

Join the sisters for Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 29

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am in the downstairs Oratory
Sunday Assembly gathers at 9:00 am for the blessing of the palms, Palm Sunday Procession, the reading of the Passion of Jesus and breaking and sharing of bread.

Liturgy of the Hours Tuesday March 31, and Wednesday April 1

In the downstairs Oratory
Centering Prayer begins at 7:35 am and again at 4:55 pm
Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Midday Prayer at 11:45 am, and Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm.

Holy Thursday April 2 Centering Prayer 7:35 am followed by Morning Prayer at 8:00 am, Midday Prayer at 11:45 am, in the downstairs Oratory. Assembly Liturgy begins at 6:00 pm, with the Liturgy of the Word, Foot Washing, breaking and sharing of bread, clearing of the Altar, and prayer and meditation. The offering today will go to help local food pantries.

Good Friday April 3 Centering Prayer at 7:35 am followed by Morning Prayer at 8:00 am, Midday Prayer at 11:45 am in the downstairs Oratory. The Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus begins at 3:00 pm with the veneration of the Cross, prayers of intercession, and we respond to the Passion Narrative of Jesus.

Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil, April 4 Centering Prayer at 7:35 am followed by Morning Prayer at 8:00 am, Midday Prayer at 11:45 am in the downstairs Oratory. The Liturgy of the Easter Vigil begins at 7:00 pm. On this night, we proclaim the Risen Christ in scripture, in song, in baptism and baptism renewal, and we bless new fire, water, and breaking and sharing of bread together. Hospitality will follow in the Monastery dining room. Please bring a delicious treat to share as we celebrate the end of the Lenten fast.

Easter Sunday April 5 Morning Prayer at 8:00 am, Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm in the downstairs Oratory. Sunday Assembly will gather at 9:00 am to proclaim Christ risen in scripture, in song, in baptismal renewal and breaking and sharing of bread together. Hospitality will follow in the dining room! Please bring a treat to share!

Centering Prayer Group meet 2:30-3:30 pm, in the Oratory. Time for silent prayer/meditation with a group, Includes two 20-minute periods of seated meditation with a 5-minute break. (Contact Carole Kretschman, 608-577-3243)

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



When arriving for Sunday Assembly, please observe silence in the Assembly Room at least 10 minutes before we begin and please silence your cell phones. Thank you.



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*Please join us for **Coffee and Conversation** in the dining room following Sunday Assembly today*

Gathering

Kyrie Eleison



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Greeting

Penitential Rite

Presider Let us pray, first in silence.
(silence for reflection and self-examination)
Gracious God, source of all life,
and Holy One of mercy and grace,
hear our prayer:

All **We come before you in need of healing:
the healing of our bodies and souls,
the healing of our relationships,
the healing of our pride and fears,
and apathy, the healing of the earth
and all your creatures.**

**We know that with you, nothing is
impossible, not even our healing.
Not even the restoration of the whole
world.**

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Manato Jansen
Homilist	Manato Jansen
Sacristan	Sue and Charles Bradley
Lectors	Sally Bowers Diane Smith
Greeters	Amy Whitehead, Sue Koleczek, David McKee
Communion	Alison McKee Abbie Loomis Joanna Kramer-Fanney Jeanie and Steve Tomasko
Bread Baker	Lila Hemlin
Cantor	Anna Purnell
Technology	Bill Rosholt, Bruce Goodman
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick Sunday Assembly Choir
Child Care	Nichole Rasmus Tony Gibart
Childrens Ministry	Sarah Wilkin Gibart Melissa Markquart

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"Kyrie" by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications, Psalm 23
"Shepherd Of My Heart" by Rory Cooney,
GIA Publications, "God Let My Heart" by Handt Hanson,
Prince of Peace Pub. Changing Church, Inc.
"Mass Of Charity And Love" by Steven C. Warner,
World Library Publications, "Tree Of Life" by Aaron
Thompson, WLP Publications

Poetic Contemplation and the Divinity Within: March 28, 8 am to 4 pm. Join carpenter-priest William Beers and philosopher-poet John Koethe as they explore the meanings of being human in the contemporary world, contemplating the imagination, memory, and mourning in the creation of meaning. The poems of John Koethe in *Cemeteries and Galaxies* (2025) will anchor the conversation. This is a deep and rich opportunity to deepen your contemplative awareness of the world and the divinity within. More details and registration can be found the monastery website.

Join us for a Holy Week Silent Retreat

Anyone who would like to experience a deep and sustained silence in the quiet companionship of others is invited to the Holy Week Silent Retreat from **April 2-5, 2026**. Check Weekly Wisdom for more information and register online.

Additional communion ministers needed

Easter Sunday: We are in need of a few more communion ministers to serve at the 9:00 am Sunday Assembly liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 5th. If you are a communion minister and plan to attend on Easter Sunday, can you help us? Please talk with or contact Bill Frederick

(bfrederick@holyywisdommonastery.org), Ann Baltes

(abaltes@chorus.net), or Kathy Woytych

(kathywoytych@gmail.com). Deep gratitude to all who generously serve our Sunday Assembly. You are truly appreciated!!

A Gift from Tom Zanzig!

Twelve years ago, Tom Zanzig became an oblate of Holy Wisdom monastery. As part of his personal rule, he made a commitment to write a book about his understanding of spiritual transformation, with a promise to share the fruits of that with the monastery. He did write the book, and it was published by Orbis Books as **The Transformed Heart: Spirituality, Religion, and the Struggle for Integrity.**

Religion, and the Struggle for Integrity.

A few years ago, Orbis offered to sell Tom copies of his book at a highly discounted price. In keeping with his oblate promise, he would like to donate over 200 copies of the book to Holy Wisdom and its several communities. One of those communities is Sunday Assembly. On the remaining Sundays during Lent, Tom will place books on the counter in the monastery's gathering space. Everyone is invited to take one or more copies. They make great gifts!

Grace Rosholt is in her last semester as a music education major at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and gave her senior recital on March 7th. Grace performed works on both violin and viola (with her string trio). If you would like to watch Grace's recital on Luther's music department YouTube channel, the link is <https://www.youtube.com/live/0gbwGQZjXgI?si=-cL0nsABY6EjOVrk>. The Holy Wisdom community has lovingly supported and cheered Grace on in so many ways throughout her life and we are deeply grateful! ~ Ann Baltes and Bill Rosholt

**We pray that sharing your life,
we and our world will be healed,
and so we will be freed to serve and love
and dream and be, as Jesus calls us.**

Amen.

(All join in singing the Kyrie)

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Following each reading,

Reader

The Word of Salvation

All

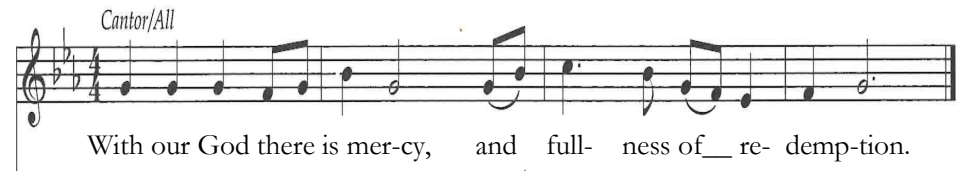
Thanks be to God

silent reflection follows each reading as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.

Psalm 130

With Our God There Is Mercy

Cantor/All



With our God there is mer-cy, and full- ness of__ re- demp-tion.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you O God; God hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.
2. If you, O God mark iniquities, God who can stand? But with you is forgiveness that you may be revered.
3. I trust in our God; my souls trusts in God's word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for our God.

4. For with God is kindness and with God is plenteous redemption; and God will redeem Israel for all their iniquities.

Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Acclamation

God Let My Heart Be Good Soil

God let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

God let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

God let my heart, God et my heart, God let my heart be good soil.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Christ

Do you know how to knit or crochet? We are seeking a group of people who are willing to get together and create “prayer shawls” for our Pastoral Care team, that we can give to the homebound, or those who are sick, or someone just in need of our prayers. Please reach out to Bill and let him know if you are interested. Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org (608)831-1154.

Holy Wisdom Monastery is partnering with the LGBTQ Outreach center here in Madison, by collecting non perishable foods and hygiene items. This will be an ongoing effort for us! Please bring items like canned chicken, tuna and other proteins, canned chili, soups, peanut butter, shelf sustainable meals, pasta, rice, cereal and other grains, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioners, toilet paper, lotions, razors and shaving cream etc. It is simple—purchase the items and drop them off in the drop box right here at Holy Wisdom each week. Thanks for your generosity!

Seeking instrumentalists for Holy Week: Do you play the Oboe, Violin, Cello, or Trumpet? Let Bill know if you know someone who might be willing or if you know someone we could ask, please let Bill know! Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org (608)821-1154.

The Saint John’s University Men’s Chorus is coming to Holy Wisdom Monastery next **Sunday March 29th at 2:00 PM.** They are a select tenor-bass voice touring ensemble of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. In addition to several performances each year on campus and singing at every home football game, the Men’s Chorus tours regionally and nationally and they are led by [Dr. Bradley Miller](#). A free will offering will be accepted—no ticket is required.

A note from Nichole Rasmus

There will be no childcare on Sunday April 5th. Childcare will resume on Sunday April 12th.

Madison Stone Catchers is a group of concerned Christians based at Grace Episcopal Church. Its mission is to intervene and provide a true Christ-like response to attacks on minority people, including transgendered folks, immigrants and people of color. Madison Stone Catchers will meet at the **Way of the Cross Garden, on the Corner of West Washington and South Henry Street in Madison, at 9:00 am on Good Friday, April 3.** We will visit Stations of the Cross within the Garden and at places we’ve chosen in the nearby downtown area, ending up back at Way of the Cross Garden. Our journey will include readings, reflections, prayers and songs for everyone to listen to and participate in. For more information, you can email stonecatchersmadison@gmail.com or Contact Alan Joranlien if you have questions. Please join us!

Palestinian Solidarity: Today, March 22 10:15 am, Garden Conference Room Retreat and Guest House following Sunday Assembly Manato Jansen will be sharing about boycotting and resilience resources related to us being in solidarity with Gaza/Palestine.

Anointing of the Sick: will take place **Today March 22nd following Sunday Assembly in the Sunday Assembly Room.** If you are in need of the healing presence of the Holy Spirit, this sacrament is for you. Please come and allow the presence of the community to bless you. The sisters and all of us are all keeping you in prayer.

Nametag board cleanup: During March please help us clean up the nametag board. If you are now using a wooden name-tag, we ask that you take your plastic nametag off the board and either take it home or put it in the box below the nametags to recycle it. By the end of the month, we will clear space to store the wooden name badges there. Thank you for your help.

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, send by mail, or sign-up through our website. If you are a guest or visitor please sign our guestbook at the table near the entrance so we know you were here.

The vision for Sunday Assembly is that "we seek to grow spiritually and joyfully through the transforming power of love and service as proclaimed in the Gospel". There are many ways one can share gifts and talents with our assembly. In just two short weeks we will join together in the liturgies of **Holy Week**, which is a very special time at Holy Wisdom. It is filled with beautiful rituals, powerful prayers and sacred music.

We continue to seek volunteers for any these liturgies. **Cross Bearer** for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Easter Sunday, and well as an **assistant to the Presider** on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and The Easter Vigil. Can you help with **Foot Washing** on Holy Thursday? If you are willing to help in any way, please let Bill know at bfrederick@holylwisdommonastery.org

Sunday Assembly Choir will meet for Rehearsal today March 22nd at 10:30 AM

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.

Bulletin Announcements: are due to Bill Frederick by the Monday preceding the week of announcement at 9am.

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Intercessions

Response: God of mercy, 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.

Prayer Over The Gifts

R/. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer for the Sundays of Lent

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!**

From the desert dust of broken lives,
we give you praise, O Source of life,
through Jesus.

**This is the season of our repentance,
the time when we gaze into the face
of the suffering Jesus and we see
in ourselves our own selfishness,
our pride and our slowness
to respond to your call for justice,
mercy and peace.**

**You dwell within us,
and bid us bend our stubborn and fearful
wills to form us into the Body of Christ,
your instruments of peace
to all the world.**

Your Spirit prepares us to be refreshed
in the waters of renewal.

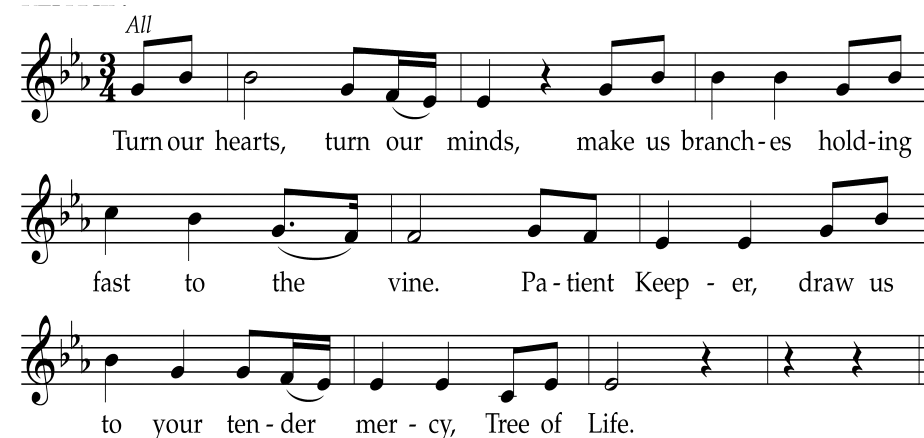
We fix our gaze upon the love and wisdom
of the cross and give you thanks for the gift
of salvation.

O God ever near,
we join our voices with all of creation
to sing your praise:



Hymn of Praise

Tree of Life



VERSES



Announcements

Silence during Lent: During the Sundays of Lent we are observing silence in the Assembly Room each Sunday when we gather for Eucharist. Like its counterpart, hospitality, silence is rooted in the Benedictine tradition of respect for others. It is a way for us to be mindful of one another as we gather together for prayer, reflection and worship.

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

BREAKING OF BREAD



Lamb of God be known to us in break ing of bread, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God be known to us in break-ing of bread, 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 one cup.**

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 Table, one at the side exit, and one near the organ. The **Cup of Wine, in the glass cup** will be distributed behind the Table, as will the **grape juice in the pewter cup**.*

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Sending Forth



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of God.



Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Ever faithful One,
despite our wanderings and our sins,
you never abandon us.

**In Jesus,
we feel your comforting and loving presence
inspiring us to newness of life.**

**God of all mercy,
may the transforming power of your
Spirit bless these gifts of bread and wine.
May our sharing at this table
be our offering of love,
and may our daily lives
become the continued presence of Jesus
in the world.**

On the night before he died,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to them saying:
"Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in memory of me."

At the end of the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine.
Again he gave you thanks,
gave the cup to his friends and said:
"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.



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Christ un - til you come a - gain.

Searcher of hearts,
move us this day to take up deeds of courage.

**Help us to lay aside our selfishness and fear
and to go forth into a starving, empty
world, bearing the fruits of this table:
the food of human caring
and the drink of loving compassion.**

Open our eyes to the cries of the
forgotten poor,
the silent dread of the abandoned.
May we who hear your voice
among them,
serve you in their midst.

**We pray with Mary, with Benedict,
and Scholastica,
and all holy people of every time and place,
whose memory we hold lovingly in our
hearts. With all these and with
every creature who hopes for the
blessings of forgiveness and peace,
we raise our voices in gratitude
for the gift of renewal and hope,
that has been given to us
in the example of Jesus.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours O loving God,
forever and ever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**