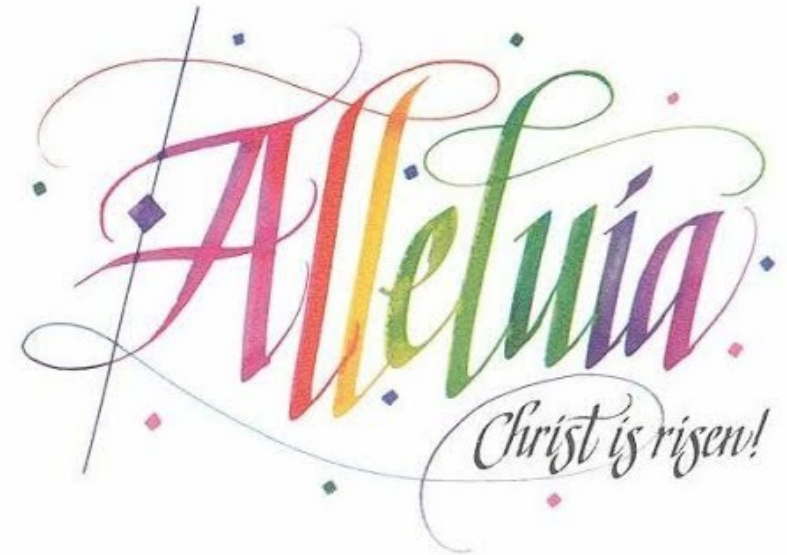


THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER MOST HOLY NIGHT

March 30, 2024



Holy Wisdom Monastery

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

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Introduction

All stand as you are able.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

All are seated.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

And God saw that it was good,
and there was eve-ning, and mor - ning.

Response

We praise you, O God for
all your works are won-der-ful. We praise you, O
God for - ev - er is your love.

Following each reading:

Reader: The Word of Salvation

All: Thanks be to God

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

Holy Wisdom Monastery Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Holy Wisdom Monastery, home of Benedictine Women of Madison and a community of ecumenical Benedictine communities, weaves prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into a shared way of life.

Vision Holy Wisdom Monastery welcomes people into sacred space and our community of communities to pray, study and nourish one another. Compelled by the Gospel and rooted in the Benedictine tradition, we support personal and community growth as we live out our mission and values in a changing world.

Values The Benedictine values of beauty, balance, simplicity, silence and respect for people provide board members, coworkers and members of related communities with common guidelines for day-to-day functioning and the implementation of the Aims.

Sunday Assembly Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Sunday Assembly of Holy Wisdom Monastery is an ecumenical Christian community rooted in Benedictine spirituality. In our weekly liturgy of prayer, music and contemplation, we share Eucharist with all, without exception, and nourish our commitment to peace and justice.

Vision We seek to grow spiritually and joyfully through the transforming power of love and service as proclaimed in the Gospel.

Values We value hospitality, inclusivity, ecumenism, care for the earth, compassion and justice.

The sisters, and the Sunday Assembly welcome you to Holy Wisdom Monastery! We are so happy that you have joined us today!

If this is your first time here, please come again!
You are standing on Holy Ground, a place that accepts all, and loves all, no matter what Christian denomination or background you come from...
At Holy Wisdom Monastery we are all one family in the eyes of God, and everyone is encouraged to find a spiritual home with us.
We wish you a joy-filled Easter season!



Second Reading

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Response

The First Song of Isaiah

Slow

Surly it is God who saves us, We will Trust in God and not be afraid For -
God is our strong hold and our sure defense and God will be our Savior

Third Reading

Baruch 3: 9-15,32-4:4

Response:

God, You have the Words

God you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life, the
words of ev - er - last - ing life.

In silence we proceed outside to the Patio for the lighting of the Easter Fire.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Greeting

Blessing of the Easter Fire

Dedication and Lighting of the Easter Candle

**All: May the light of Christ, rising in glory
Dispel the darkness from our hearts and minds.**

Procession

All follow the Easter Candle and process to the Assembly Room.

We join in singing the response:

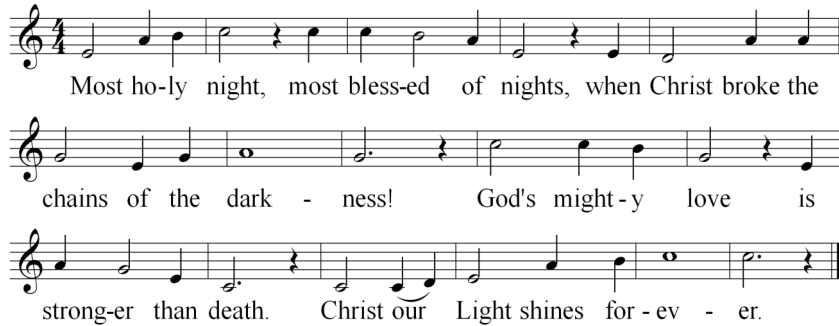
Cantor: Christ our light.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Exsultet

Most Holy Night

To light your candle, please tip it toward your neighbor's upright lighted candle



Most ho-ly night, most bless-ed of nights, when Christ broke the
chains of the dark - ness! God's might-y love is
strong-er than death. Christ our Light shines for - ev - er.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading

All are seated.

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

We ring the monastery bell

Luther College choir to give free concert at Holy Wisdom on

Saturday, April 20, at 3:00pm: Holy Wisdom will welcome the wonderful sounds of the Luther College Collegiate Chorale for a performance on Saturday, April 20, at 3:00pm in the Assembly Room. This choir is made up of 30 talented soprano and alto voices, **INCLUDING Sunday Assembly member, Grace Rosholt**, who is a sophomore music education major at Luther College. The choir will share a program of diverse and exquisitely-sung music in this beautiful concert. The concert is free and open to the public. We hope you will join us on April 20!

Overnight Hosts Needed: We are also looking for Sunday Assembly members who would be willing and able to host either 2 or 4 of these college choir members overnight in your home on the night of April 20, returning them to Holy Wisdom the next morning. **Please contact Sunday Assembly members Ann Baltes or Bill Rosholt** if you would be willing to host choir members overnight in your home of if you would like more information. Phone: (608) 513-3562 or Email: abaltes@chorus.net.

The Quest for Healing and Home – The Great Search 2: Celtic teacher John Philip Newell and his colleague Cami Twilling return to the monastery May 9-11 with their second annual retreat created to address the deep spiritual yearnings of this moment in time. They invite you to explore with them the search for awareness, for spiritual and physical wellness, and for love. Registration for this retreat can be found on the Holy Wisdom Monastery website. The registration deadline is May 1.

Name Tags: Please feel free to make a name tag for yourselves. Materials are available in the Gathering space.



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. Gold 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.

Liturgical Ministers

- Presider/Homilist S. Lynne Smith
- Lector: Roberta Felker, Sandy Adams,
 Anna Purnell, Rita Emmenegger
- Greeters: Liliana Bonomie, Zeke Mossman, Amy Ryan
- Communion: Alison McKee, David McKee, Julie Melton
- Cantor: Ann Baltes, Bill Rosholt
- Sacristan: Diane Smith, Margaret Sommers
- Technology: Tony Gibart
- Dir Music: Bill Frederick
- Violin Grace Rosholt
- Cello: Max Dyer

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING THE VIGIL!!

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“Genesis Reading for the Great Vigil” by: Rory Cooney, GIA Publications, “The First Song of Isaiah” by: Jack Noble White, HW. Gray Publications, “God, You Have The Words” by: Rawn Harbor, GIA Publications, “Most Holy Night” by: Dan Schutte, OCP Publications, “Festival Alleluia” by: James Chepponis, GIA Publications, “Easter Alleluia” “River of Glory” by: Dan Schutte, OCP Publications, Mass of Creation by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications, “Be Known To Us Christ Jesus” Augsburg Fortress Publications, “Creator of the Human Race” Becket G. Senchus, OSB, World Library Publications.

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Before the Gospel,

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
All: Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

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

Homily

Renewal of Baptism

Blessing of Water

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

All respond: “I do.”

Sprinkling Rite

O Healing River

*Cantor:**

1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 2. This land is parch-ing, this land is
 3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and

wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters
 burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing
 flour-ish, Let the deep roots nour-ish,

up - on this land. O heal - ing
 in the bar - ren ground. O heal - ing
 let the tall stalks rise. O heal - ing

riv - er, send down your wa - ters, And wash the
 riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing
 riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing

blood from off the sand.
 riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
 riv - er, from out of the skies.

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 for the Easter Vigil

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

Presider: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All glorious and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus, our risen savior.

We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter night.

Jesus is risen!

The power of death could not contain him;

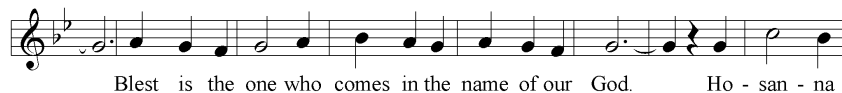
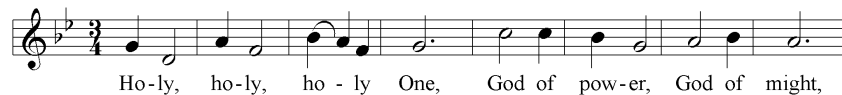
the stone was moved and he broke forth from the tomb;

he appeared to the women,

offering them and all believers new life.

The joy of the risen life of Jesus renews the whole world.

We join with Christians everywhere in our unceasing hymn of praise.



Announcements

Easter Donations It is not customary at Sunday Assembly to pass a collection basket during worship. However, we would like to give everyone, including guests and visitors, the opportunity to help support Sunday Assembly. Inside your bulletin today, you will find a special envelope to use for your contribution during the Easter liturgies. You may put your envelope in the basket in front of the altar as we normally do at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday. Additional envelopes will be available at the front entrance and on the table near the nametag cabinet. If you are traveling during Easter, feel free to make your gift today or bring your envelope the next time you attend Sunday Assembly. Thank you for your generosity.

Have you volunteered at Holy Wisdom Monastery (including Sunday Assembly) in the past year? Let us thank you at our **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 17th at 12:00 noon**. Register on our website by April 10th or call Lara Dulin at 608-836-1631, x120 to let us know you're coming.

Announcing Holy Wisdom's first-ever **Spring Solar Tilt on April 17th at 1:15 pm!** We invite you to participate in a hands-on, inaugural community event as we gather together to celebrate solar energy, honor the changing seasons, and pray for the earth. Get up close and personal with our new solar panels and volunteer to help us "tilt" them into their spring/summer position (or just stand back and watch). We can have up to 90 volunteers, so invite your friends! Find more information and register on our website or call Lara Dulin at 608-836-1631, x120.

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.

A Special welcome to guests and visitors! Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you and hope that you will find a spiritual home with us. We would love to know that you were here! Please sign our guestbook on the table near the entrance.

For more information about Sunday Assembly, the monastery or the sisters' community see <https://HolyWisdomMonastery.org>. Please join us after Sunday Assembly for coffee and conversation!

Gender Neutral Restrooms can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.

A time of silent reflection is observed

Prayer after Communion

Blessing



Go in the peace of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - - lu - ia.
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu ia, al - le - - - lu - ia.

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexi Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; alt; St. 2 & 3, Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

Postlude

Christ Is Risen

Blest are you, O God,
for you give us the joy of walking in Easter light.

**Jesus who was crucified lives,
raised by the Spirit to new life.
Send that same life-giving Spirit
upon these simple gifts of bread and wine
that we may eat and drink with Jesus
and rejoice in the fullness of his presence.**

For at the last meal he ate with his friends, Jesus took bread
and blessed you, O God, for all your saving deeds.
He broke the bread, gave them to eat,
and proclaimed a new creation as he said,
Take and eat: this is my body, given for you.

And at the end of the meal he took the cup,
and blessed you, O God, for your faithfulness, saying,
Take and drink: this cup is a new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this as a memorial of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

God of the new creation, we praise you for the Passover of Jesus.
May the Spirit fill us with risen life
that we might feast with joy
at the table of blessing and bear witness
to the commandment of love.

**God of our mothers and fathers,
grant that Mary, the mother of Jesus,
and all those women and men,
first witnesses to the resurrection,
be strong encouragement and support for us.**

Stir up the Spirit in Christian churches everywhere,
that they be renewed in faith and love this Easter night.
Grant that all peoples of the world
be committed to justice and peace for all.

**God of the living and the dead,
may all our loved ones who have died
share in the Easter promise of risen life,
and may the dying know the consolation of promise and hope.**

**God of all life,
may this promise keep us in faith
until Christ comes again in glory.**

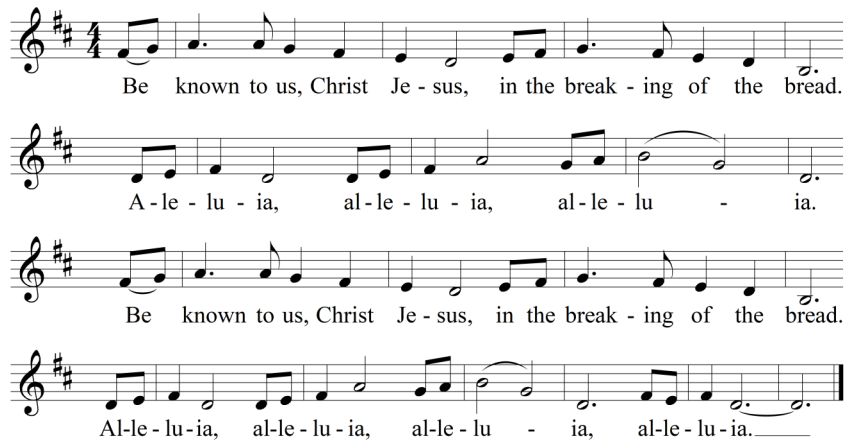
Through Christ, with Christ..... for ever and ever.
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The Prayer of Jesus

**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



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.

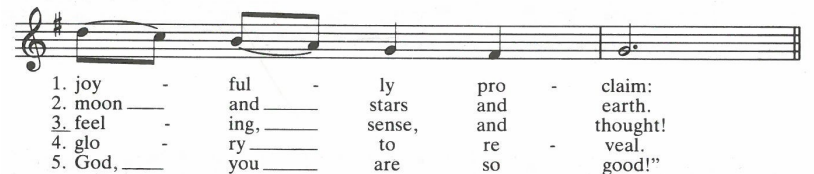
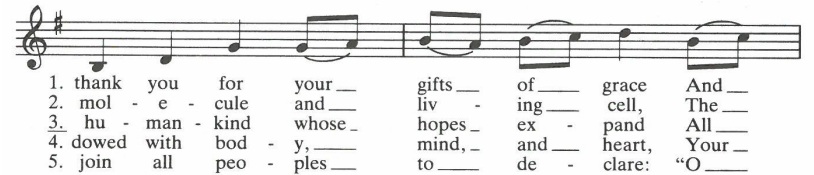
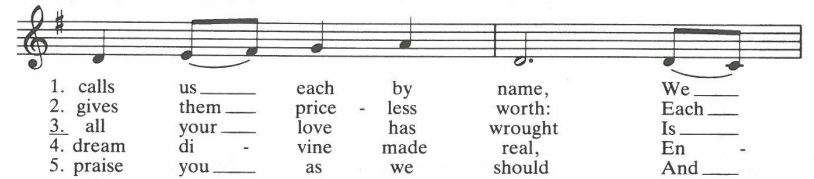
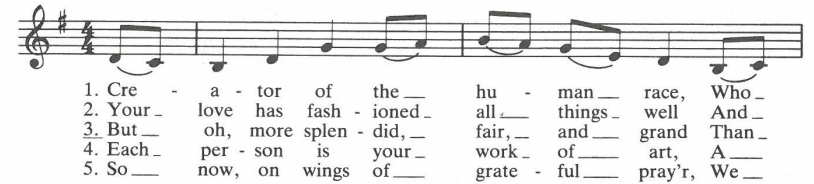
Communion Rite

Reception of Communion

*Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive
Communion. Come to any one of the four locations in the room.
Two stations are behind the altar, one at the side exit, and one near the
piano.*

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

Creator of the Human Race



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