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 see https://HolyWisdomMonastery.org or contact Lynn Lemberger, llemberger@holywisdommonastery.org. 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 Jane Ahlstrom at 608-222-5139 or janeahlstrom@sbsglobal.net.

❖ Friends of Wisdom Prairie Note Cards are for sale in the gathering space all the time. They feature lovely pictures taken here on the prairie. Envelopes for payment are available next to the card display and can be deposited in the donation box under the TV screen. We appreciate all that you can do and know you will enjoy seeing the pictures as you send the note cards to loved ones. Cost is $3.00 for one or $10.00 for four.

❖ Today:
  • 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.

❖ Next Sunday, August 27
  • Childcare is available during worship.
  • 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, guests and visitors! Please provide a small sign for your item if it is gluten-free, or contains nuts or alcohol.
Gathering Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Christ shall true hearts ev'ry where;
Join hands, then, people of the faith,
In Christ now meet both East and West.

1. But one great family of love
2. God's service is the gold-en cord
3. One joy-ous, hu-man fam-i-ly
4. through-out the whole wide earth.

Opening Prayer

Dismissal for Children’s Ministry

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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 67

God, let all the people praise you, all the na-tions of the earth.

Communion Hymn

In Boldness, Look to God

MORNING SONG

Mary Louise Bringle

Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional
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

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.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation


Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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: Loving God, 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 V for Ordinary Time

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.
God of amazing surprises.
Creator of tiny insects and awesome planets.
Designer of Earth’s wonders.
Giver of life and laughter.

We praise your passionate love hidden,
yet revealed, everywhere in the cosmos.
We thank you that from the beginning,
you called us into partnership with all creation
in the holy dance that is all of life
in your Divine Presence.

May our voices join with all creation to praise you
with unending joy:

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 memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

God of all hope, help us to live as a new body,
brught to birth by the Spirit of the Risen One
in acts of forgiveness, healing and justice.

Give us strength to support all who suffer.
Grant us courage to work for peace in places torn by violence,
hatred and war.

Keep us dedicated to honor our partnership with
your holy creation,
that the land, water, air, plants and animals,
and all humanity
may reflect your divine beauty.

We thank you for all those through the ages
who have heard your call and followed your way.
We lift up our loved ones who have died, and those most in need.
Let this meal nourish us to go into the world
to heal and serve one another,
and fulfill the vision of unity that Jesus taught.

All join in singing the Doxology and Amen: