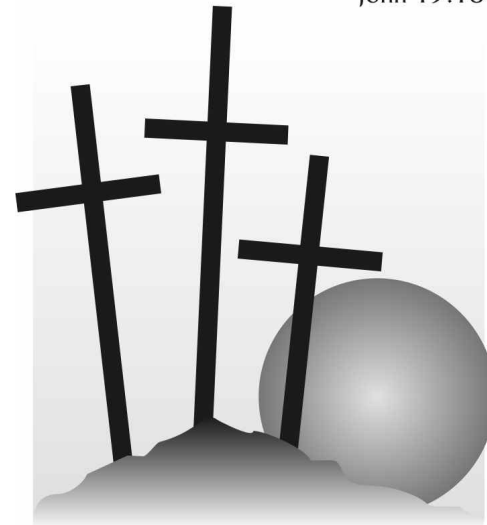


Good Friday

April 3, 2026

There they crucified him,
and with him two others,
one on either side,
with Jesus between them.

John 19.18



**Listen my people,
mark each word.
I begin with a story,
I speak of mysteries
welling up from ancient depths,
heard and known from our elders.**

**We must not hide
this story from our children
but tell the mighty works
and all the wonders of God.**

Psalm 78:1-4



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Please enter the Assembly Room in Silence.
Those joining us on the live stream, are invited to have a
cross with you, from your homes.

*The Benedictine Sisters
and the Sunday Assembly Community
of Holy Wisdom Monastery
welcome you to pray with us
the resplendent liturgies of the Sacred Triduum.
Three days, one liturgy.
These days are the culmination of the entire
church year.
We commemorate the last days of Jesus life
on earth. His passion and resurrection.
On this day, we pray for the entire world.*

***The Sacred Triduum continues,
one liturgy, three days.***

Easter Vigil morning prayer 8:00am, Oratory

Midday prayer 11:45am, Oratory

The Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm

Assembly Room

Easter Sunday morning prayer 8:00am, Oratory

The Resurrection of Jesus 9:00am

Assembly Room

Evening prayer 4:30pm, Oratory

***An invitation to celebrate Holy Week
at Holy Wisdom Monastery April 3-5 2026***

(The daily prayer of the Monastic Community is open to the public. It takes place in the Oratory downstairs.)

The Vigil of Easter April 4, 2026

Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Mid Day Prayer 11:45 am Vigil Liturgy begins at 7:00 pm, Hospitality follows (Bring a delicious treat to share) in the Monastery Dining Room. Tonight we hear the stories of salvation, we bless new fire and water and break bread together.

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Evening Prayer 4:30 pm Sunday Assembly 9:00 am, we proclaim the Risen Christ in scripture, song, baptismal renewal and eucharist. Hospitality follows in the monastery dining room

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - April 9th: If you are a volunteer at the monastery (including supporting Sunday Assembly in any way) please join us on April 9th at Noon for an appreciation lunch. We can't wait to celebrate you! Registrations required. Sign up online or call by April 2nd: <https://holywisdommonastery.org/event/volunteer-appreciation-lunch-26/> or 608-836-1631 x120.

The Fire of Hope, April 30-May 2 John Philip Newell and Cami Twilling return to Holy Wisdom for the first of three retreats in a new series, "The Fire of Hope." Join John Philip and Cami in seeking "to nurture the fire of love, the fire of desire, and the fire of courage within us," explorations guided by the wisdom of Leo Tolstoy, Simone Weil, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Details and registration available on the Holy Wisdom website with a registration deadline of April 22.

Spring Emergence: A Seasonal Retreat, April 14-15

The faint gauze of spring green appearing on the prairie's winter browns invites you to look for your own signs of new growth. This retreat invites you sit with the first indications of a new season – on the prairie and in your own life. It will hold space for your hushed anticipation with conversations about the season, walks on the prairie, naps, art, movement, and more. Facilitated by Amy Alstad and Pam Shellberg. Details and registration available on the Holy Wisdom website with a registration deadline of April 6.

Announcements

Welcome to Holy Wisdom Monastery! a place of faith, beauty and peace for over 70 years! If you are a guest or visitor please sign our guestbook at the table near the entrance! We welcome your comments!

Name Tags: Please feel free to make a nametag! We want to know you! You can find materials 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. If you are a guest or visitor please sign our guestbook at the table near the entrance!

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

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 the Bulletin for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, look for 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. Additional envelopes will be available at the front entrance and on the table near the nametag cabinet at Easter. 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.

Save the date! The Third annual Spring Solar Tilt is set for Tuesday May 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Rain date is: May 13th. Join us as one of 90 volunteers who will tilt Holy Wisdom's solar panels! Check weekly wisdom and please register!

Our liturgy continues from last evening in silence.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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.

Psalm 22

How Long O God

OSTINATO REFRAIN

How long, O God, will you forget me?

How long, O God, will you hide your face from me?

1. God, O why have you abandoned me, so far from my cries and pleadings? I call to you but you are silent, and I find no hope in you.
2. In the past my people called on you; they trusted you, and you delivered them, yet all alone I wait while others mock, asking "Where is your God?"
3. You who gave me life and kept me safe at rest in my mother's arms, O be not far from me for I am faint, there is no one near to help.

Gospel

John 19:16-30

Before the Gospel:

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All Glory to you, O Christ.

Following the Gospel:

Reader The holy Gospel

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Veneration of the Cross

Since the fourth century of the Christian era, the veneration of the cross in some form, has been at the heart of the observance of Good Friday.

You may come forward as couples, or individually to venerate the cross with a bow or other gesture of reverence.

Those of you, joining us on the live stream are invited to venerate your own cross at home.

We pray in solidarity with the pain of the whole world, symbolized in the cross of Jesus Christ.

Behold The Wood

Cantor:

Be - hold, be - hold the wood of the cross on which is

All:

hung our sal - va - tion. O come, let us a - dore.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Cantor and the second is for the All. The lyrics are written below the notes.

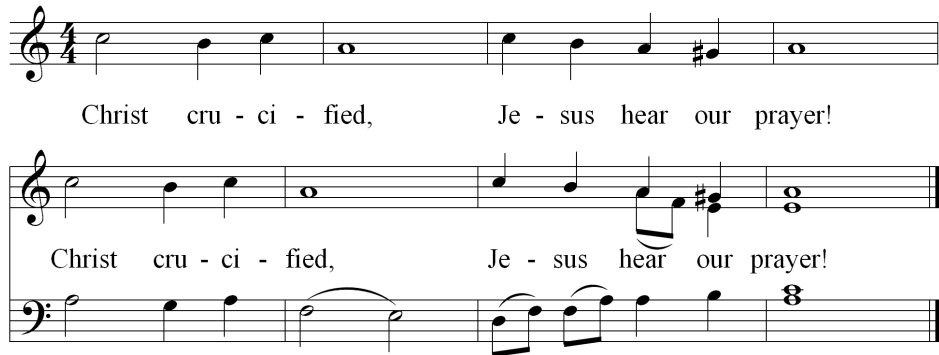
Today's Ministers:

Presider	Paul Markquart
Minister of the Cross	Lynne Smith, OSB, prioress
Homilist	David McKee
Lectors	Alison McKee, Michael Shinnars, Diane Smith
Greeters	Joan and Allen Liegel
Cantor	Grace Rosholt
Technology	Bill Rosholt, Alan Joranlien
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick Sunday Assembly Choir

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Intercessions of the people



Christ cru - ci - fied, Je - sus hear our prayer!

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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.**

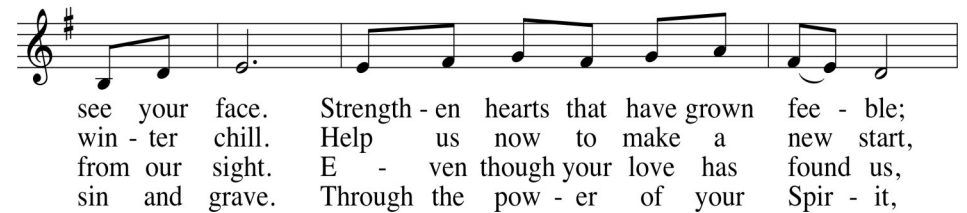
Departing Prayer

Depart in Silence

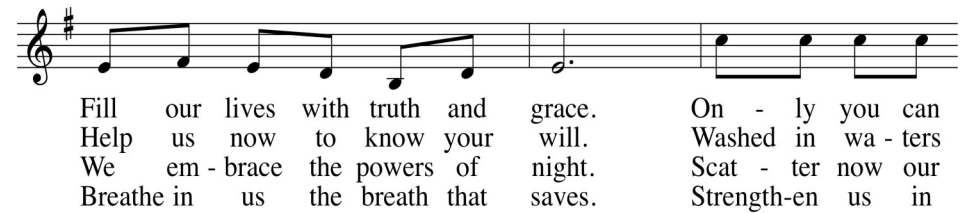
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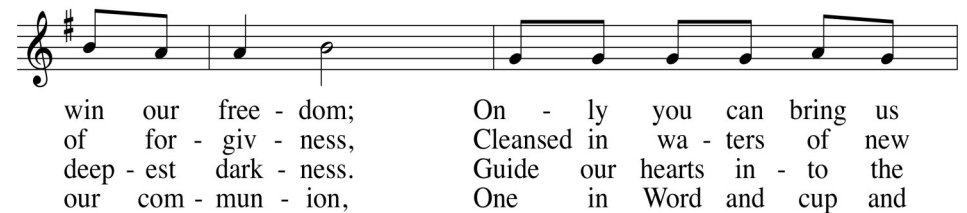
1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple, We who long to
2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart; Melt a - way the
3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us We have lost you
4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice. Res - cue us from



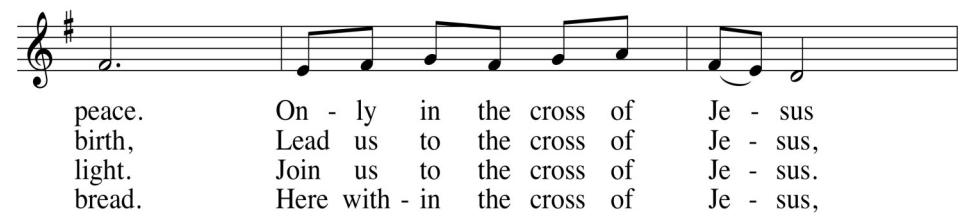
see your face. Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;
win - ter chill. Help us now to make a new start,
from our sight. E - ven though your love has found us,
sin and grave. Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,



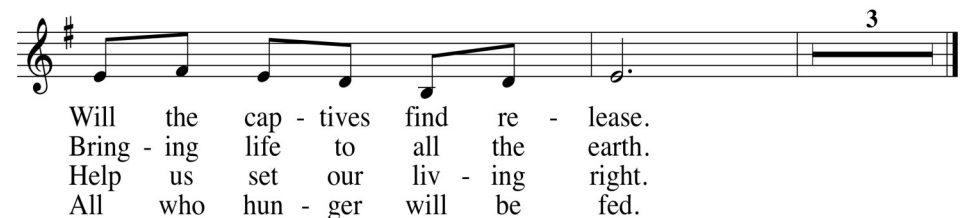
Fill our lives with truth and grace. On - ly you can
Help us now to know your will. Washed in wa - ters
We em - brace the powers of night. Scat - ter now our
Breathe in us the breath that saves. Strength - en us in



win our free - dom; On - ly you can bring us
of for - giv - ness, Cleansed in wa - ters of new
deep - est dark - ness. Guide our hearts in - to the
our com - mun - ion, One in Word and cup and



peace. On - ly in the cross of Je - sus
birth, Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,
light. Join us to the cross of Je - sus.
bread. Here with - in the cross of Je - sus,



Will the cap - tives find re - lease.
Bring - ing life to all the earth.
Help us set our liv - ing right.
All who hun - ger will be fed.

In Every Age

Verse 1

1. Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be.

Refrain



In ev-'ry age, O God, you have been our ref-uge.




In ev-'ry age, O God, you have been our hope. *Last time to Coda* ☩

Verses 2, 3

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain,
to sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

☩ Coda



In ev-'ry age, O God, you have been our



ref-uge. In ev-'ry age, O God,



you have been our hope, you have been our



ref - uge, you have been our hope.

When God Calls Us To Witness



Verses:

1. When God calls us to wit - ness Like
2. The might - y may con - demn_ us; Our
3. The God who calls and sends_ us Is



proph - ets long a - go, Then we shall know re -
cause may seem to fail. But truth in time shall
mer - ci - ful_ and just, And Christ who died to



jec - tion From friend as well as foe.
tri - umph, In - teg - ri - ty_ pre - vail.
save_ us Is wor - thy of_ our trust.



Refrain:

The glo - rious cross be - fore_ us, The



Spir - it strong with in, Our gaze in - tent on



Je - sus, We run the race to win.