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, lemberger@holwisdommonastery.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 worshiping 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@sbcglobal.net.

❖ Today:
  • 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.

❖ Next Sunday, September 3:
  • 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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

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Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.
**Gathering Hymn**

Who is This Jesus

1. Who is this Jesus, whose voice we have heard, whose
2. Who is this Jesus, whose light we have seen, whose
3. Who is this Jesus, whose love we have known, whose
4. Jesus is human, our flesh and our blood, but

actions reveal and illumine God’s word, whose
shining in splendor turns barren earth green, whose
hunger and pain were as real as our own, whose
also the image and fullness of God. This

stories surprising new insights impart, whose
rising in glory prevails over death, whose
power and compassion are with us to heal, whose
Jesus is Christ and on him we depend, our

Gospel is joy for the humble of heart?
Spirit of wisdom gives beauty and breath?
life in a bun-dance we share in this meal?
solid rock center, beginning, and end.

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**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**

Blessing & Dismissal

**Closing Hymn**

Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You

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Tune: SLANE

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Tune: HOLY MANNA
All join in singing the Doxology and Amen:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer V

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

1. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us.
2. Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us.
3. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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:

We praise you, O God, who calls us to deep intimacy
in this Eucharistic celebration.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts +
as we offer thanks for the bread and the cup
that will heal our hearts and transform our lives.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and passed it to his friends saying:
Take this all of you and eat. This is my body given for you.

At the end of the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine.
Again he gave you thanks and praise, and shared the cup with his
friends 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 memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

God of all hope, help us to live as a new body,
brought 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.