homilist** Terry Larson
- **Piano/Organ** Lynn Lemberger
- **Guitar** Vicki Clark
- **Sunday Assembly Choir**
- **Sacristan** Marge Fersl
- **Greeters** Donna Miller, Joyce & Gary Wodka
- **Cantor** Sherri Hansen
- **Communion Ministers** Mary Kaye Radlke, Jeannie & Steve Tomasko
- **Euphonium** Katie Kretschman
- **Choir Accompanist** Sherri Hansen
- **Technology Assistant** Tony Wilkin Gibart

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more informed about Holy Wisdom. The program will include brief but lively highlights of the monastery’s offerings and time for you to ask questions.

- **Hospitality Sunday** All are encouraged to bring a food item to share. It is also a time for the Sunday Assembly community to greet and meet and get to know other members, especially our new members! Please provide a small sign for your item if it is gluten-free, or contains nuts or alcohol.

- **Art Exhibit** “Seeing the Sacred Beyond the Beautiful” by painter & photographer Terrill Knaack will run through June. Today, Terrill will be present after worship to hand out information and answer questions about his exhibit. Photographs will be available for purchase.

❖ **Next Sunday, May 7**

- **Pluralism Sunday** Pluralism Sunday, initiated by Progressive Christianity.org, celebrates religious diversity in our interfaith world, recognizing that we can grow closer to God and deeper in compassion, and understand our own traditions better through a more intimate awareness of and engagement with the world’s religions. The Liturgy Committee recommended the addition of Pluralism Sunday to our liturgical (church) calendar in 2017. We are an ecumenical community. Ecumenism means understanding one’s own religious/spiritual identity in a way that not only makes room for people of other faiths, but also invites us to live with and learn from people of other faiths, and to understand ourselves as a faith community in a way that doesn’t denigrate others. The first Sunday of May was selected for this observance to coincide with the celebrations held by other churches. Our observance will be marked with special prayers and music.

- **Children’s Ministry** Children ages 6-9 are invited for some learning and prayer time during the Liturgy of the Word. Once dismissed, we will go downstairs to the room next to the library. If you need to get your child early, take the elevator down, go toward the library. We are in the room just to the right. The Hospitality Room will be available if little ones need space to stretch. Contact Sarah Wilkin Gibart (sjwilkin09@gmail.com) with questions or to offer your help.

- **Sunday Assembly Choir** will rehearse after worship.

- **Training for Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound** A training session will be held in the Board Room after worship on May 7 for those who are willing to take communion to members of Sunday Assembly who are ill or homebound. Steve Zwettler will provide training. If you are interested in serving in this capacity or if you are homebound and wish to receive communion or Pastoral Care services, please contact Sandy Adams on the Pastoral Care Team at 608-833-2058 or adamsandra454@gmail.com.

❖ **Climate Action Event—Advocacy Fair, May 21** after worship, 10 organizations will be available for ways to provide systemic change to Climate Change + household items displayed for climate actions.

❖ **Liturgical Ministers** Please submit your availability to serve as cantors, Communion ministers, greeters, homilists, lectors, presiders and tech assistants through the Ministry Scheduler website by May 8. Check your email for the notice to submit your availability. If you have trouble using the website call Lynn Lemberger at 608-836-1631, x138 for help. Thank you for your service to the entire Sunday Assembly Community!

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**Gathering Hymn**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;
4. He lives, all glory to his name;

What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, to plead for me a bove death;
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives;

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
What joy the blest assurance gives;
He lives, my everlasting Head!
He lives, to help in time of need;
He lives, to bring me safely there;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**Sprinkling Rite**

**Water of Life**

Water of life, holy reminder, touching, renewing the body of Christ.

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**Opening Prayer**
Liturgical of the Word

First Reading
Acts 2:42-47

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 23

Antiphon

O God, you are my shepherd, there is nothing I shall need.

Beside the still waters my God refreshes me.

Verse

... there is nothing I shall need. ... my God refreshes me.

Second Reading
1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Acclamation
Honduran Alleluia

¡Al-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya! ¡Al-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya! ¡A-le-
lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya! ¡El Señor resucitó!

Traditional Honduran melody

Gospel
Before the Gospel,
Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All Glory to you, O Christ

Closing Hymn
Resucitó

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Recessional

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. A special visitors table near the dining room entrance, hosted by our friendliest members is available for our visitors and guests. Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

❖ Communion from the Cup The Monastic Ritual Team and the Liturgy Committee have chosen to resume offering Communion from the cup. Keeping with our tradition of the ‘common cup’, a Communion minister at the station behind the altar, will offer the wine to those who wish to partake. This option is available at one’s own discretion.

❖ 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.

❖ 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.

❖ Evolutionary Exploration Series of Presentations Join us for the last session—”Mission” Evolution and Transformation, held from 10:00-11:30 am on May 2. Register at: https://holywisdommonastery.org/event/evolutionary-exploration/

❖ Today:

• Blessing of New Members We welcome and bless our new Sunday Assembly members who have joined since September.
• New Sunday Assembly Members introduced September 25, 2022 and April 30, 2023 are invited to enjoy our April 30th Hospitality Sunday potluck buffet in the Sisters Dining Room where there will be a special meet and greet session for these new member classes. This hospitality event is designed to foster relationships among new Sunday Assembly members and to help our members become
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 locations in the room.

On station is behind the altar, with the option to also receive the wine.
Other stations, with only the bread, are at the side exit and near the piano.

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing of New Sunday Assembly Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined Sunday Assembly since September 2022.

Shea (Sharon) Head & Kathy LaPlante
Manato Jansen
Katie Mead Griffiths
Diane Morris
Nick Traxler & Murillo Alves Zacareli
Sylvia Adrian
Natalie, Aaron & Vince Owen
Ann FitzGerald & David Dreyer
Alan Joranlien
Helen Christiansen & Alan Heggen

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Following the Gospel,

Reader  The holy Gospel
All  Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Profession of Faith  Response:  This is our faith. This is our hope.

General Intercessions  Response: Risen Savior, 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.

Choral Meditation  Do This In Remembrance of Me

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer III for Easter

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.

All praise and thanks be yours, O God of life,
through Jesus Christ, whose victory has become an eternal dawn
and has brought new life to all people.

Bursting through the darkness of evil and despair,
you swept away the empty power of death
and raised your beloved above the heights,
making Jesus the eternal Christ of all.

On this day every creature steps in joy.
On this day every bruise gives way to blessing.
On this day every angel and ancient joins our song.
Hosanna for the victory of the cross!

Therefore, O loving God, we give you praise,
and we raise our song with all the hosts of heaven
for the victory of Christ this day over death,
and the bright promise of life that never ends:
When Jesus gave himself into your loving hands, he breathed forth the Spirit on all the world. Breathe now that same Spirit on us and on our table, making us into the Body of Christ.

As we gather in the joy of the resurrection, we pray for the gift of your Spirit. Descend upon us with the fire of your anointing, that all the world might be renewed in everlasting life.

On the night before Jesus met with death, he came to table with those he loved. He took bread and praised you, God of all creation. He broke the bread among his friends and said: “Take this, all of you and eat. This is my body given up for you.”

When supper was ended, he poured a final cup of wine and blessed you, God of all creation. He passed the cup among his friends and said: “Take this, all of you, and drink. This cup is a new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for people everywhere for the reconciliation of all. Do this in memory of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Gathered from every time and place, we bring to you the needs of all. Pour out your Spirit of life upon our world. Grant us the fullness of your lasting peace.

We pray for people everywhere who yearn for life and peace. We pray for those who lead us in government and in faith. We pray for reverence and care for the earth and all its creatures. We pray for those who search for meaning in their lives. We pray for the sick and the dying. We lift up to you all our beloved dead.

O Fire of Eternal Light, receive our table prayer of praise. Gathered in the brilliance of this feast, with unfettered joy we sing your victory!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ… forever and ever.

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

Come and eat this living bread, take and drink this wine.

Come be nourished, healed and fed, shaped into God’s sign.

Gathered round as family, many are made one.

Forming love’s community, one we now become.