

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Rex Piercy
Homilist	Terry Larson
Lectors	Stephanie Lowden S. Mary David Walgenbach, OSB
Greeters	Janet Neurauter, Jeanie Marquis Judy Troia
Communion	Jane Ahlstrom, Diane Smith, Jim Selinske, Kathy Woytych, Joanna Kramer Fanney
Bread Baker	Susanna Bradley
Sacristan	Marge Ferstl, Margaret Sommers
Cantor	Nancy Didion
Technology	Mike Crawford
Child Care	Nichole Rasmus, Joyce Wodka
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick

Day of Rest and Reflection for Health Care Professionals

As a healthcare professional, you give generously of yourself to care for the bodies, minds and spirits of so many, and we are offering A Day of Rest and Reflection to generously return that care to you! Join us on June 3rd from 8:30 am-4:30 pm to walk the restored prairies of Holy Wisdom Monastery, engage in somatic and creative activities, find supportive community with other healthcare workers and receive nurture for your own body, mind and spirit. You will be welcomed with a continental breakfast and served a warm and nourishing lunch. Participants may choose to extend their stay by individually booking a dinner and/or overnight at the Retreat and Guest Center separate from the programmed event and at an additional cost. Contact retreats@holywisdommonastery.org if interested. This retreat is open to people who work in direct patient care such as nurses, doctors, CNAs, LPNs, radiologists, etc.

Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus

May 17, 2026



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Please join us for Coffee and Conversation following Sunday Assembly in the dining room!

Gathering Hymn

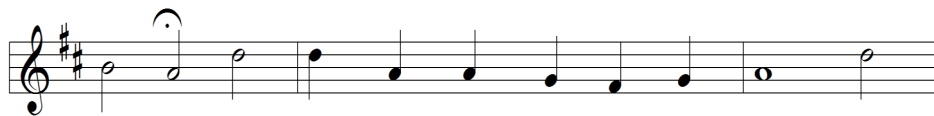
A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing, new
2. You are a pres - ent joy, O Christ, tri -
3. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed now, to



hymns through - out the world shall ring. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
um - phant love once sac - ri - ficed. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
your blessed name all knees shall bow. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! By a new way none ev - er trod Christ
lu - ia! And great the light in you we see to
lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges run, in



shares once more the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
guide us to e - ter - ni - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Tri - une God - head ev - er One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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Text: The Venerable Bede, (673-735), St. 1-2 tr. by Elizabeth R. Charles, 1858; alt.; St. 3, tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1854; alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.8.8 with Alleluias, Geisliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Greeting, Introduction and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Blood Drive is Thursday May 28th We are still hoping for about 20 more people to sign up to donate blood here at Holy Wisdom Monastery on Thursday, May 28th.

There has consistently been a shortage of blood products and we are hoping that members of our community can help with our donations. If you are able to do so, please call 1-800-REDCROSS. Our donation code is HWM.

That's all there is to it! In addition to helping people in need, you will also receive a coupon for a pint of Culver's custard, and a promotional American Red Cross beach towel! There will also be other tasty treats and drinks as you relax after your donation. If you have any questions, please call Rita Emmenegger at 608-712-7761. With many thanks!

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.



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"A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing" St 1-2, by Elizabeth R. Charles, St 3 by Benjamin Webb, Psalm 47 "God Mounts The Throne" by Francesca LaRosa, 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, "The Kindom of God" by Jaques Berthier, GIA Publications, "To Be Your Presence" by Dolores Dufner, OSB, GIA Publications.

Taize prayer at the Monastery, Friday May 22nd at 6:00 pm Prayer in the spirit of the Taizé community is a meditative form of common prayer for Pentecost. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity and invoking the Holy Spirit to enter our prayer. We will be remembering in a special way all the amazing Oblates of Holy Wisdom. These people have a very special place in our hearts. They work hard through action and prayer to keep the Mission, Vision and Values of the Monastery alive. They have been on retreat here May 8th to the 10th and they will be renewing their promise commitment. Please keep them in your prayers.

Hispanic Families In your bulletin and in the gathering area are opportunities to donate to Hispanic families for summer groceries. Hispanic students lose access to free school provided meals with families either eating less or going hungry. There are only two Sundays left to donate and we have only collected \$1200, which only provides \$100 food cards to 12 families. Last year we collected around \$15,000 which supported \$300 to 50 families. Thank you for any donation you can give.



Please keep in your prayers the Hughes family. **Rose Hughes** passed in eternal life on Saturday May 9th. Her husband Mike passed on December 1, 2023. Eternal rest grant unto her O God, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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 47

God Mounts The Throne



God mounts the throne, to shouts of joy;



A blare of trum-pets for our God!

1. All you peoples clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, for our God the Most High, the awesome, is the great One over all the earth!
2. God mounts the throne amid shouts of joy; our God amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise, sing praise to our God, sing praise!
3. The Holy One of earth, is God. Sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon the holy throne.

Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

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, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
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Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

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

Profession of Faith

Response: This Is Our Faith, This Is Our Hope

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.

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!

Mark your calendars for the opening reception of our new art exhibit, Madre Tierra, on **Friday, May 29 from 6 – 8pm**. Artist Issis Macias, the daughter of Mexican immigrants, will share how this exhibit honors her heritage and celebrates all Mother Earth gives to us as a living presence who supports, heals and guides. Light refreshments will be served. Please register for this event on the monastery website.

Kids On the Prairie today May 17 – Looking at Birds. Kids and their adults are invited to watch for birds and see how they spend their time. What are they eating? Look for bluebirds that nest at the Monastery and learn how we take care of them. Meet at 10:30 at the parking lot kiosk. Please register online. Space is limited.

Bread Bakers: We are seeking 1 or 2 more people who are willing to bake bread for Sunday Assembly! If you are interested, it's easy to do! We supply the bread mix, and you would be on a schedule with several others. Please let Bill know if you can help! (608)821-1154 or Bfrederick@holylwisdommonastery.org

Announcements

From Erin Trondson

Dear Sunday Assembly Community, I know we all participate in so many ways to make our assembly a vibrant and vital experience. From the greeters who hand us our programs all the way until the end of the day, when the hospitality volunteers wash each table with Chef Felipe's approved procedures. There are so many details, efforts, and love that go into meaningful liturgy and support the community that make up Sunday Assembly. All that being said, there is one community that often goes unseen, and that is our childcare community.

We are all invested in Holy Wisdom Sunday Assembly growing beyond our lifetimes and reaching far into the future - but if we aren't growing our Children and Family community, our Sunday Assembly community can't grow either. We need your help to increase our Sunday Assembly childcare volunteer pool.

If we are invested in this growth and future existence of Sunday Assembly, I ask that each of us please consider volunteering as a childcare or children's prayer volunteer, even once or twice a year at a minimum. Our next training will take place on May 24th, immediately after Sunday Assembly in the Board Room, and should only take around 30 minutes to complete. Once you have the training and complete a background check, you can sign up for your Sunday volunteer day with Ann (abaltes@chorus.net) or Kathy (kathywoytych@gmail.com).

Thank you for volunteering in this very important way! If the childcare training on May 24th doesn't work for you please reach out to Eri for an alternative time, etronson@holylwisdommonastery.org.

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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer for The Solemnity of the Ascension

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

*Assembly in **BOLD***

Prayer over the Gifts

Response: Amen

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.

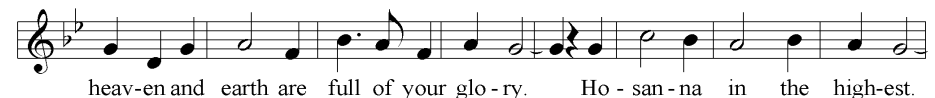
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It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Joyfully we gather in grateful praise, O God for the glorious heritage Jesus has given us and the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe.

We mark the day when Jesus ascended into your presence to intercede for us always. From there he sent the Holy Spirit to baptize with power, and commissioned us to proclaim good news, making us witnesses to the ends of the Earth.

For this great mystery of empowering love, We join with all believers to praise you in song:



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.

Steadfast and loving One,
you lift up the name of Jesus
above every other name,
making him the font of our holiness
and source of the Spirit with us.

**Let that Spirit come upon us
and upon these gifts
that our offering of praise may be one
with the praise of Jesus in glory.
Before he passed from this world to you,
he gathered at table
with those who would witness
his dying and rising.**

Taking the bread, he praised you,
and shared it with them, saying,
take and Eat: It is my body broken for you.

Taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks again,
and giving it to them, he said,
take this all of you and drink:
This cup is a new covenant
in my blood shed for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Hymn of Praise

To Be Your Presence

1. To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here,
2. To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold,
3. To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest,
4. We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice;

To show Com - pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear,
To feed the poor and shel - ter home - less cold,
To speak for all the bro - ken and op - pressed,
To serve your peo - ple is our call and choice,

To be your heart of mer - cy ev - er near,
To be your hands, your jus - tice to up - hold,
To be your voice of hope, your love ex - pressed,
And in this mis - sion we, the Church, re - joice,

(1.-4.) al - le - lu - ia!

Communion

The Kindom Of God

The Kin - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and

joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, now and

o - pen in us the gates of your Kin - dom.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

We give you thanks, O God,
for the love poured forth in the death of Jesus,
and for the strength shown
in raising him from the dead
and seating him in glory.

**Remaining with us in mystery,
he entrusted his saving work to us,
this holy assembly, until he comes again.
Until that day,
give us the Spirit of wisdom and insight
to know you, O God,
and to be filled with the power of grace
in our lives.**

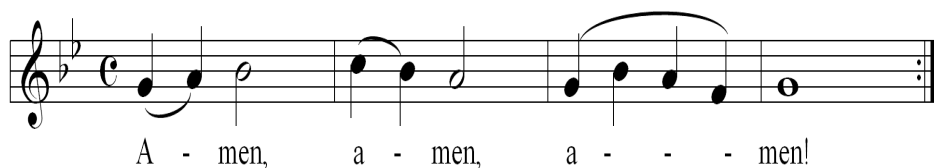
May all who lead the Christian Churches
be filled with that same spirit,
and work with leaders of all the world religions,
and with all people of good will,
to bring about peace and justice.

**Companion God,
be comfort to the sick and dying,
and give eternal rest to all our beloved dead.
Strengthen us by the witness
of all the holy people
who have gone before us in faith,**

**and from whose heritage we live today.
Renew and comfort us
with the presence of Jesus
until he comes again.**

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.

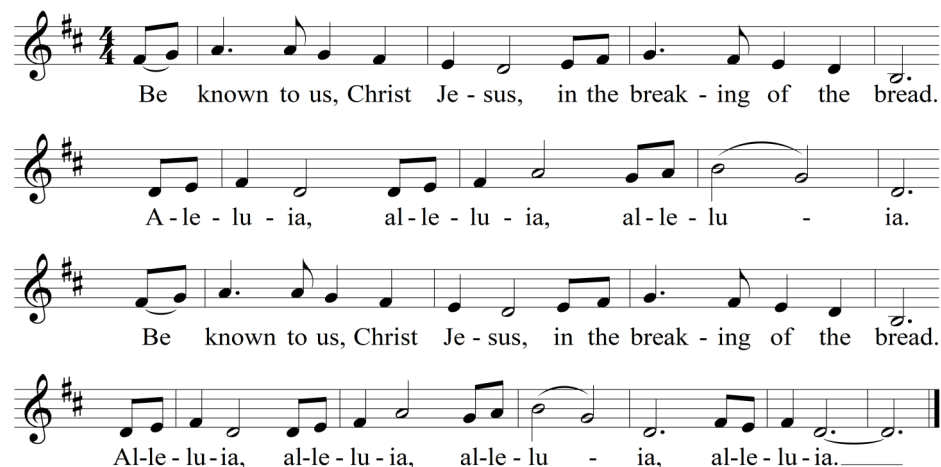
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Prayer of Jesus

**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.**

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.***