The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8,2026
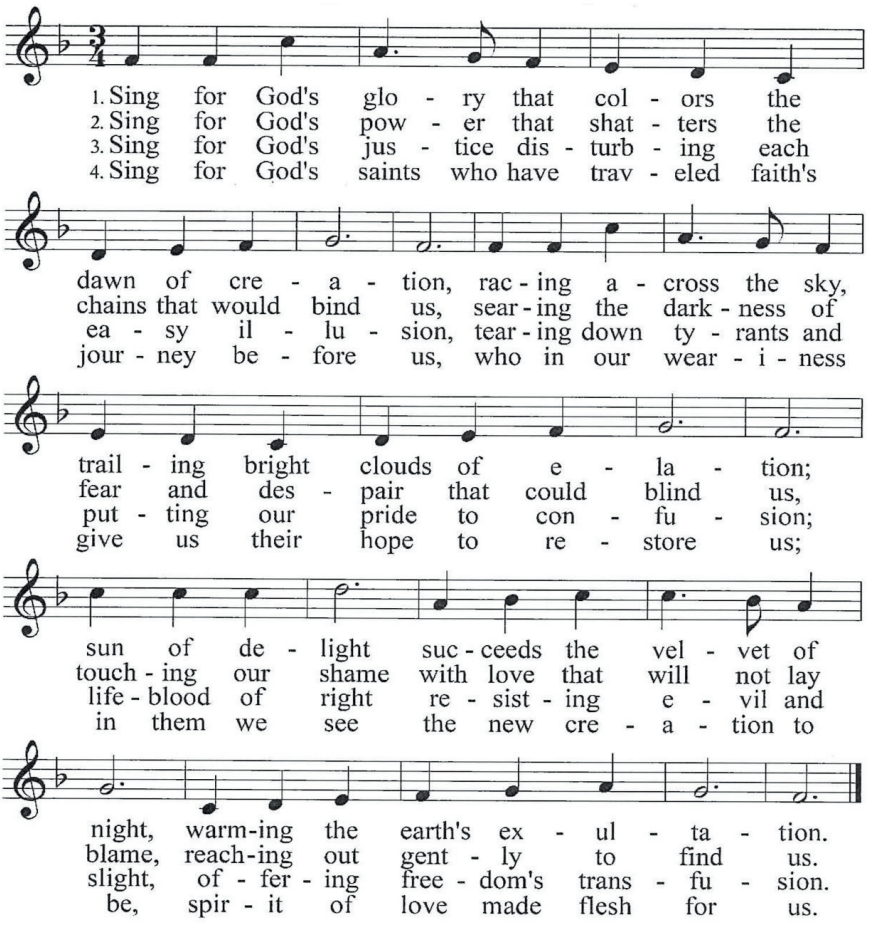


Welcome to Holy Wisdom Monastery! Influenced by the Benedictine spirit and tradition, we welcome all to worship with us and we embrace unity around an open communion table. Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Monastery dining room following Sunday Assembly today!

Holy Wisdom Monastery

4200 County Road M
Middleton, Wisconsin 53562
608-836-1631
HolyWisdomMonastery.org

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.

Gathering Hymn Sing For God's Glory



Welcome and Introduction

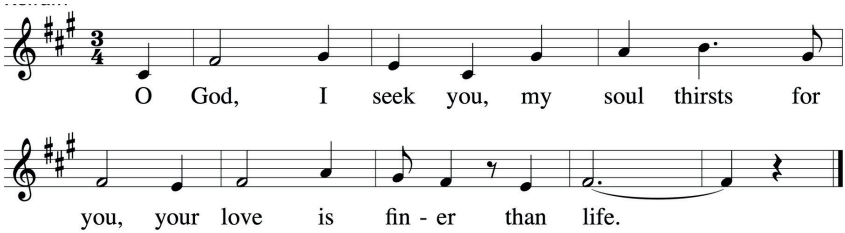
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Following each reading
Reader: The Word of Salvation
All **Thanks be to God.**
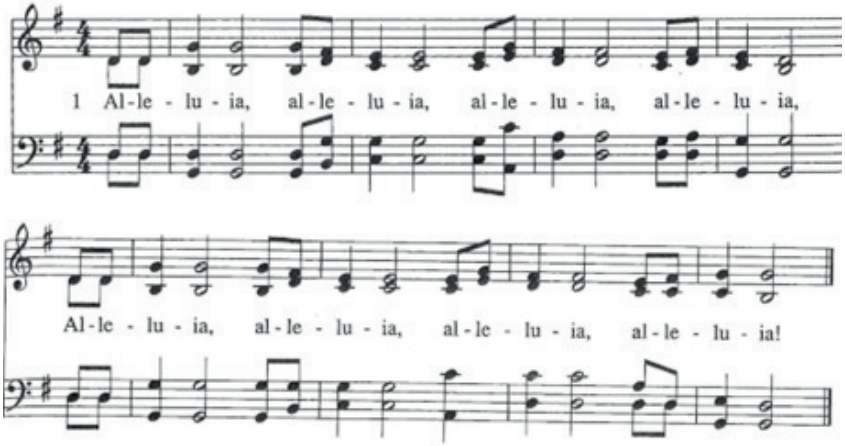
Psalm 63 Your Love Is Finer Than Life



As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God, and my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life.
I think of you when at night I rest, reflect upon your steadfast love, I will cling to you, O God my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing.
I will bless your name all the days I live. I will raise my hands and call on you, my joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul.

Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation Charismatic Alleluia



Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

Sign of Peace

Presentation of Gifts

A basket is available on the table to receive your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The gifts of b*read and wine and our offering are brought to the Table.*

Prayer over the gifts *R/. Amen*
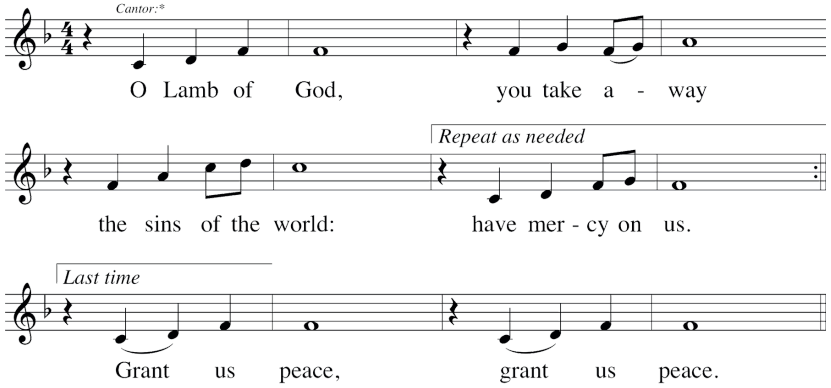
**Please refer to the green flyer for the Eucharistic Prayer*

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

The Assembly echoes each phrase of the Cantor



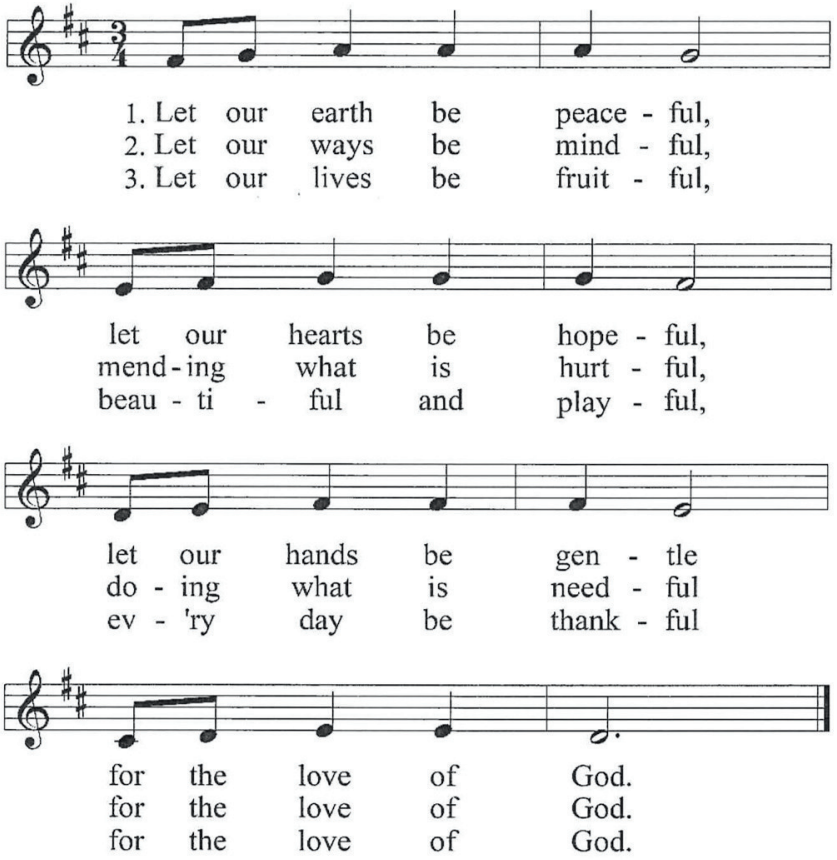
Presider The bread which we break, is it not communion in the body of Christ? The cup of blessing which we share, is it not communion in the blood of Christ?

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

Communion Meditation Let Our Earth Be Peaceful



Prayer after communion
Blessing and sending forth
Hymn of Praise Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me, Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be! With God our creator, family all are we! Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!

Announcements

Pastoral Care Services are available. For more information contact Jane Ahlstrom at 608-222-5139 or janeahlstrom@sbcglobal.net.

A Gender Neutral Restroom can be found in the Childcare/Hospitality Room or on the lower level.

Are you new to 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.

Are you interested in joining Sunday Assembly? We hope that you've found a spiritual home with us and invite you to become a member of Sunday Assembly. It's simple. Gold membership forms can be found at the monastery entrance or on the website.

Sunday Assembly Childcare 9-10am in our Hospitality Room every Sunday.

Kids On The Prairie Today, Sunday November 8 10:30 AM-12:30 "Cycles Of Life"

Share Your Spiritual Journey-join us for an opportunity to share (or just listen) to how different Sunday Assembly members' spiritual journey led them to Holy Wisdom. Sunday December 13th in the Sister's Dining Room immediately after Sunday Assembly. Light refreshments available.

Please join us for the opening reception of the newest art exhibit, Of Quiet Awe, on Friday, November 20, 2026, at 6 pm in the Gathering Area. You can register for the event featuring the work of Jennifer Peters and Karen Fitzsimons on the HWM website.

Advent Series: Making Our Way in the Wilderness Advent readings highlight calls to prepare ways in the wilderness for the Messiah. Join us in contemplating how, in our own wilderness times, we can prepare the way for the Christ spirit to enter our hearts. Facilitated by Pam Shellberg. In-person, Tuesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, 10-11:30 am.; Zoom/virtual, Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, 6:30-8 pm. Registration is required and can be found on the website.

LGBTQIA+ Outreach center in Madison continues to collect non perishable food and hygiene items. Bring them with you and drop the items off in the drop box at the Porters desk! Thank you for your continued generosity!

The 2027 Wisconsin Poets' Calendar are being sold for $20 once again this year! ALL proceeds are split between Holy Wisdom and the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets (WFOP). Calendars will be available Sunday, November 22nd and 29th. Cash or checks payable to WFOP. Or, contact Steve or Jeanie Tomasko at any time to order one (or more! They make great gifts!). Email stevetomasko2@gmail.com.

Today's Ministers Sunday November 8

Presider	Steve Zwettler
Homilist	Steve Zwettler
Sacristan	Ann McBride, Margaret Sommers
Bread Baker	Rita Emmenegger
Lectors	Charles Bradley, Alan Joranlien
Greeters	Margaret Sommers, Aggie Steichen Joyce Wodka
Communion	Susanna Bradley, Sonny Graves Sandy Wojtal-Weber, Bruce Goodman, Abbie Loomis
Cantor	Ann Baltes
Technology	Bill Rosholt
Childcare	Mary Hoddy, Amy Whitehead
Hospitality	Mike Crawford, Jayne Roelke

Next Sunday November 15

Presider	David Couper
Homilist	Jim Penczykowski
Sacristan	Diane Smith
Bread Baker	Rita Emmenegger
Lectors	Ezra Brown, S. Mary David Walgenbach, OSB
Greeters	Amy Whitehead, Jeanne Marquis, Valerie Vervoort
Communion	Daniel Stattleman-Scanlan Margaret Sommers, Diane Smith Mary Hoddy, Ed Emmenegger
Cantor	Sarah Wilkin-Gibart
Technology	Mike Crawford
Childcare	Julie Melton, Lara Dulin-Parez
Hospitality	Joyce Wodka, Sally McCoy

Music for today is printed and streamed with permission under onelicense number A-703698. © All rights reserved. "Sing For God's Glory",Kathy Gallway, Wild Goose Publications Psalm 63 "Your Love Is Finer Than Life" by: Marty Haugen, GIA Pub. "Charismatic Alleluia" by Jerry Sinclair, Manna Music "Kingsford Acclamations" by William S Kervin, Paul Slott, with permission, "Lamb Of God, " by: Ralph Stewart, "Let There Be Peace On Earth" by Jill Jackson, Sy Miller, GIA Pub.