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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *CELEBRATING EARTH DAY*

April 21, 2024



Holy Wisdom Monastery

Please join us for Coffee following Sunday Assembly!

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Gathering Hymn

Resurrection Joy



1. Spring is spread - ing through the prai - rie; grass - es green - ing, flow - ers bloom.

2. Res - ur - rec - tion weaves its pat - tern in each an - i - mal and tree.

3. May we then in our own liv - ing emp - ty out our per - sonal tombs,



Birds are sing - ing; songs re - fresh - ing heal the soul of win - ter's gloom.

In the mead - ow, at the lake - side, re - birth for us all to see.

Leave be - ind the past, its bur - dens, born a - gain from Sa - cred Womb.



Col - ors now ap - pear trans - form - ing earth in - to a gar - den place.

From the deep soil, from the dark - ness, from the fal - low time of year,

Eas - ter chang - es heart and spir - it; res - ur - rec - tion now is real.



Ho - ly breeze of God's own Spir - it makes the knoll a Sa - cred Space.

From the death that brings new liv - ing, blos - som, bloom, and fruit ap - pear.

Cos - mic Christ dwells deep with - in us, form - ing us in com - mon - weal!

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Sprinkling Rite

Dismissal of Children

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 4: 5-12

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.*

Interested in supporting Sunday Assembly? We are looking for a **Hospitality Volunteer Coordinator**. This person would oversee the scheduling and training of greeters, including the greeting of new members, as well as ensuring the hospitality service after Sunday Assembly is staffed with volunteers to setup and clean up. Interested? Please contact Erin. This could be a shared position too! etronson@holywisdommonastery.org

Children's Ministry Children ages 6-9 are invited for some learning and prayer time during the Liturgy of the Word. Contact Sarah Wilkin Gibart (sjwilkin09@gmail.com) with questions or to offer your help.

THANK YOU!! To all of you who assisted in housing and your loving care of the college students from Luther College this weekend! It was such a gift to have the choir perform here at the Monastery! Thank you to Ann Baltes and Bill Rosholt for arranging it!!

Announcements for next Sunday's bulletin are due to Bill at Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org by 9:00 am Monday morning.

Personal Listening Devices We have eight personal listening devices, available for anyone to use during worship. They can be picked up and returned to the Sacristy. For more information or if you have trouble using the devices please see one of our technology assistants.

Assembly Choir will meet today following Sunday Assembly! Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Do you play an instrument? Come and check it out! We would LOVE to have you!! See Bill if you have any questions or email him: Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org

Earth Day 2024 is Monday April 22. The first Earth Day was celebrated in Wisconsin and in the US in 1970! It's a day to put environmental preservation into action. To celebrate it, you could plant a tree! Go for a walk outside! Fill up your reuseable water bottle! Did you know here at the Monastery we have a drinking fountain where you can easily fill up your water bottle! You can find it next to our elevator and the kitchen! This past Wednesday Holy Wisdom celebrated the first annual Spring Solar Tilt—by the end of this year, we will be a net zero energy campus! Check out our new Bulletin Board at the Entrance of the Monastery! It was a truly exciting day! Happy Earth Everyone!

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!

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday **May 5th, from 9AM to 11:30 AM** we will gather to honor the transfer of leadership from Sister Mary David Walgenbach OSB, to Sister Lynne Smith OSB, as the new Prioress. A brunch Reception will follow Sunday Assembly. Please register if you are coming:

<https://holywisdommonastery.org/event/transfer-of-leadership/>

AND because the Monastery wants to celebrate Sister Lynne's position of prioress, we will NOT have Hospitality Sunday on April 28th! Please bring your lovely treats to share on May 5th!

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.

Help Birds and Wisdom Prairie - Native plant sale: trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses. Order online now through May 5, 2024. Pick up at the Monastery on May 10. Flyers are available at the reception desk. You can order through the link on the Monastery homepage. Questions? Contact Amy Alstead at aalstad@holywisdommonastery.org.

Psalm 118

This is the Day

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad; this is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

- 1 Give thanks unto God, for God is good! God's mercy endures forever! Let the house of Israel say, God's mercy endures forever!
2. The hand of our God has struck with power, God's right hand is exsulted! I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of our God.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, The God of love and mercy, has brought wonder to our eyes.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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

The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone chosen. Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes!

Gospel

John 10: 11-18

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Affirmation of Faith for Earth Day Sunday

Presider Let us stand and affirm our faith together.

**Women/girls We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

**Men/boys We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God’s presence,
a home for us to share with our kin
and all creation.**

**Women/girls We believe that God became flesh and blood,
became a part of Earth,
a human being called Jesus Christ,
who lived and breathed and spoke among us.**

**Men/boys We believe that the risen Jesus
is the Christ at the core of creation
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.**

**Women/girls We believe the Spirit renews life in creation,
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**Together We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate
a new creation.**

Adapted from Liturgy USA– Planet Earth Sunday.

Hymn of Praise

Earth and All Stars



1. Earth and all stars, Loud rush - ing plan - ets
2. En - gines and steel, Loud pound - ing ham - mers
3. Class - rooms and labs, Loud boil - ing test tubes
4. Knowl - edge and truth, Loud sound - ing wis - dom



Sing Unto God a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blow - ing snow - storm
Lime - stone and beams, Loud build - ing work - ers
Ath - lete and band, Loud cheer - ing peo - ple
Daugh - ter and son, Loud pray - ing mem - bers



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Announcements

Earth Day Table and Contemplative Walk Today. Renew your Friends of Wisdom Prairie Membership, learn about our native plant sale to benefit birds, and get tips on living lightly on the earth. Join us for a guided meditative walk on the prairie following Sunday Assembly. Meet by the Earth Day table at 10:15.

Breaking of the Bread

Be known to us, Christ Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Christ Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

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.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing & Sending Forth

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.

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 Earth Day Sunday
*All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.
The Assembly parts are printed in **bold**.*

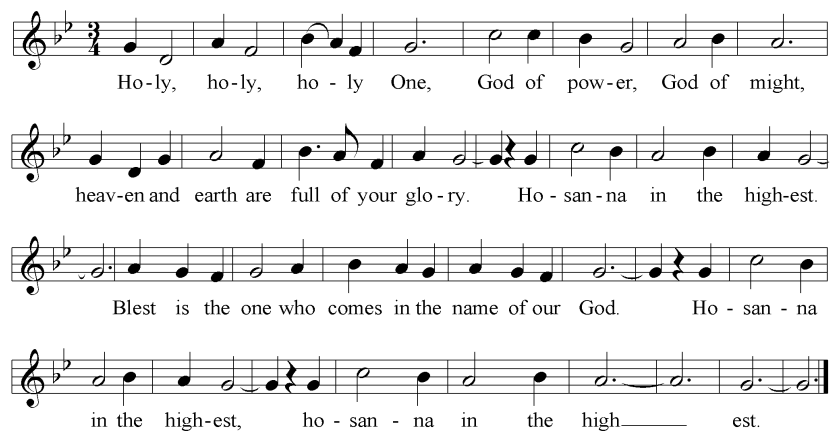
Presider May God be with you.
ALL And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them up to our God.
Presider Let us give thanks to the God of all.
ALL It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Source of all life, God of all creation.
In the beginning your Spirit hovered over the earth
and called into being every creature that exists.

**Earth itself responded to your love
and to every creature that came to be,
you said: Yes, you are good.**

The waters brought forth life.
Into clay you breathed a living soul.
From that day all creation has sung your praise.
**There is nothing that is not drawn to you
for the glory of your presence is written
on all that is.**
**You are reflected in high mountains and lowly valleys.
You are there in the deep oceans
and the farthest stars
and in the stirrings of our hearts.**
**So we thank you, Creator of all,
and give you praise for your beautiful world,
and for every person
who has touched us with your presence.**

We blend our voices with the prayer of all creation
and sing your praise with words that shall never cease:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly One, God of pow-er, God of might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God. Ho-san-na
in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Gracious God, we thank you especially for Jesus.
In the fullness of time,
you sent him in your name to draw us ever closer to you.

**In the spirit and example of Jesus,
we are gathered here to celebrate this meal,
to become a living sign of your presence in our
world.**

We recall that he took bread
and thanked you for your constant love.
He broke the bread, and gave it to his friends saying:
Take this and share it among you.
This is my body given for you.

He also took the cup of wine.
Again he gave you thanks and praise
and shared it with those who were with him saying:
Take this and drink from it, all of you.
This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood,
shed for people everywhere.
Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.

With great joy, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:



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

Giver of every good and perfect gift,
send your Spirit upon us,
so that we who eat this bread and share this cup
may become one people nourished by your love.

**We pray that by the action of this same Spirit,
we may know that all creation is from your hand
so that wherever we are
peace, justice and care for the earth
will be the signs of your presence among us.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ....forever and ever.

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A-men, a-men, a-men!

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.**