

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

“O fair and eloquent flowers,
that the children strewn before the Holy One;
the donkey was garlanded with them;

The path was filled with them;
they scattered praises like flowers,
their songs of joy like lilies.
Now too, at this festival does the crowd of children
scatter for you O God, praises like blossoms.
Blessed is the One who was acclaimed by young
children!

It is as though our hearing embraced
an armful of children’s voices,
while chaste songs O God fill the bosoms of our ears.
Let each of us gather a posy of such flowers,
and with these let all intersperse blossoms
from their own piece of land,
so that, for this great feast, we may plait a great
garland. Blessed the One who invited us to plait it!

Let the homilist weave together a homily like flowers,
let the presider make a garland of their ministry,
the lector the beauty of their readings,
the assembly with their jubilant shouts,
the children of their psalms,
the sisters and the choir of their songs,
the benefactors, the old and the young,
and ordinary folk of their manner of life.

Blessed is the One who gave us this day,
so many opportunities for good!”

(Ephrem, Fourth Century, a Lenten sourcebook,
Liturgy training publications)



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Hospitality Sunday is today. Please join us in the
dining room following Sunday Assembly.

**Our liturgy begins with the procession and blessing
of palms. We gather in the gathering area near the
Baptismal Font of the Monastery.**

Gathering Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

Introduction and Welcome

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessing of the Palm Branches

Procession:

Weather permitting, the procession will exit through the patio doors and continue outside and around to the main entrance of the Monastery, and then directly into the Assembly Room. Those who prefer not to participate or are unable too, may be seated in the Assembly Room.

Processional Refrain

(All sing as the Choir leads)

Opening Prayer

Canon - 2 part

1. 2.
 Ho san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Ho -

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Steve Zwettler
Homilist	Steve Zwettler
Lectors	Susan Santner, Bill Santner II
Greeters	Janet Neurauter, Donna Miller Mary Kaye Radtke
Communion	Charles and Susanna Bradley Melissa Markquart, Jim Selinske Diana Ducett
Sacristan	Diane Smith, Margaret Sommers
Bread Baker	Lila Hemlin
Cantor	Taryn Valley
Technology	Tony Gibart
Child Care	Nichole Rasmus, Janine Veto
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick Sunday Assembly Choir

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"All Glory Laud And Honor" Translation: John Neale,
 "Hosanna" by Jaques Berthier, GIA Publications, Psalm 13
 "How Long O God" by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications,
 "God Let My Heart" by Handt Hanson, Prince of Peace
 Pub. Changing Church, Inc. "I Will Sing" by: John Foley,
 SJ, GIA Publications, "Mass Of Charity And Love" by Paul
 Benoit, Steven C. Warner, World Library Publications,
 "Tree Of Life" by Aaron Thompson, World Library Publi-
 cations. "O Sacred Head surrounded"

**An invitation to celebrate Holy Week
at Holy Wisdom Monastery March 29-April 5, 2026**

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

Palm Sunday March 29, 2026

Morning Prayer 8:00 am Sunday Assembly 9:00 am, blessing of palms, procession, reading of the passion of Jesus and eucharist.

Liturgy of the Hours

Tuesday March 31, and Wednesday April 1

Centering Prayer at 7:35 am, 4:55 pm
Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Midday Prayer 11:45 am,
Evening Prayer 4:30 pm

Holy Thursday April 2, 2026

Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Midday Prayer at 11:45 am
Assembly Liturgy begins at 6:00 pm, Liturgy of the Word, foot washing, breaking of bread, clearing of the Table, prayer and meditation. The offering today will go to help local food pantries.

Good Friday April 3, 2026

Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Mid Day Prayer 11:45 am,
Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus begins at 3:00 pm
Through the veneration of the Cross and prayers of Intercession we respond to the passion of Jesus.

The Great 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.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 13

How Long O God

OSTINATO REFRAIN

How long, O God, will you for - get me?

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

1. How much longer must I bear my grief, and sorrow fill my heart by night and day? O how much longer shall my enemies be exalted over me?
2. Look to me, O God and answer me; Light my eyes or I shall sleep in death; my enemies shall say that I have lost, and rejoice at my destruction.
3. I rely upon your love, O God, my heart rejoices in your saving help, and I will sing unto the God of life for the goodness shown to me.

Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Acclamation

God Let My Heart

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

Gospel

Matthew 27:11-61

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Before the Gospel:

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Christ.

This refrain is sung within and after the reading

I will sing, of the One, I will sing sal -
va - - - tion, I will praise, our God.

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.

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.

Palm Sunday Path, Today, 2:30 pm King Street at Capital Square. The Palm Sunday Path is a growing movement of church leaders and faith communities who believe now is the time for Christians to stand up to rising authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism — by following Jesus more deeply. A witness to Christianity embodying a different vision of power — the way of humility, mercy, and courageous love -- through song prayer, walking, anointing, & final blessing. All are invited, bring friends/neighbors, meet at 2:15 pm at King Street.

Madison Stone Catchers will gather on Good Friday morning April 3rd at 9:00 AM for the Way of the Cross, **on the Corner of West Washington and South Henry Street in Madison.** 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!

Announcements

Today is Hospitality Sunday! Please bring with you treats to share and join us in the dining room following Sunday Assembly!

A special note: The palms at today's liturgy were purchased from Eco-Palms. Eco-palms are sustainably harvested and fairly traded. The money spent on the palms is directly benefiting the communities where the palms are harvested. The extra nickel per palm can send young girls to school, employ women, and build community centers. The palms are also being harvested in an environmentally friendly way. These new harvesting practices ensure that the same quality palms you see today will be there for years to come. Purchasing these palms protects the forests they are grown in.

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.

Save the date! The Second 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! Please Register through the website!

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. Questions? See our Technology person!

Centering Prayer Group – 7:00-8:00 pm, RGH 10 – Time for silent prayer/meditation with a group, includes walking meditation between periods of seated meditation. (Contact Barb Abbott, 608-284-7424)

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

Preparation of the Gifts

A basket is available on the table to receive your donations. Thank you so very much for your generosity! The gifts of bread, wine and the offering are received by the presider on our behalf.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

For Palm Sunday

Assembly responses 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 our God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the God of all.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Praise to you, O God for your saving ways.

**Through your compassionate goodness
you bring us to salvation in the humanness
of Jesus.**

**What was lost through our disobedience
is restored through the obedience of Jesus.
The tree of his defeat becomes the tree
of our victory.**

And so we stand in awe of you, O God,
and join the chorus of all creation in praising you.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of love and light!
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
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.

All-holy God, fill us with love for the cross of Jesus.

**Pour the fire of his Spirit upon us
to be your covenant people again,
recreated in joy and holiness
through the dying and rising of Jesus.**

**May that Spirit of love
come upon these gifts of bread and wine +
that they may be the sacrament
of the covenant
you make with us in Jesus.**

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Sending Forth

Hymn of Praise

O Sacred Head Surrounded

1a. O Sa - cred Head, sur-round-ed By crown of pierc-ing thorn!
2a. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep-herd, think of me
1a. O bleed-ing Head, so wound-ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
2a. With your most kind com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:
1a. The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays,
2a. Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing, For - ev - er would I rest,
1a. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
2a. In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres-ence blest.



Communion Rite *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.***

Communion Hymn

Tree Of Life

All

Turn our hearts, turn our minds, make us branch-es hold-ing
fast to the vine. Pa-tient Keep - er, draw us
to your ten-der mer - cy, Tree of Life.

Cantor

1. We re - mem - ber we are mor - tal, breath of
2. We are sin - ful, we are pride - ful. We have
3. As we trav - el on our jour - ney take our

1. God but of the earth. Through the des - ert we must
2. all — gone a - stray. Deep with - in us we are
3. hearts and make them new. Je - sus walked this road be -

To Refrain

1. trav - el, tast - ing hun - ger, know-ing thirst.
2. need - ful of a clean heart day by day.
3. fore us as our God, but hu - man, too.

For on the night he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks,
broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after the supper,
he took the cup, saying:
Take this, all of you, and drink,
this cup is a new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do this,
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

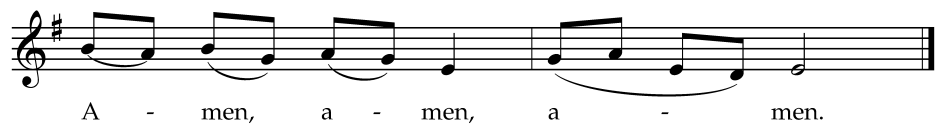
We give you thanks, O God,
for the mystery of Jesus.

**Though he was in the form of God,
he emptied himself to become
the servant of all.
He humbled himself, obediently
accepting even death, death on a cross.
But you raised him up to new life
that we might be raised with him.**

Deepen our covenant bond of faith and love
with all the Christian churches,
keep us in humble openness
to the other religions of the world.

**Bring our beloved dead
to the fullness of rest and peace,
and strengthen us through the witness
of all those holy people
who have gone before us
especially Benedict, Scholastica
and all who have followed the monastic way.
Through us may the Gospel of Jesus
take flesh in our world
until that day when you gather us
together to proclaim forever
that Jesus is our crucified and risen Savior.**

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



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



Lamb of God, be known to us in breaking of bread have mercy on us.



Lamb of God, be known to us in breaking 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.**