

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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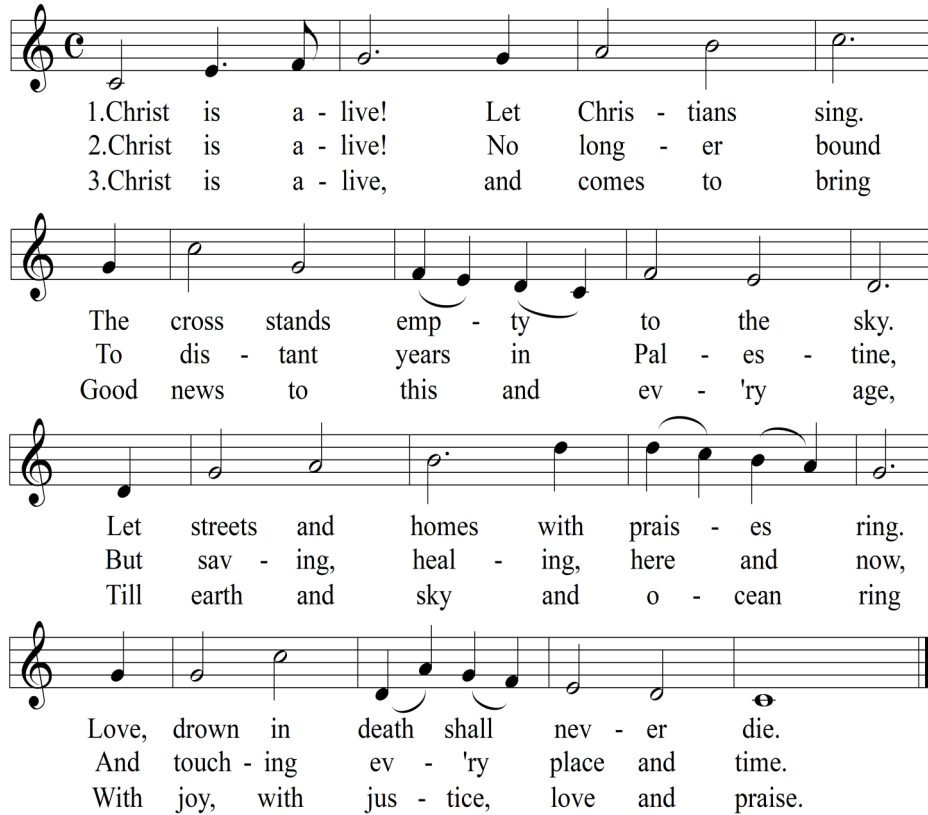
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*Please join us for Hospitality Sunday following
Sunday Assembly in the dining room!*

Gathering Hymn

Christ Is Alive



1.Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing.
 2.Christ is a - live! No long - er bound
 3.Christ is a - live, and comes to bring

The cross stands emp - ty to the sky.
 To dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine,
 Good news to this and ev - 'ry age,

Let streets and homes with prais - es ring.
 But sav - ing, heal - ing, here and now,
 Till earth and sky and o - cean ring

Love, drown in death shall nev - er die.
 And touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 With joy, with jus - tice, love and praise.

Greeting, Introduction and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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	Nancy Enderle
Homilist	Nancy Enderle
Lectors	Melissa Markquart Rita Emmenegger
Greeters	Alan and Joan Liegel, Jules Lee
Communion	Paula and Bob Dinndorf Susanna Bradley, Taryn Valley Sandy Adams
Bread Baker	Marcia Krater
Sacristan	Susanna and Charles Bradley
Cantor	Patrick Terry
Technology	Mike Crawford
Children's Min	Sarah Wilkin-Gibart, Lindsay Jacoby
Child Care	Nichole Rasmus, Tony Gibart
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick

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Pluralism Sunday, will be observed by many progressive Christian congregations and Holy Wisdom Monastery next Sunday May 3rd. It was first celebrated here on May 6, 2018. It celebrates religious diversity and fosters inter-faith engagement. It promotes understanding other faiths, often incorporating diverse perspectives into sermons and music to affirm that multiple paths can lead to the sacred.

Key details regarding Pluralism Sunday:

Purpose: It goes beyond tolerance to active engagement with other faiths, emphasizing that diverse traditions can enrich one's own spiritual journey.

Activities: Churches may feature guest speakers from other faiths, use prayers or literature from different religions, and highlight interfaith dialogue.

Origins: The observance is encouraged by organizations such as ProgressiveChristianity.org, which often provides resources for the day.

Focus: It challenges the notion of "watering down" beliefs, instead encouraging deep engagement with both one's own faith and the faith of others.

The event encourages exploring how other religions can be, as some participants express, a positive force, while comparing and contrasting them with Christian traditions. This is something Holy Wisdom Sunday Assembly does on a weekly basis by bringing many different faith backgrounds together to worship God as One God, One Faith, One baptism.

Psalm 23

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; The
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, Your
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

God of love su - preme; In pas - tures green you
 pres - ence is my stay; One word of your sup -
 tend me all my days; O may your house be

make me feed, Be - side the liv - ing stream. You
 port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way. Your
 my a - bode, And all my work be praise! There

bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back, When I for -
 hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my
 would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers

sake your ways; And lead me for your
 ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings
 go and come, No more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
 nor a guest; But like a child at home.

Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle



Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le -
le - lu-jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le -
lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

Resp: "I DO"

Sunday Assembly Choir will rehearse next Sunday May 3rd following Sunday Assembly at 10:30 AM.

Thank a Volunteer this April with a postcard! April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want everyone to be able to participate. Whether we've been greeted with warm hospitality, appreciated a talented musician at Sunday Assembly or shared a laugh over washing dishes we have all been blessed by the services of volunteers at the monastery. Send them a postcard to let them know how much they mean to you! Here is how it works:

You can find blank postcards and a box at the monastery's front desk. Take a postcard and write an appreciative message to someone who has made Holy Wisdom Monastery a special place for you. Simply write their name in the address field, place it in the box, and staff will take care of addressing and mailing it!

If you live far away or would prefer to type your messages, use the online form below and a postcard will be written and mailed on your behalf. This opportunity to thank volunteers will be available until April 30, 2025.

May Day Rally and Actions for Immigrants: Friday, May 1 Noon-3, "May Day, a Day Without Immigrants." The Social Justice Committee invites your support of Voces de la Frontura by attending the Rally at noon, (library mall/State Street) March at 1pm & Program at 2pm (Capital/State Street) We will empower each other to the rights, dignity, and humanity of immigrants with no school-no work- no shopping in person or on-line. See other actions at <https://vdlf.org/may-day-2026/>

Two people have stepped forward to create prayer shawls so far, Anne Schoenemann and Melissa Markquart. We would like to see at least 3 to 5 more people who would be willing to knit, pearl and pray together, so we can give beautiful shawls to people from Sunday Assembly who can use these shawls to wrap themselves in our prayers and show our unity with those who are sick or those who cannot join us in person. If you can help, please let Bill know! Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org or call (608)821-1154.

Announcements

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

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, our ongoing effort by collecting non perishable foods and hygiene items continues! 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. Drop your items off in the 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!

Transforming Guns to Garden Tools May 3, 10:30 - 11:30 on the patio. Sunday Assembly Social Justice Committee and Friends of Wisdom Prairie invite you to join Jeff Wild, retired pastor, as he transforms metal gun parts into garden tools using a forge, anvil, and hammer. Tools will be available for purchase by cash.

Sprinkling Rite

River Of Glory

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
God! God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

1-4 to Verses | **Final**

Verses

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

to Refrain

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!
2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

Intercessions

Risen Jesus, 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 Easter

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

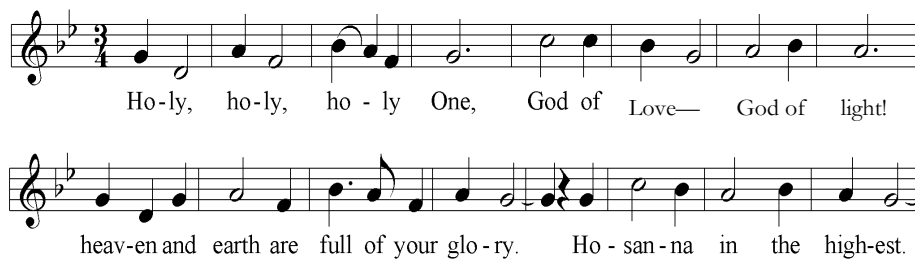
Assembly in **BOLD**

Presider May 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.**

God of the heavens, maker of earth,
may all creation praise you.

**Your love is revealed in the gift of Jesus,
risen and glorious.
Through him you bring healing to hearts
and minds, speaking the word
we need to hear,
giving us your Spirit to face the trials of life,
enabling us to love one another.**

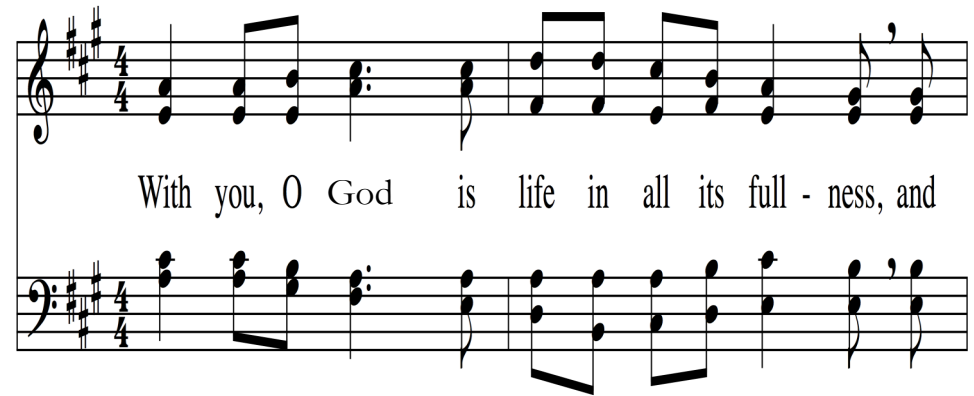
So, as a community of believers,
and in the name of all creation,
we join our voices to praise you in song:



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.

Hymn of Praise

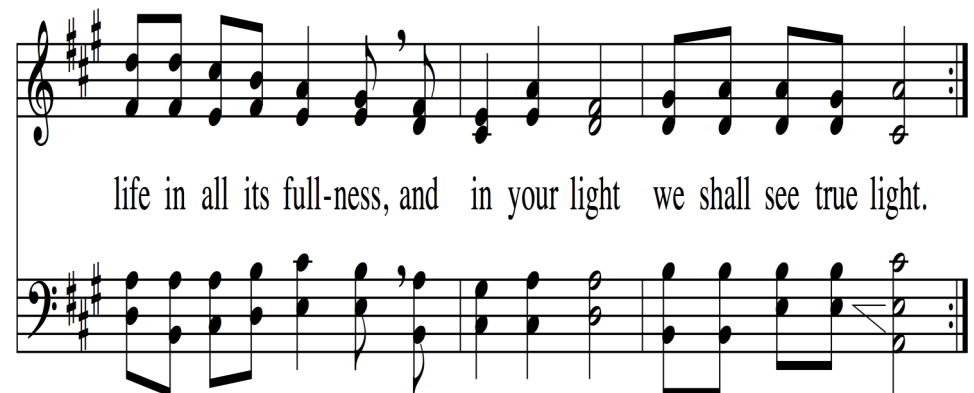
With You O God



With you, O God is life in all its full - ness, and



in your light we shall see true light. With you, O God is



life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

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**.

Communion Hymn

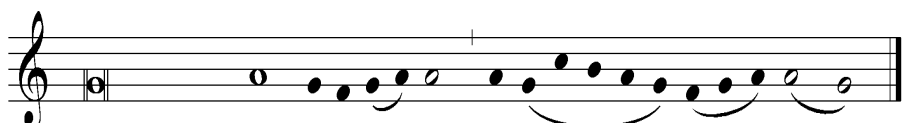
Taste And See



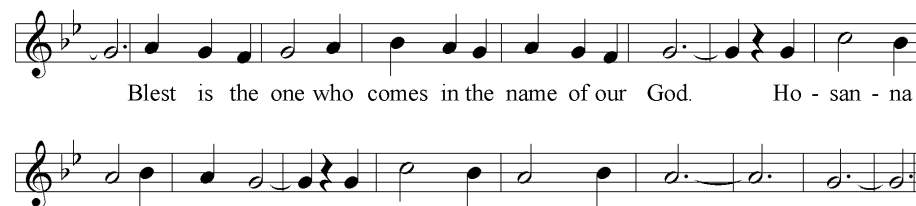
Taste and see. Taste and see the good-ness of our
God. O taste and see. Taste and see the
good-ness of our God, of our God.

Prayer After Communion

Blessing and 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.



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.

Blessed are you, O God, for death
could not hold Jesus.

You raised him from the tomb to be risen
life among us.

**May the Spirit of Jesus come upon us, +
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
the work of our hands,
as we follow his command.**

**For at his last meal with the disciples,
he blessed you, O God, for your faithfulness,
broke the bread of fellowship, and said:**

"Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body given for you."

**After the meal, he took the cup of blessing,
thanked you again, and gave it to them,
saying:**

"Take this, all of you, and drink, this is the cup
of my blood of a new and everlasting covenant.
Shed for you and for all so that sin may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ A-live! In our midst! Al le lu - ia!

God of life, we gather to celebrate Jesus who died and rose from the dead.

**May the Spirit he promised us
be strong in our lives
to show compassion to the sick,
the poor, and all who are in need,
especially among our families and friends.
Grant us to be of one mind and heart
walking in love with all people of good will.**

And may all of us one day, stand before you, joined with our departed loved ones, and united with all the saints, in the glory of the risen Christ.

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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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.**

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 one cup.**