

HOLY WISDOM CELEBRATION OF EASTER THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd TO SUNDAY, APRIL 5th 2026



Dear Friends

Welcome to our Holy Wisdom 72 Hours of Easter celebration. Whether you are coming in-person or joining us on Zoom, we value your presence during these liturgies and community retreat time. It is a special time of stepping out of our ordinary lives to a time of saying “Yes” and more fully listening and responding to the God of Love and Compassion through community, ritual, silence and nature.

This email is full of details that have been divided into the following categories. Feel free to read only those that apply to your situation. All times are listed as Pacific Time.

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TIMES OF THE MAJOR LITURGIES

If you are coming to Gwinwood, please come 5-10 minutes early to introduce yourself to the Zoom community

Thursday: 1:00 PM Mass to End Lent/Chrism (Blessing of the Oils)
7:00 PM Ritual of Fire & Foot Washing
Friday: 3:00 PM Reverencing the Cross of Shalom
Saturday: 7:00 PM Sacred Union and Storytelling
Sunday: 9:30 AM Table Eucharist

INFORMATION FOR ZOOM PARTICIPANTS

At Holy Wisdom, you are always invited to do what you need to do to be comfortable as you participate in these rites. You will receive a zoom link and worship aid. You are encouraged to create a prayer space that has a candle, an equidistant cross, a small amount of oil, a jar of water and a bowl. For the Sunday Table Eucharist, we invite you to have bread, wine or grape juice and a small bowl of water.

Other Zoom Activities

- **Prayer and Silence:** After each major rite except the Chrism Mass to end Lent, the zoom link will stay open with the focus on the Baptismal font in the chapel. You are invited to continue your prayer with us.
- **Sharing Time:** After Please check the detailed schedule for times of communal reflection. What are you noticing? What is happening in you and in us as a community?

Times: **Thursday:** 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm **Saturday:** 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Friday: 9:30 am to 11:30 am **Sunday:** 3:30 pm to 5pm

- **Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Nature** (done on your own time). We will email these prayers and invite you to spend some time in nature (sitting or a meditative walk) and pray the stations if you would like to do so.

IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Major Liturgies, the following activities will be available. **Copies of a detailed schedule will be posted with times and copies will be available to participants.**

Feel free to participate in any of the activities. Listen to your body. Pace yourself and rest:

- **Preparation for Major Liturgies:** Please consider being in the chapel 10-15 minutes ahead of time
- **Sharing Time:** Group sharing about how the rites have impacted you.
- **Centering Prayer and Lectio:** See schedule for times
- **Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Nature:** A communal celebration will be held on **Friday**. This is a slow meditative walk that starts at the entrance of Westwood.
Individuals may also pray these Stations of the Cross at any time. Handouts are available.
- **Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation:** Communal celebrations are scheduled for these two sacraments. An option for private reconciliation is also available.
- **A Helping Hand:** Extra hands are always needed to set up the chapel and for the major rites, beginning on Wednesday. Sign-up sheets will be available. Kitchen cleanup is needed after breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be posted.
- **Walking Trails and Labyrinth:** Gwinwood has beautiful trails and a labyrinth.
- **A period of Silence:** You are encouraged - except during community prayer and sharing - to hold **silence from 6 pm Friday night through Saturday at 5 pm.**
- **Greeting Easter Dawn:** 5:30 am Sunday A gathering beginning in silence and then breaking forth through music, singing and movement.

IN-PERSON LODGING - WHAT IS PROVIDED

What is provided: bedroom with desk, shared bathrooms, refrigerator space for breakfast items or snacks, coffee

IN PERSON - WHAT TO BRING

Journal & pen	Bedding/pillow/towels	Dress/casual - nicer for Sunday if you wish
Toiletries	Umbrella	Blanket/lawn chair for Sunrise Service
Flashlight	Small reading lamp	Water bottle/thermos
Snacks	Breakfast items	Warm outdoor clothes
Medications	Books/Kindle	Knitting/crafting/art supplies if you like
Hiking poles/walking stick	Walking shoes for muddy terrain	Anything else you think will aid your comfort & enjoyment!

RIDE SHARE OPPORTUNITIES

If you live in the Lacey/Olympia area, and would like to come to any part of our 72 Hours of Easter and **you need a ride**, please email us at holywisdomicc@gmail.com.

If you are able to **offer others a ride**, please also contact us at holywisdomicc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

INFORMATION ABOUT GWINWOOD RETREAT CENTER

All the major rites and meals will be held inside of the Westwood Building which is completely accessible.

To view pictures of Gwinwood, click the following link [Home](#)

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For questions about our time at Gwinwood for the 72 Hours of Easter, please email Sarah at holywisdomicc@gmail.com.

We look forward to being with you.

Easter Blessings and Love,

Diane, for the 72 Hours of Easter Committee