Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.
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. Yellow membership forms can be found at the monastery entrance. Just fill it out and return in the collection basket next Sunday or send by mail. Or sign-up through our website.

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@sbsglobal.net.

Early bulletin deadline—July 10 Please send bulletin announcements for July 16, 23, 30 or August 6 to Lynn at lemberger@holywisdommonastery.org by July 10.

Summer Friends of Wisdom Prairie Tour Peak summer bloom in the prairie is a splendid sight to behold. Join us on Thursday, July 20th for a tour of the prairies at Holy Wisdom. We’ll learn about what is in bloom and how we care for our prairies. Meet at the front doors of the Monastery at 1pm. Open to all. Registration is preferred by not required; in the event that we need to cancel due to weather we’ll contact all registered participants.

Cultivating a Sense of Place: The Practice of Contemplative Ecology—Retreat August 18-20. Register by August 4. Reflections on a Contemplative Ecology—Public Conversation, Sunday afternoon, August 20. Register by August 14. Douglas E. Christie, scholar of ancient and contemporary Christian contemplative traditions, illuminates three of the monastery's charisms—contemplation, a strong sense of place, and care for the earth. The RETREAT will renew the spirits of environmental activists and contemplatives, ground us in this monastery on this prairie, and support our special obligation of care for the earth. In the PUBLIC CONVERSATION, Christie invites us to reach into the depths of our Christian tradition to reflect together on the power of a contemplative ecology for our shared life together. For more information and to register, see https://holywisdommonastery.org/experiences-in-contemplative-ecology/

Today:
• Today we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the sisters being here in Middleton! Please join us for a celebratory brunch in the dining room following today's worship service. There will be a brief program after brunch as well as self-guided prairie tours. Also, be sure to check out the photo exhibit in the gathering area showing highlights of the sisters' commitment to the people and land of Holy Wisdom Monastery.
• Childcare is available during worship.

Next Sunday, July 16
• Children's Ministry Children ages 6-9 are invited for some learning and prayer time during the Liturgy of the Word. Once dismissed, we will go downstairs to the room next to the library. If you need to get your child early, take the elevator down, go toward the library. We are in the room just to the right. The Hospitality Room will be available if little ones need space to stretch. Contact Sarah Wilkin Gibart (sjwilkin09@gmail.com) with questions or to offer your help.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Prologue to the Rule of Benedict, Paragraph 3

A time of silent reflection follows each reading as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.

Psalm 95

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

Following the reading:

Reader The Word of Salvation
All Thanks be to God

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

General Intercessions Response: Loving God, 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.

Choral Anthem
Every Moment of Each Day
Sunday Assembly Choir

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer IX for Ordinary Time
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.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them up to our God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the God of all.
ALL It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Source of all goodness, we praise you and we bless you.
We are your children, bearing your image.
You have made us and we belong to you.
You do not hide from us.
You are not distant.
You have revealed yourself and your great love for us in all your wonderful works.

Closing Hymn
Sing a New Church

Announcements

❖ A special welcome to guests and visitors! Thank you for joining us. We welcome you and hope that you will find a spiritual home with us. We’d love to know that you were here. Please sign our guest book on the table near the entrance. For more information about Sunday Assembly, the monastery or the sisters’ community see https://HolyWisdomMonastery.org or contact Lynn Lemberger, lemberger@holywisdommonastery.org. A special visitors table near the dining room entrance, hosted by our friendliest members is available for our visitors and guests. Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

❖ Gender Neutral Restrooms can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.

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Blessing Prayer for Benedictine Women of Madison

Introduction

Blessing

Leader- Roberta Felker
O God of all time,
hear our prayer today, for Sister Mary David,
Sister Joanne, Sister Lynne and Sister Everline.

Assembly

Bless them in your care, with good health, strength,
perseverance and happiness.
May your wisdom be upon them and their future
to welcome others to share in their community
and the work of the monastery.
Give all of us open hearts of hospitality and welcome,
willing hands to carefully nurture your holy creation,
an attitude of justice, peace and right relationship,
and a prayerful spirit, listening with the ear of the
heart.
We pray through Jesus and the Holy Spirit,
in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen.

All raise their hands in blessing:

May the Holy One, in whose presence we walk, bless you.
Amen
May the Compassionate One, who has been your
shepherd, keep you. Amen
May the Giver of Hope, who holds you in love and care,
give you peace. Amen
And may God bless all of us, in the name of the Holy One,
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. + Amen

Dismissal

We see you in the strength of mountains,
the solitude of deserts,
and gentle and refreshing rain.
We see you in the height of skies and ocean depths,
in birds that soar and fish that swim.
We see you in the hope of sunrise,
the relief and rest of sunset.
All your works proclaim your love.

Surrounded and protected by your care
we join all creation in praising your name:


Ever-living God,
we thank you for speaking your clear word of love to us: Jesus.
He came to assure us who you are,
revealing your love and grace,
your way of justice and peace.
For all he said and did, we thank you.

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 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 people everywhere for the reconciliation of all.  
This is a new and everlasting covenant.  
Do this in memory of me.”

Holy One, we thank you for Jesus’ life among us, the example he has left us of how to live a life of love.  
We gratefully recall his death, and how he shows us a way to die to self and live for others.  
We remember the hope we have in Jesus’ resurrection and ascension:  
the hope of the seed that falls into the ground,  
the hope of the grapes that yield to crushing,  
the hope of nonviolent love that overcomes hatred,  
the hope of new and fuller life.

O God, send forth your Spirit, the Spirit Jesus has promised, upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Help us rediscover the holiness of all creation and see your divine presence in every person.  
Strengthen us to work for justice and peace and fill us with compassion and hope for tomorrow.  
Remember our loved ones who have died and give comfort to all who suffer.  
We make our prayer to you, O God, in the name of your Beloved, Jesus, who is our hope.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ….. forever and ever.

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 cup.

Communion Rite

Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive Communion.  
Come to any one of the locations in the room—at side exit, on the opposite side near the piano, or behind the altar.  
The presider will offer the cup of wine behind the altar for those who wish to receive.  
A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

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.

Prayer after Communion