

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 9:00 am

**Earth Dancer,
on this day of days
You change your clothes of mourning
for a robe of rejoicing.
Your skirts, green, as the spring grass,
sparkle with dew drops in the rising sun,
and blossoms of morning-glory
spill from your apron as you swirl.
Erase from us that fear of death
in all its forms:
that, opening to new life,
we bloom and grow in the warmth
of your love;
Mother of All,
Risen One,
Spirit of Joy.
Alleluia**

Mary Kathleen Speegle Schmitt



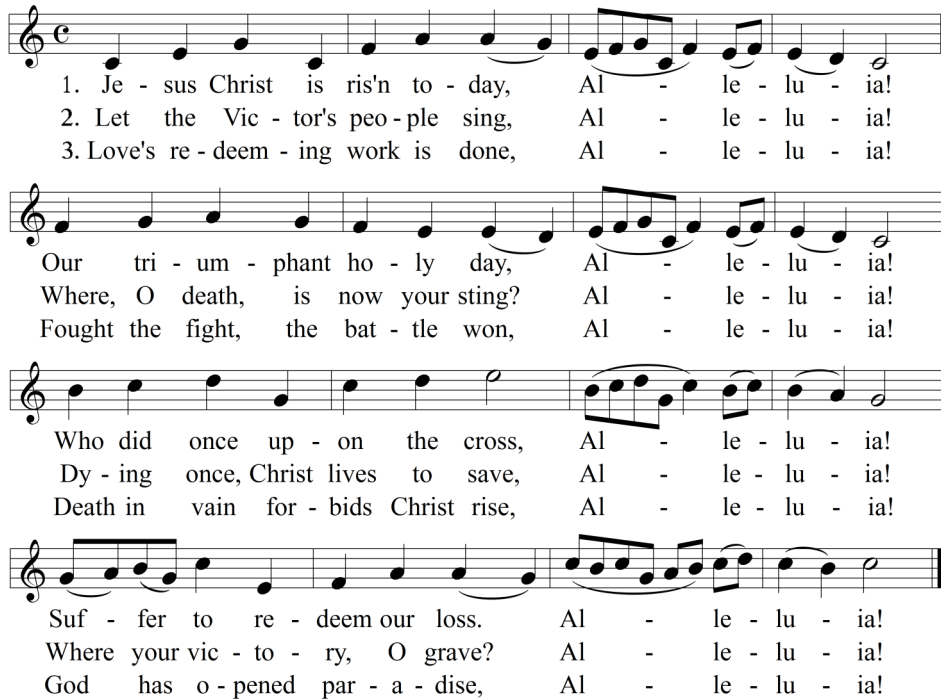
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*Please join us for coffee and conversation in the
Dining Room following Sunday Assembly today*

Gathering Hymn

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, *Surrexit 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.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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.

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Terry Larson
Homilist	Max Harris
Lectors	Stephanie Lowden S. Mary David Walgenbach, OSB
Greeters	Judy Troia, Patricia Donovan
Communion	Anne Schoenemann, Ann McBride Mary Kaye Radtke, Alan Joranlien Ezra Brown
Bread Baker	Linda Preboski
Sacristan	Ann McBride
Cello	George Teague
Cantor	Sarah Wilkin Gibart
Soloist	Patrick Terry
Technology	Tony Gibart
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick

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“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” GIA Publications, Psalm 118
“This Is The Day” by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications,
“Festival Alleluia” by James Chepponis, GIA Publications,
“Mass of Creation” by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications, “Be Known To Us Christ Jesus” by Ann Krentz, Augsburg Fortress Publications, “Spring Is Spreading Through The Prairie” by Barbara Battin, Holy Wisdom Monastery.

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 Ends.

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 trans-forming power of love and service as proclaimed in the Gospel.

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

Psalm 118

This Is The Day

Musical notation for the hymn "This Is The Day" in 3/8 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "This is the day that God has made, let us re-
joice and be glad; this is the day that God has
made, let us re-joice 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 exalted! I shall not die but live a-new, declaring the works of our God!
3. The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone! The God of love and mercy, has brought wonder to our eyes!

Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation "Festival Alleluia" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

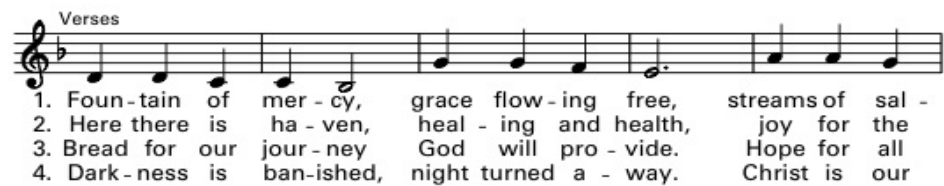
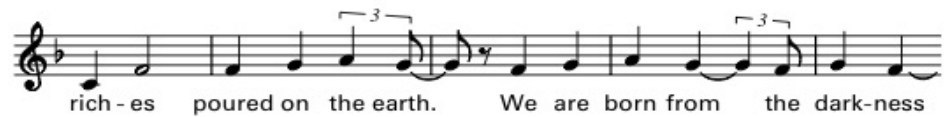
Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises *Response: "I do"*

All stand as you are able.

Sprinkling Rite

River Of Glory



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!

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.

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.

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

Announcements

Name Tags: Please feel free to make a nametag! We want to know you! You can find materials in the gathering space.

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

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.

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.

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!

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!

Kids On the Prairie, April 19 - Signs of Spring! Children twelve and under and their adults are invited to explore the Lost Lake area with volunteer guides. We'll look for signs of creatures near Lost Lake and flowers that feed the first pollinators. We may hear Chorus frogs. Meet at the parking lot kiosk at 10:30. Register online under Upcoming Events.

Intercessions *Response:* Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

Presentation of the Gifts

Suite for the Cello # 1 in G

J.S. Bach

George Teague

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 Easter Sunday

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

*Assembly 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.

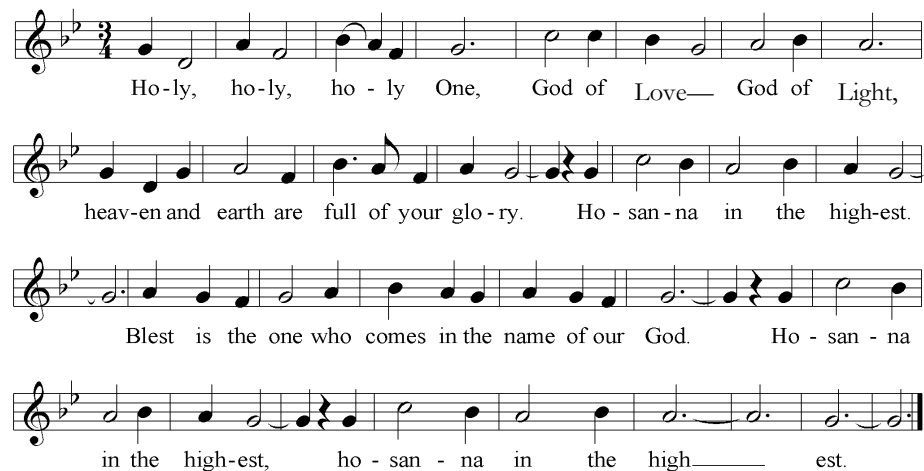
All glorious and ever living God we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus, our risen savior.

We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter day. Jesus is risen!

The power of death could not contain him and he broke forth from the tomb.

He appeared to the women as a beloved stranger, offering them and all believers new life.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world;
we join with Christians everywhere in our unceasing
hymn of praise.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of Love— God of Light,
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.

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.**

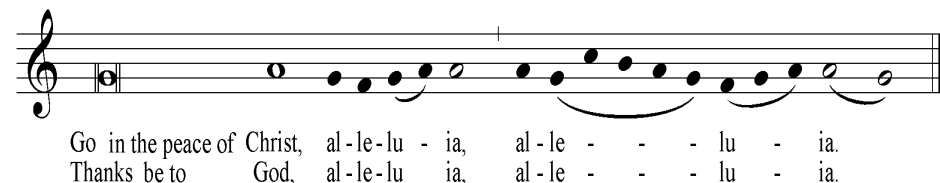
For at the last meal he ate with his friends,
Jesus took bread and blessed you, O God,
for all your saving deeds.
He broke the bread, gave them to eat,
and proclaimed a new creation as he said,
Take and eat: this is my body, given for you.

*A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of
Communion.*

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Easter Solemn Sending Forth



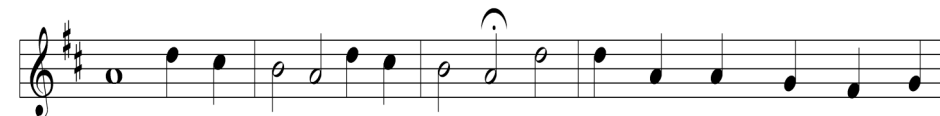
Go in the peace of Christ, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - - - lu - ia.
Thanks be to God, al-le-lu ia, al-le - - - lu - ia.

Hymn of Praise

Let Hymns of Joy



1. Let hymns of joy to grief suc-ceed. We know that Christ is ris'n in-
2. The days of mourn-ing now are past, The pains of death are loosed at
3. To God, Cre - a - tor let us sing; To Christ, Re-deem - er prais-es



deed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! We hear his white-robed an - gel's
last; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! An an - gel robed in light has
bring: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! And e - qual - ly let us a -



voice, And in the Ris - en One re - joice. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
said: "Je - sus is ris - en from the dead."
dore, The Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.



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

Communion Spring Is Spreading Through The Prairie

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 mea-dows, at the lake-side, re-birth for us all to see.
 Leave be-hind 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.

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 a-live, In our midst, Al-le-lu-ia!

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 parents,
 grant that Mary, the mother of Jesus,
 and all those holy people,
 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 day.

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 beloved dead
 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, in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor is yours, O loving God,
 for ever and ever.

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Prayer of Jesus

Holy One, our only Home,
 blessed be your name.

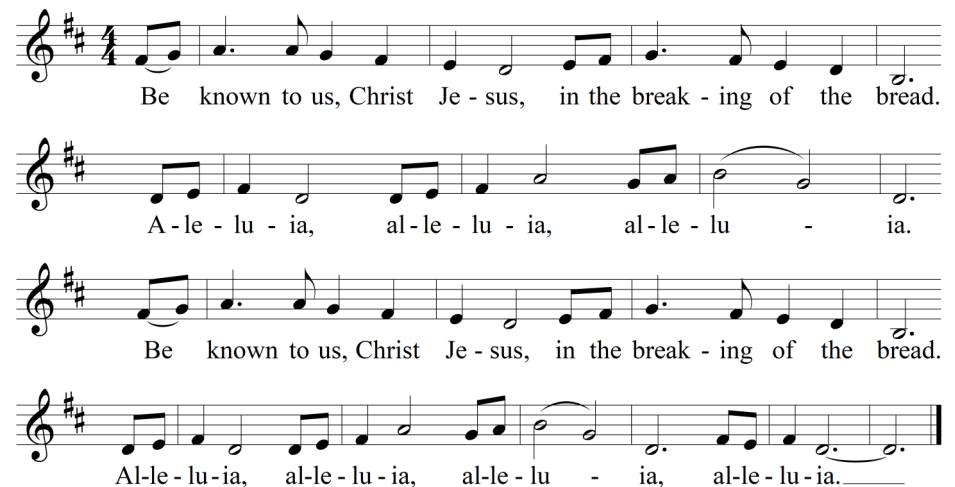
May your day dawn, your will be done,
 here, as in heaven.

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.

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 one 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 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**.*

"Set Me As A Seal"

Renee' Clausen