

**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.

**Holy Wisdom Monastery** and this gathering are sustained by the generosity of members, friends, and visitors. We invite you to support the ongoing future of this community with a gift at the QR code. No amount is too small.



## **Third Sunday of Easter Earth Day Sunday The Baptism of Hugo Sylvester Perez**

April 19, 2026



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*Please join us for coffee and treats from the Perez family to celebrate Hugo's Baptism today in the Dining Room following Sunday Assembly today.*

## Gathering Hymn

## Now The Green Blade Rises



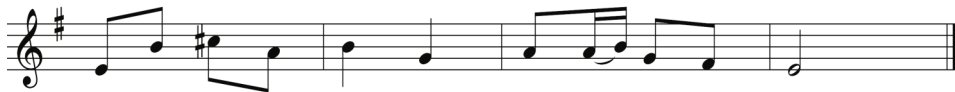
1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love by ha - tred slain,  
 3. Forth he came at East - er, like the ris - en grain,  
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 Think - ing he would nev - er wake to life a - gain,  
 Spring - ing from the grave where three days he had lain;  
 By your touch you call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 Raised from the dead, my liv - ing God is seen;  
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



Love is come a - gain, like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## Greeting, Introduction and Welcome

**Presentation for Baptism:** *Hugo Sylvester Perez*

*Parents: Lara and Christopher Perez*

*Godparents: Jesse Conway, Alexandria Christensen*

## Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

## Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Following each reading:*

Reader The Word of Salvation

**All Thanks be to God**

## Today's Ministers:

Presider	Paul Markquart
Homilist	Paul Markquart
Assistant	Ezra Brown
Lectors	Janet Neurauter Roberta Felker
Greeters	Diana Ducett, William Ducett, Sonny Graves
Communion	Lila Hemlin, Valerie Vervoort Steve and Jeanie Tomasko Terry Larson
Bread Baker	Marcia Krater
Sacristan	Ann McBride, Margaret Sommers
Cantor	Nancy Didion
Technology	Tony Gibart
Child Care	Sally Bowers, Nichole Rasmus
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick

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"Now The Green Blade Rises" text: John M.C. Crum, French Carol Thomas Foster, Oxford Press Pub, Psalm 16  
 "You Will Show Me The Path Of Life" by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications,  
 "Halle, Halle, Halle" by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications,  
 "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications,  
 "Be Known To Us Christ Jesus" by Ann Krentz, Augsburg Fortress Publications,  
 "Two Were Bound For Emmaus" by Bob Hurd OCP Publications,  
 "Spring Is Spreading Through The Prairie" by Barbara Battin, Holy Wisdom Monastery.

**Liturgical Ministers Scheduling Reminder:** The next schedule (which will run from June 7 through August 24, 2026) for our Sunday Assembly liturgical ministers is currently being prepared. Please use the link below to update and submit any dates you are NOT available to serve by this Friday, April 24th along with any updates, such as changes in your contact information or ministries in which you'd like to serve. Thank you to all our volunteers for sharing your gifts with the Sunday Assembly community!! Questions: Please contact Kathy Woytych (kathywoytych@gmail.com) or Ann Baltes (abaltes@chorus.net).

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**The Interfaith Peace Working Group** is presenting a one-day conference titled *Nonviolence in Action: An Interfaith Conversation on Building the Beloved Community* next Thursday, April 23 at Bethel Lutheran Church. . This conference features two nationally-known peace advocates, Shane Claiborne and Kathy Kell. The Sunday Assembly is one of more than 30 groups co-sponsoring this event.

Shane, founder of the faith-based peace and justice movement Red Letter Christians, is known for his long-standing advocacy for the poor, his opposition to gun violence, and his protests against US wars. His advocacy and protests have landed him in jail, but he sees these actions and his jail time as ways of witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus.

Kathy Kelly is the founder and Board President of World Beyond War. A peace activist, she protested the suffering of Iraqis due to US/UN imposed sanctions. From 2005 to 2020, she worked with Voices for Creative Nonviolence in opposition to U.S. wars in the Middle East.

The conference also includes eight workshops on issues related to peace, justice and environmental stewardship led by local activists and music by Bryan Sirchio.

For more information on the conference and to register, to the IPWG's website, <https://www.interfaithpeacewg.org/>

*A time of silent reflection follows each reading as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.*

**Psalm 16**

You Will Show Me The Path Of Life

Refrain I



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter.



In your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev-er.

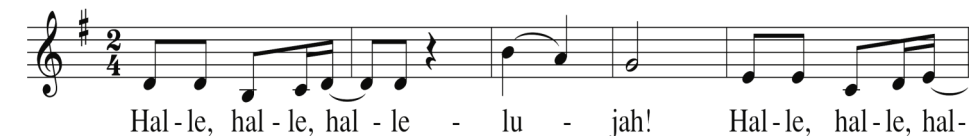
1. Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune, never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope.
2. From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety, through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me.
3. So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely, you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me.

**Reading**

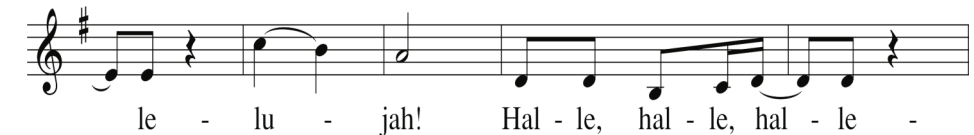
1 Peter 1:17-23

**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

Luke 24: 13-35

*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

### Affirmation of Faith for Earth Day Sunday

**We believe that God creates all things,  
renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,  
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,  
a home for us to share with one another.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,  
became a part of Earth,  
a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,  
bringing reconciliation for all human beings  
and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus  
is the Christ at the core of creation  
reconciling all things to God,  
renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in creation,  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,  
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**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. **WELCOME to Molly Murphy**, who joins the co-workers at Holy Wisdom. She is our new coordinator for Kids On The Prairie! Meet at the parking lot kiosk at 10:30. Register online under Upcoming Events.

**April 22 Centering Prayer Group** meets from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Oratory – Time for silent prayer/ meditation with a group, includes two 20-minute periods of seated meditation with a 5-minute break. (Contact Carole Kretschman, 608-577-3243)

**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.

**Earth Day celebration** following worship -thru the arts as we join with Raging Grannies in the gathering area and WI 350 arts dance collective on April 19th at 10:15 am in the board room!

**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!

**We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate  
a new creation. Amen.**

**Intercessions**    *Resp: God of Creation, hear our prayer.*

**Procession to the Font**

**Thanksgiving Over The Water**

*Response: Halle, Halle*

**Baptism**

*Response: Halle, Halle, Halle (Page 3)*

**Laying on of hands, Anointing with oil**

**Lighting of the Baptismal Candle**

**Before returning to your seats, bless yourselves  
with Baptismal Water and give to one another the  
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*

**All**

*Presider*

**All**

*Presider*

**All**

May the Holy One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of 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**

## Hymn of Praise

## Spring Is Spreading Through

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.

Text: Rev. Barbara Battin, ©2001, Holy Wisdom Monastery, *Benedictine Bridge*  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, 87 87 D Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

## Communion

### Two Were Bound For Emmaus



1, 5. Two were bound for Em - ma - us, dis - heart - ened  
 2. On the Sea of Ti - ber - ius, when the night was  
 3. Then they knew it was Je - sus and they has - tened  
 4. When the road makes us wea - ry, when our la - bor



1, 5. and \_\_\_ lost; all their hope for the fu - ture had been  
 2. near - ly gone and their toil seemed so use - less, not one  
 3. in to shore; bread and fish for their break - fast from the  
 4. seems but loss, when the fire of faith weak - ens and too



1, 5. nailed to a cross. Love un - known then walked be - side \_\_\_ them,  
 2. fish had they caught, from the shore the strang - er called to them:  
 3. hands of their friend "O \_\_\_ Pe - ter, if you love \_\_\_ me  
 4. high seems the cost, let the Church turn to its ris - en One



1, 5. come \_\_\_ back from the dead, and they knew he was  
 2. "Cast your net, friends, once more." And they filled it to  
 3. you must care for my sheep; if you fol - low your  
 4. who for us bore the cross, and we'll find our hearts



1, 5. ris - en in the break - ing of bread.  
 2. burst - ing, but the net was not torn.  
 3. Shep - herd, then a shep - herd you'll be."  
 4. burn - ing at the sound of his voice.

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

## Prayer After Communion

### Blessing and 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.

**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."

**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.

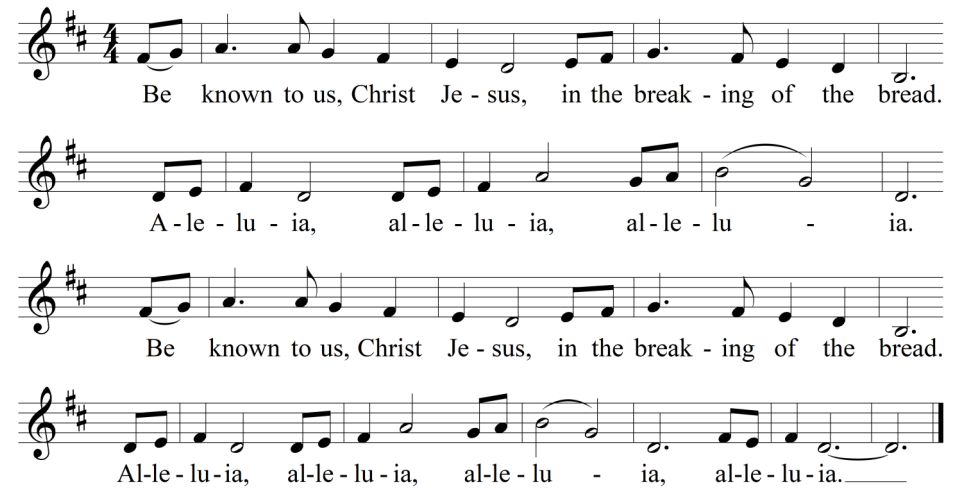


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### **Prayer of Jesus**

**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**.*