Fifth Sunday of Easter
Pluralism Sunday

May 7, 2023

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Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

Ministry Scheduler Pro website by Monday, **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!

❖ Ned O'Reilly's Pile of Cats Theatre Company is stepping up to the big time, performing his new play, 'There's An App 4 That' at the Bartell Theatre from May 19-27. It's a two-act, near future story about letting your devices run your lives. A mystery, a rom-com, a not-so-rom-com. And it's funny. Satirical, thought-provoking, but also a comedy, featuring Ned's trademark wit and identity crises. Tickets are available at the Bartell Theatre website. Come out and support live art by the most-produced playwright in Madison.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presider Jerry Folk
First Reading Kathy Folk
Cantor Nancy Didion
Sacristan Ann McBride
Piano/Organ Lynn Lemberger
Technology Assistant Bill Rosholt
Greeters Amy Ryan & family
Second Reading Rita Emmenegger
Homilist Leora Weitzman
Communion Ministers Sandy Adams, Sally Bowers, Kathleen O'Reilly, Lynne Smith, OSB

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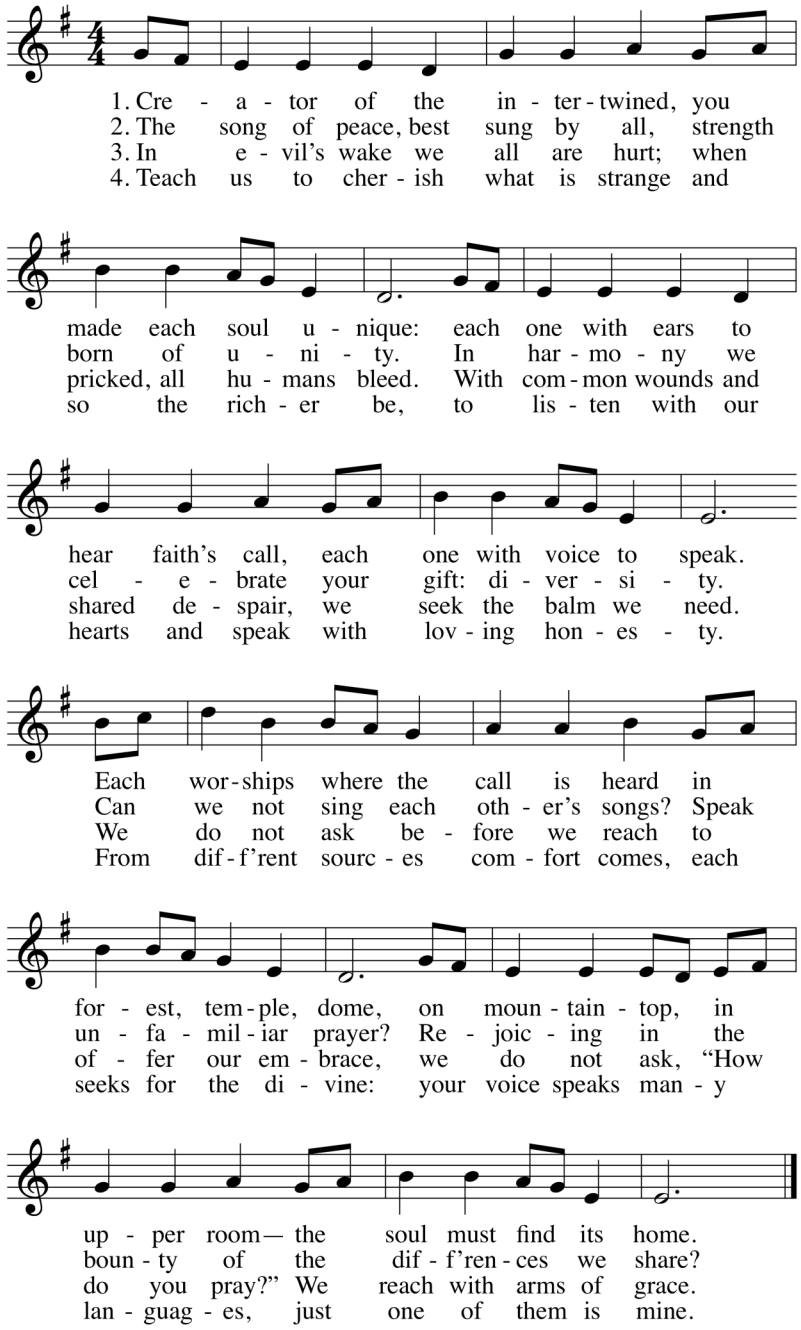
Announcements

- **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.
- **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.
- **Today:**
  - **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 for those who are willing to take communion to members of Sunday Assembly who are ill or homebound. Steve Zwettler will provide the training.
  - **Kids On the Prairie** Meet at the kiosk in the parking lot at 10:30 am. We're exploring Lost Lake. All are welcome.
- **Next Sunday, May 14**
  - **Childcare** will be offered during worship.
  - **Sunday Assembly Choir** will rehearse after worship.
- **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

Gathering Hymn — Creator of the Intertwined



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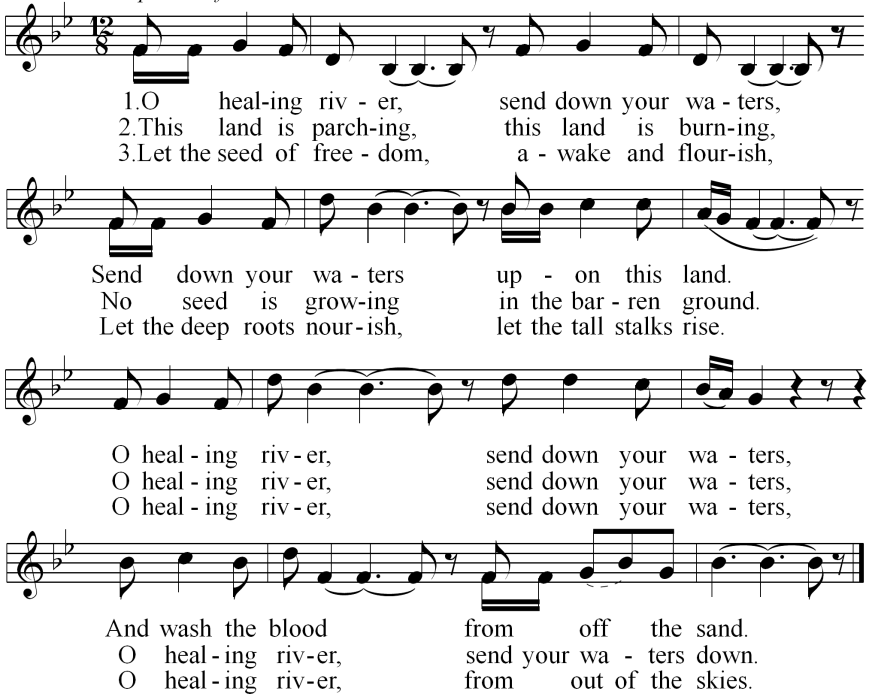
Sprinkling Rite

O Healing River

All echo each phrase after the cantor:



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Dismissal for Children's Ministry

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

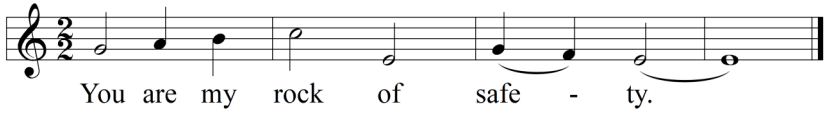
First Reading — Acts 7:55-60

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 31



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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

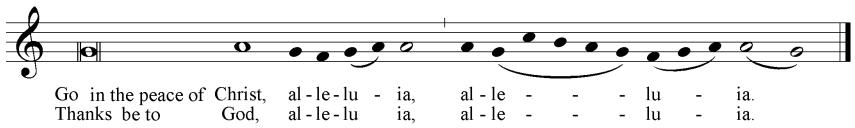
Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive Communion.
Come to any one of the locations in the room–
at side exit, on the opposite side near the piano, or behind the altar.
The presider will offer the cup of wine behind the altar for those who wish to receive.

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

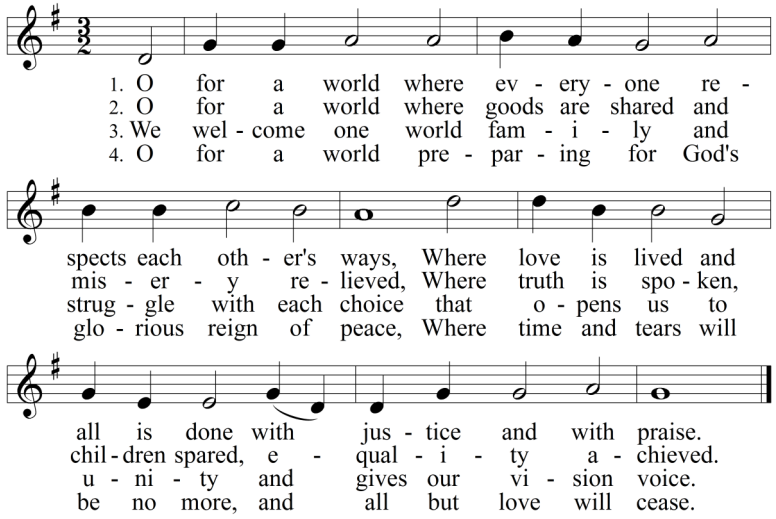
Prayer after Communion

Final Blessing

Dismissal



Closing Hymn — O For a World



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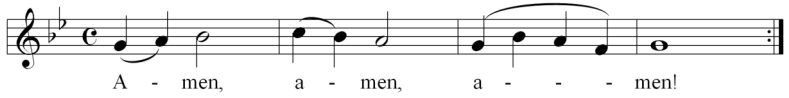
Gathered from every time and place, we bring to you the needs of all.
Pour out your Spirit of life upon our world.
Grant us the fullness of your lasting peace.

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.



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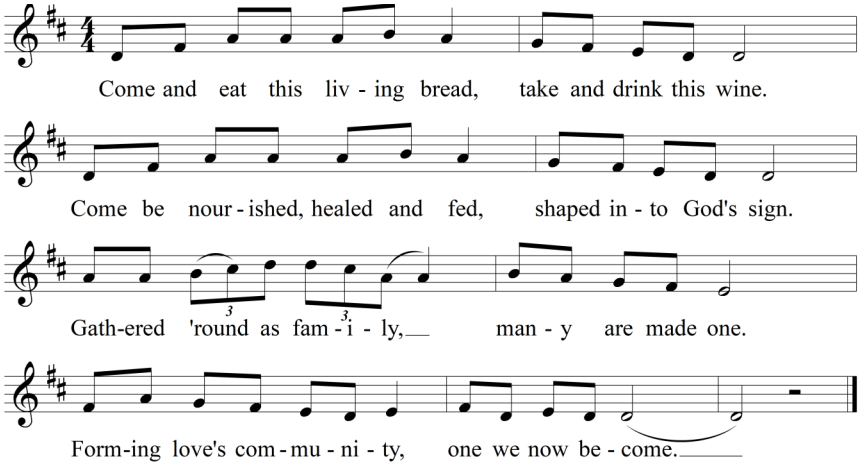
The Prayer of Jesus

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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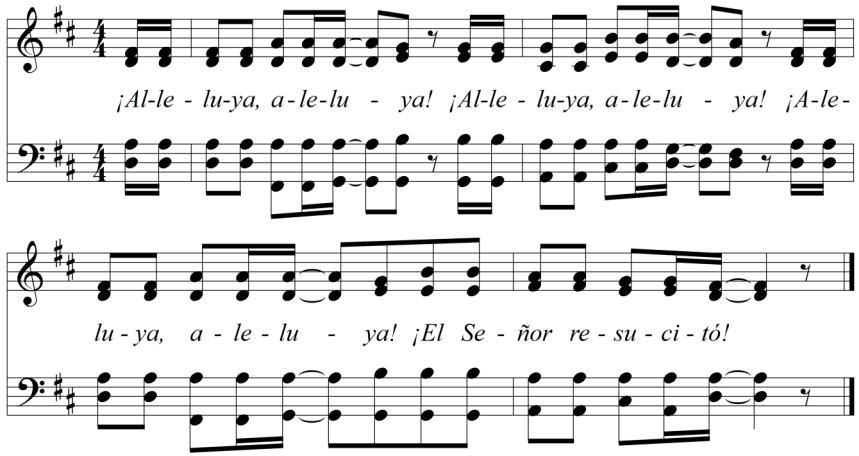
Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Acclamation — *Honduran Alleluia*

Traditional Honduran melody

Gospel — John 14:1-14

Before the Gospel,
Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All **Glory to you, O Christ**
Following the Gospel,
Reader The holy Gospel
All **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ**

Homily

Interfaith Prayer for Pluralism Sunday

Leader Holy Wisdom, on this Pluralism Sunday
we celebrate religious diversity in our multi-faith world.
We believe these differences enrich us all,
and do not claim that our religion is superior to others.
Seeking your guidance in our efforts to work together for peace,
we make this prayer of commitment.
Gracious Maker of us all,
we commit ourselves to giving mutual respect to people of all races, cultures, spiritualities, religions, or no religion, all around the world.

All **We commit ourselves to celebrating our spiritual, religious, cultural, racial and personal diversity, and to making more opportunities for greater understanding.**

Leader We commit ourselves to creating dialogue,
so that there will be an increase of trust and cooperation
among individuals, among communities and among nations.

**All We commit ourselves to working for justice and freedom
for all people, so that there can be true peace in our world.**

Leader We commit ourselves to forgiving one another
for past and present prejudices and injustices.

**All We commit ourselves to supporting one another
in our common efforts to overcome all forms of discrimination,
hatred, greed, and violence.**

Leader We commit ourselves to taking the side of the poor and the
oppressed, to speaking out for those who have no voice,
and to working effectively to change these conditions.

**All We commit ourselves to promoting friendship and solidarity
among people,
for we are convinced that increased understanding
of one another will bring peace and justice.
This prayer of commitment we bring to you,
O Loving Creator. Amen.**

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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer III for Easter

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

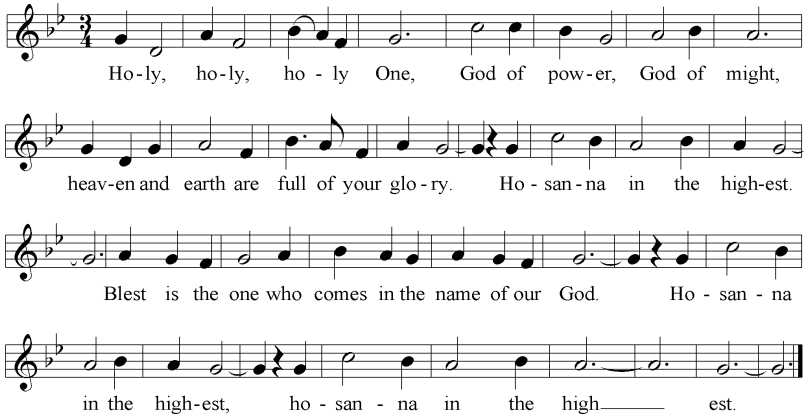
Presider: May the Holy One be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to our God.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the God of all.
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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!**

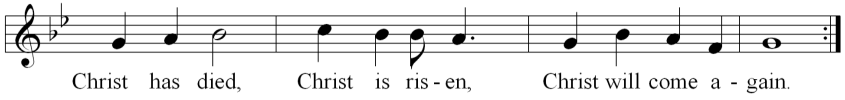
Therefore, O loving God, we give you praise,
and we raise our song with all the hosts of heaven
for the victory of Christ this day over death,
and the bright promise of life that never ends:



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.