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Cantor	Anne Baltes
Technology	Bill Rosholt, Bruce Goodman
Child Care	Nichole Rasmus, Julie Melton
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick

Next Sunday May 10th, we will bless and send forth David and Alison McKee as their journey of life takes them to New Mexico. They will be missed greatly. They have made a tremendous impact at Holy Wisdom.

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter Pluralism Sunday

May 3, 2026



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

Gathering Hymn

Creator Of The Intertwined



1. Cre - a - tor of the in - ter - twined, you
2. The song of peace, best sung by all, strength
3. In e - vil's wake we all are hurt; when
4. Teach us to cher - ish what is strange and



made each soul u - nique: each one with ears to
born of u - ni - ty. In har - mo - ny we
pricked, all hu - mans bleed. With com - mon wounds and
so the rich - er be, to lis - ten with our



hear faith's call, each one with voice to speak.
cel - e - brate your gift: di - ver - si - ty.
shared de - spair, we seek the balm we need.
hearts and speak with lov - ing hon - es - ty.



Each wor - ships where the call is heard in
Can we not sing each oth - er's songs? Speak
We do not ask be - fore we reach to
From dif - f'rent sourc - es com - fort comes, each



for - est, tem - ple, dome, on moun - tain - top, in
un - fa - mil - iar prayer? Re - joic - ing in the
of - fer our em - brace, we do not ask, "How
seeks for the di - vine: your voice speaks man - y



up - per room— the soul must find its home.
boun - ty of the dif - f'ren - ces we share?
do you pray?" We reach with arms of grace.
lan - guag - es, just one of them is mine.

Greeting, Introduction and Welcome Opening Prayer

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 a retreat here May 8th to the 10th and they will be renewing their promise commitment. Please keep them in your prayers.

Centering Prayer Group will meet on Thursday May 6th 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

Summer support for Hispanic Families with summer food cards. Hispanic students lose access to school provided meals with families either eating less or going hungry. Here is the QR code to donate or a donation box at the reception desk. Thank you for your caring & kindness!



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"Creator Of The Intertwined" by Jaques B Jones, GIA Publications, Psalm 33 "God Let Your Mercy Be On Us" by Francesca LaRosa, LaRosa,com 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, "WE Are One" by Timophy Wright, Valerie Foster, GIA Publications, "In Star And Crescent, Wheel And Flame" by Mary Louise Bringle, Scottish Folk Tune, GIA Publications.

Highlights of the Interfaith Peace Working Group of Wisconsin's Conference: Nonviolence in Action: An Interfaith Conversation on Building the Beloved Community.

On Thursday, April 23, 2026, 13 members of the Sunday Assembly Social Justice Committee joined over 150 other people of faith and conscience at an interfaith gathering focusing on connecting faith-based perspectives with practical strategies for nonviolent social change. The event included rousing music, powerful keynote speakers, and workshops on topics such as climate action, criminal justice reform, immigration rights, and democracy protection. A public action at the State Capitol followed the conference. The two nationally-recognized peace advocates were Shane Claiborne, founder of Red Letter Christians, and Kathy Kelly, Board President of World BEYOND War. Shane reminded us of "the power of joy as an act of resistance," underscoring the need to "protest in ways that tenderize hearts," and the imperative of moving beyond compassion to proximity and relationship. Kathy Kelly shared deeply moving photos and stories of her time in Gaza. Two themes that struck us: Martin Luther King, Jr's framing of justice as love in action; and the call to "find common cause with all people" as a first step in creating relationships with those who may see the world differently.

Our Social Justice Committee welcomes new members; for more information, see Kate or David Eberhard or talk with any member of the committee.

Kids On the Prairie 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.

The University of Wisconsin Russian Folk Orchestra is hosting their annual spring concert at Holy Wisdom Monastery on May 10 at 3:00 pm. Celebrate Mother's Day with great music! You can find out more or purchase tickets on the Holy Wisdom website!

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 7:55-60

Reading

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 33

God Let Your Mercy Be On Us

God let your mer - cy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. Exult you just in our God, praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks unto God on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant God's praises.
2. Upright is the word of our God, and all the works are trustworthy. God loves justice and right; and with kindness from God, the earth is full.
3. See the eyes of God are upon those who are in awe, upon those who hope for all kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

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 14:1-14

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

Sprinkling Rite

Response: "I Do"

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The second system also includes a triplet. The third system includes a triplet. The fourth system is labeled '1-4 to Verses Final' and includes a triplet. The fifth system is labeled 'Verses' and includes four numbered lines of lyrics. The final system is labeled 'to Refrain' and includes four numbered lines of lyrics.

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!
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!

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 today, 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.

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

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.

Hymn of Praise In Star And Crescent, Wheel And Flame



1. In star and cres - cent, wheel and flame, in
2. In burn - ing in - cense, tith - ing gifts, in
3. With var - ied hopes and dreams and creeds, all



rug - ged cross and emp - ty tomb, we i - mage
break - ing bread and pour - ing wine, each act of
tiles in one mo - sa - ic whole, we serve our



forth one match - less name, one ho - ly ma - trix,
ar - dent wor - ship lifts our hu - man hearts to
God in faith - ful deeds on path - ways to one



fount, and womb. Though dif - f'rent cul - tures, tribes, and
Love Di - vine. In Bud - dhist chant and Mus - lim
com - mon goal. No Jew nor Gen - tile, slave nor



lands use lens - es ground to dif - f'ring
prayer, in sho - far, drum, and sa - cred
free, no male and fe - male set a -



sight, each col - or of the pri - sm's
song, the mu - sic thank - ful spir - its
part, but all are one, as fam - i -



bands re - fract from one all - daz - zling light.
share give praise in voic - es mil - lions strong.
ly held close with - in our Mak - er's heart.

Intercessions Sign Of Peace

Risen Jesus, hear our prayer

Presentation of the Gifts

*A basket is available on the table to receive your dona-
tions. 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 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."

Leader We commit ourselves to forgiving one another
for past and present prejudices and injustices.

All **We commit ourselves to supporting one
another in our common efforts to
overcome all forms of discrimination,
hatred, greed, and violence.**

Leader We commit ourselves to taking the side
of the poor and the oppressed, to speaking
out for those who have no voice,
and to working effectively to change these
Conditions.

All **We commit ourselves to promoting
friendship and solidarity among people,
for we are convinced that increased
understanding of one another will bring
peace and justice. This prayer of
commitment we bring to you,
O Loving Creator. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May Holy Wisdom give guidance to all people,
All **May Holy Wisdom bless all people with
peace.**

Presider May we go forth remembering that all people
are created in your own image, and we are all
precious to you.

All **May we join hands as the family of God in
this community and around the world to
heal divisions and to build bridges of
respect and understanding.**

Interfaith Prayer for Pluralism Sunday

Leader Holy Wisdom,
on this Pluralism Sunday
we celebrate religious diversity in our
multifaith world.
We believe these differences enrich us all,
and do not claim that our religion is superior
to others. Seeking your guidance in our
efforts to work together for peace, we make
this prayer of commitment.

Leader Gracious Maker of us all,
we commit ourselves to giving mutual
respect to people of all races, cultures and
religions in all nations.

All **We commit ourselves to celebrating
our spiritual, religious, cultural, and
racial diversity and to making more
opportunities for greater
understanding.**

Leader We commit ourselves to creating dialogue,
so that there will be an increase of trust and
cooperation among individuals, among
communities and among nations.

All **We commit ourselves to working for
justice and freedom for all people,
so that there can be true peace in our
world.**

**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:



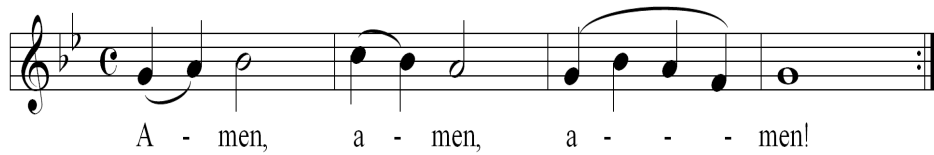
God of life, we gather to celebrate Jesus
who died and rose from the dead.

**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.

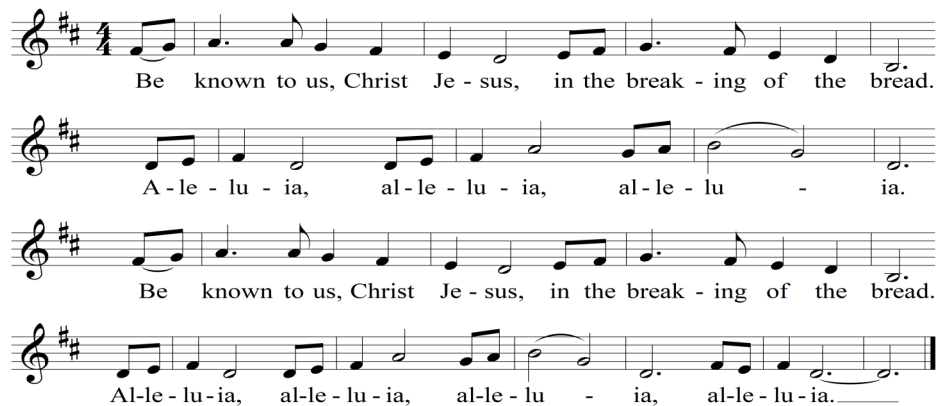
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Prayer of Jesus

**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

We Are One

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.***

