

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Lynne Smith, OSB, prioress
Homilist	Wayne Sigelko
Lectors	Everline Jeruto, OSB Mary David Walgenbach, OSB
Greeters	Jeanne Marquis, Margaret Sommers, Mary Kremer
Communion	Jeanie and Steve Tomasko Abbie Loomis, Diane Smith Valerie Vervoort
Sacristan	Diane Smith
Bread Baker	Marcia Krater
Cantors	Nancy Didion
Technology	Jim Penczykowski
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick
Child care	Melissa Markquart, Joyce Wodka

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SA choir members and cantors **Ann Baltes, Sherri Hansen, Bill and Grace Rosholt, and Taryn Valley**, will be singing in the **Isthmus Vocal Ensemble** concerts on Friday, July 31st at 7:30 PM at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, and Sunday, August 2nd at 3 pm at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The program entitled, "Made for Love," features music of Hildegard von Bingen, Carlos Guastavino, Jake Runestad and more! For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.isthmusvocalensemble.org.

Benedict and Scholastica Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2026 Welcome New Members to Sunday Assembly!

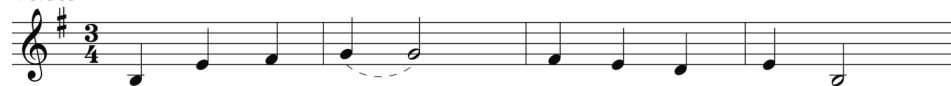


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Gathering

Christ Be our Light

Verses



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers.
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 shared un - til all are fed.
 walls made of liv - ing stone.
 mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

Our communion and sending hymns this morning are composed by a wonderful Benedictine sister, Delores Dufner, OSB, from St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph Minnesota. **"The Earth Is Turning Towards the Sun"** In it, she uses phrases from the Rule of Benedict, For example, Benedict asks all who would join the community: Do they seek the Holy One? The first two lines of the third verse refer to the prologue of the rule. The last two lines of the third verse and the first two lines of the fourth verse refer to the Benedictine call to see Christ in each person, friend and stranger alike, and her newest Hymn text **"Of Benedict, Beloved of God"** Tune by Christine Manderfeld, OSB 2026 we use for the first time, today at the Monastery. She is a composer, librettist and organist, and many of her works are published in hymnals all over the United States and abroad.

Scheduling Reminder for Sunday Assembly Liturgical Ministers, Childcare, Children's Ministry, and Hospitality Volunteers:

The next schedule (which will run from September 6 through November 29, 2026) for our Sunday Assembly liturgical ministers, childcare, children's ministry, and hospitality volunteers is currently being prepared. Please use the link below to update and submit any dates you are NOT available to serve **by this Wednesday, July 15th** 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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"Conversations about Our Benedictine Life: Work."

Work is one of the four pillars of a Benedictine life along with prayer, rest, and study. It is perhaps the most challenging to our being able to live lives of balance and to how we understand ourselves as good and worthy (before each other and before God). Join a conversation about work, what Benedict says about it in the Rule, how other Benedictine thinkers reflect on it, and what each of us has experienced in our own lives. July 19 (Sunday, 10:30 am) and August 12 (Wednesday, 1:00 pm) in person; July 21 (Tuesday) and August 5 (Wednesday) on zoom (both 6:30-8pm). Details on the monastery website. Search "Conversations about Our Benedictine Life."



Join us for the Festival on the Prairie on Thursday, August 6, 5:00-8:00 pm. There will be music by Annie and the Oakies, local food carts from FEED Kitchen with food for purchase, children's activities, garden and prairie tours, beer and soft drinks for purchase and free ice cream. Bring picnic blankets or camp chairs. Join us to celebrate a beautiful summer night with our community. All are welcome!

One of our Sunday Assembly Members needs your help! On September 1, 2026, Debra Leadholm is moving into an assisted living center with her son, who has a disability. She is moving from Stoughton to Madison. Can you, or anyone in your family, help her move? If so, please email her at: peanut.nobu@gmail.com

Greeting, Welcome and Introduction Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

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 122

Let Us Go Rejoicing



1. How I rejoiced to hear them say, "Let us go to the house of our God" And now, within your walls, we are standing, O Jerusalem!
2. There the tribes give thanks to the name of our God! According to the law of Israel. There are set the thrones of judgement for the house of David.
3. Let us pray for the good of Jerusalem and for those who love you prosperity and peace, peace within your ramparts and your towers, peace in your dwellings!
4. For the sake of my people and my friends, I say peace be to you, Jerusalem. For love of God's house, I pray for you, and your prosperity.

Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle



Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Intercessions

R/.God of love, 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.*

Announcements

Feast of St. Benedict and Scholastica today, Sunday July 12th! A day of joy for the sisters and all of Sunday Assembly! We will serve egg bake and the event is free. We are excited that some of our Oblates will be speaking about the Benedictine way of life, and the importance of this awesome ministry. Join us following Sunday Assembly!

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.

A Gender Neutral Restroom can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.

Are you new to Sunday Assembly or are you interested in joining Sunday Assembly? Welcome, we are glad you are here. We invite you to sign the Guest Registry in the lobby (found on the table beneath the television monitor) to receive communications from the monastery. Please join us again soon. You are always welcome here.

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, send by mail, or sign-up through our website. You will then receive welcome information from the Director of Music and Worship.

Expressions Art Exhibit!

The annual exhibit that celebrates the artistic talent of our community members was installed last Wednesday. Twenty-six artists submitted 57 pieces of two-dimensional art for consideration by the Art Jury. Take some time to experience the new exhibit and be sure to attend the opening reception after worship on Sunday, July 26th. You will be able to talk with many of the artists and enjoy a few treats!

Bulletin Announcements are due to Bill by Monday morning at 9:00 am each week. Please put "Bulletin Announcement" in the subject line.

Blessing
Sending Forth
Hymn of Praise

Of Benedict, Beloved of God



1. Of Ben - e - dict, be - loved of God, we sing.
2. With Ben - e - dict, be - loved of God, we pray
3. For Ben - e - dict, be - loved of God, give praise,



Pre - fer - ring Christ to all, to ev - 'ry - thing,
for those called forth to fol - low in his way,
whose ho - ly Rule still guides and shapes our days.



he sought with oth - ers, one in work and prayer, to
for those who suf - fer, those who are in need; for
May we, re - joic - ing, run the path he chose, hearts



serve and spread the kin - dom ev - 'ry - where.
all cre - a - tion, now we in - ter - cede.
filled with love's de - light that o - ver - flows.

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer VII for Ordinary Time
"Walking the Prophetic Journey"

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

*The Assembly parts are in **bold**.*

Presider May the Holy One be with you.

ALL 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.

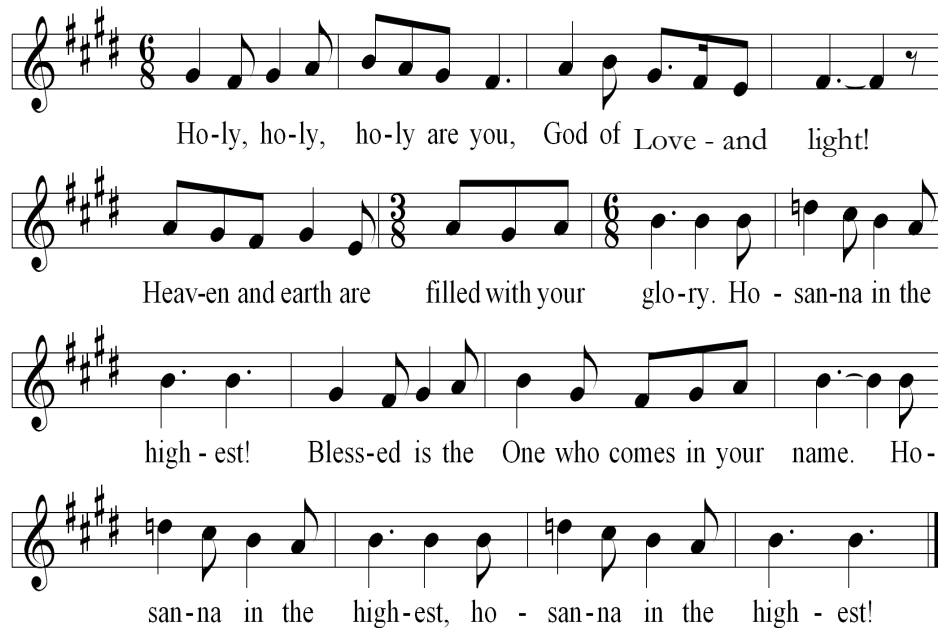
Great and holy designer of all that is,
from everlasting you are the Source of our Being.

**You weave the fabric of the universe
and spread it as the dwelling tent of your glory.
You invite all Creation to robe itself
in the love pouring out from your heart
as from a fountain of never-ending abundance.**

We thank you for the extravagance of your giving,
for the endless communion of your presence
among us and in all that is.

**We thank you that throughout history
you have been calling the human family
together and inspiring us to love one another
and to learn from the humblest parts of creation
your hidden ways.**

Joining now with all the cosmos
and every living creature, we sing your praise.



Holy One who gathers us,
we honor the ones who have revealed your ways
and we thank you for the courage and fidelity
of all whom you have sent
to prepare a path for us to follow -
all holy people of every age and culture.

**We especially thank you for Jesus
who comes to us as bread for our journey,
In him you revealed the complete
mystery of love
that is the human family.
We seek to follow Jesus' example
and become the Body of Christ
in all our interactions and relationships.**

A brief period of silence follows Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing of New Members of Sunday Assembly

Today, we welcome with Benedictine joy, twenty-two new members to Sunday Assembly!

They are a sign of tremendous growth here at Holy Wisdom, and we want to rejoice in that! They are:

Marsha Janota, Arlene Christian,
Jane Jakoubek, Ella Christoph,
Isadore Connell, Phil Rynish,
Vanessa Kuettel, Simon Rynish,
Stephanie Homan, Lindy Martin,
Rudy Martin, Ella Martin,
Tom Hobday, Lucas Fiet,
Ezra Brown, Todd Noreuil,
Kim Keppler-Noreuil, Gretchen Wahl,
Ken Frazier, Rue Flesch,
Nathan Tan, Kate Schneider-Braus.



**All So all of us are one body,
all who share the one bread and drink
from the 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**.

Communion The Earth Is Turning Toward The Sun



1. The earth is turn - ing t'ward the sun____
2. Let all who seek the Ho - ly One____
3. And let us has - ten, side by side,____
4. Then may we know the strang - er's face____



and dark - ness t'ward the light. All
be - gin a - new to - day, re -
up - on our life - long quest to
as One for whom we long and,



crea - tures, rise and praise your God____ for
nounc - ing false and emp - ty gods____ who
greet with joy the Christ, who comes in
turn - ing al - ways t'ward the Light, lift



rest and peace of night, for rest and peace of night.
lead our hearts a - stray, who lead our hearts a - stray.
ev - 'ry friend and guest, in ev' - ry friend and guest.
heart and voice in song, lift heart and voice in song.

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal
and shared with them his life and love.

While they were at supper he took bread,
gave you thanks,
broke it and passed it among them saying:
"Take this all of you, and eat.
This is my body which is given up for you."

Then he took the cup of wine,
said the blessing,
and gave it to them saying:
"Take this, all of you, and drink.
This is the cup of my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
so that creation may be reconciled.
Every time you do this,
do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

Giver of every blessing,
send your gracious Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

**Help us to recognize the reality of Christ
present among us.**

**Grant us the courage and the power
to be your justice and your peace
in our world.**

**Give us open hearts and minds
to welcome all who are outcast,
especially the immigrant and the refugee.
Teach us to live gently and gratefully
upon this planet
and upon the pathway you have chosen
for us from among the stars.**

As we make our prayer to you, O Holy One,
remember Benedict, Scholastica, Gertrude and
all our loved ones who have died,
give comfort to all who suffer,
and may the fullness of your peace
be revealed in every land.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is
Yours O God, now and forever...

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The 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 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?