

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome to the Fourth Cohort with the Center for Clergy Renewal on their reunion visit to the Monastery!

Gathering Hymn

We Are Gathered

1. We are gath - ered in the Spir - it though our
 2. We are gath - ered in our sor - row. We are
 3. We are gath - ered in com - mit - ment to a

bod - ies are a - part, Filled with joy and touched with
 gath - ered in our fear. In our pain and in our
 plan - et that is whole. Works of jus - tice, acts of

won - der, sep - 'rate hands but min - gled hearts. Giv - ing
 wor - ry, in our an - ger and our tears. As we
 kind - ness bless the world and heal our souls. As our

thanks and sing - ing prais - es for the
 tend to one an - oth - er with our
 voic - es join to - geth - er, may our

love that calls us on. From our man - y diff - rent
 gifts and with our care, Our com - mu - ni - ty is
 song of peace re - sound. May we of - fer in a -

plac - es we are gath - ered in - to one.
 strength - ened through the faith and hope we share.
 bun - dance all the grace that we have found.

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Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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	Patti LaCross
Lectors	Michael Shinnors Lila Hemlin
Greeters	Bob Weiss, John Whalen, Margaret Sommers
Communion	Bruce Goodman, Anne Schoenemann Christine Pasinski Thomas, Alan Joranlien, Jane Ahlstrom
Bread Baker	Linda Preboski
Sacristan	Marge Ferstl
Cantor	Bob Dinndorf
Technology	Mike Crawford
Child Care	Ann Baltes, Nichole Rasmus
Child Ministry	Joyce Wodka, Sarah Wilkin Gibart
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick

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The Center for Clergy Renewal is excited to welcome 14 members of the fourth cohort back for a reunion! Cohort 4 began their journey together in 2023. This is their second reunion.

- Holly Rankin Zaher, Evansville, IN
- Megan Thompson, Downers Grove, IL
- Karol Schilling, Bloomington, IL
- Miranda Hassett, Madison, WI
- Deb Swets, Oshkosh, WI
- Susan Sytsma Bratt, Mequon, WI
- Megan Torgerson, Egan, MN
- Anna Yoder Schlabach, Goshen, IN
- Donald Frye, Aurora, IL
- Merlyn Lawrence, Highland, IN
- Jessica Scholten, Middleton, WI
- Jill Terpstra, Lombard, IL
- Anna Doherty, Woodbury, MN
- Tammy Scott, Oswego, IL

Psalm 118

This Is The Day

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 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle

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

Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

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 - dant of wealth!
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

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.

Kids On the Prairie, April 19 - Signs of Spring and celebration of Earth Day! 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

Centering Prayer Group April 15, 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)

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.

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!

Earth Day celebration following worship -thru the arts as we join with Raging Grannies and WI 350 arts dance collective on April 19th at 10:15 am.

Intercessions *Response:* 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.
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 the fruit of
the earth, 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."

Hymn of Praise

Peace Be With You


1. "Peace be with you," Je-sus said, af-ter ris-ing
2. Where can we meet Christ the Lord, touch his wounds and
3. "Go to heal, as once I went; I send you, as
from the dead. "See my wounds and do not fear.
hear his word? Can we hope to see his face
I was sent. Fol-low where my Spir-it leads;
Touch me, know that I am here." When dis-ci-ples
here, in this un-like-ly place? Je-sus says to
spend your-self in lov-ing deeds." We will go, as
long a-go saw the friend they'd come to know,
us to-day, "Mer-cy is God's cho-sen way.
you once went; you send us, as you were sent.
they were moved, then, to re-joice
Help the suf-f'ring now and see:
May your Spir-it be our guide;
in his pres-ence, in his voice.
serv-ing them is serv-ing me."
all we need, you will pro-vide.

Communion

Dona Nobis Pacem



Do-na no-bis pa-cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa -



cem. Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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.

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.

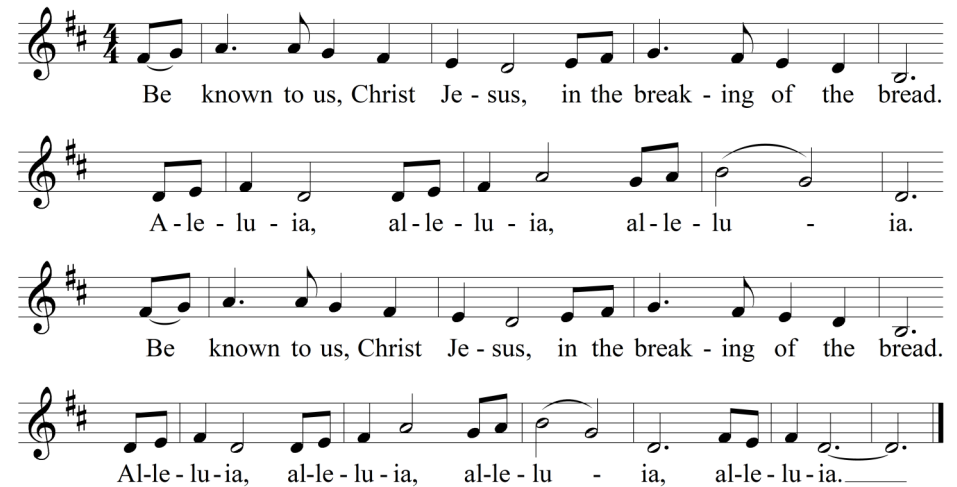


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Prayer of Jesus

**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**.*