Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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Liturgical Ministers

Presider & Homilist Paul Markquart  Greeters Louise Johnson & Dick Russo,
First Reading Christine Pasinski Thomas  Jeanne Marquis
Second Reading Roberta Felker  Cantor Anna Purnell
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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.

Today:
• Childcare will be offered during worship.
• Sunday Assembly Choir will rehearse briefly after worship.

Next Sunday, May 21, Solemnity of the Ascension
• Climate Action Event – Advocacy Fair after worship, 10 organizations will be available for ways to provide systemic change to Climate Change + artistic movement will inspire us and household items displayed for climate actions.
• 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.
• 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.
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...
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.

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

Opening Prayer
Liturgical Prayer
First Reading
Acts 17:22-31
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 66
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading
1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Acclamation
Honduran Alleluia

Gospel
John 14:15-21
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
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.

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.