

**The Palestine Connection Project Launched Last Week:
54 People; over \$700 in contributions! Thank you!**

Fifty-four HWM members gathered with Cassandra Dixon after liturgy on August 23rd to share rich dialogue and deepen their understanding of the on-the-ground realities of life in 12 Palestinian villages in Gaza's West Bank. At the end of the hour, participants contributed over \$700 to support this heart-to-heart relationship, with an understanding we are joining their resistance against settler violence and unfettered state violence. (standing in solidarity with these families who are standing against deep injustice and enduring unspeakable suffering. Among the many highlights:

Why the Palestinian Connection?

- We are linked to these brothers/sisters not only through our historical roots with our faith connection to Abraham and Sarah but also through every tax dollar spent on military aid to Israel.
- Our financial support can make a significant difference for the lives of these neighbors-across-the-globe, who are primarily sheep herders, and where aid organizations can no longer work.
- The project is an opportunity to deepen our respect for and understanding of the nonviolent resistance of these villagers on a personal level - and to take meaningful action as a result!

What's Next? Give!

o Gifts may be made via this QR code or through cash or checks made out to Cassandra Dixon and given to Roberta Felker or left for her at the Monastery desk. All funds go directly to the people in Palestine.

Get Educated and Talk With Others!

- o Read: Bennis, Phyllis. Understanding Palestine and Israel. MA: Olive Branch Press, 2025.
- o Read: Kern, Sim. Genocide Bad: Notes on Palestine, Jewish History, and Collective Liberation. MA: Interlink Books, 2025.
- o Attend: American Friends Service weekly action hour related to Palestine:

<https://afsc.org/actionhour?ms=WEB25LP1211GR>

Make "Good Trouble!"

- o Call (e.g., 5 Calls) and/or write your legislators with this kind of message: "Stop the use of my tax dollars to arm Israelis to terrorize and kill civilians."
- o Urge opposition now to the US-Israel military integration included in the NDAA which would merge the U.S. and Israeli militaries. More info at:
<https://www.notmytaxdollars.org/take-action>.

Stay tuned – more to come from the Social Justice Committee!

**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 6, 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 following Sunday Assembly for Coffee and Conversation today!



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Gathering

Holy Wisdom, Lamp Of Learning

1 Ho - ly Wis - dom, lamp of learn - ing, bless the light that rea - son lends.
 2 Vine of truth, in you we flour - ish; by your grace we learn and grow.
 3 Ho - ly God, the hope of na - tions, tune us toward your right - eous will,

Teach us judg - ment as we kin - dle sparks of thought your Spir - it sends.
 May the word of Christ a - mong us shape our life, our search to know.
 as the sym - pho - ny of a - ges claims our best, our fin - est skill.

Sanc - ti - fy our search for knowl - edge and the truth that sets us free.
 Joined to Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, may we help the church con - vey
 Shape our search for peace and jus - tice through pro - phet - ic deed and word.

Come, il - lu - mine mind and spir - it joined in deep - est u - ni - ty.
 wit - ness to the sav - ing gos - pel, bear - ing fruit of faith to - day.
 Christ, con - duct us, set our rhy - thm, that God's praise be ev - er heard.

Today's Ministers:

Presider
 Homilist
 Sacristan
 Lectors

Paul Knitter
 Paul Knitter
 Marge Ferstl
 Thomas W. Jeffries
 Susanna Bradley

Greeters

Diana and William Ducett
 Bob Weiss

Communion

Charles Bradley,
 Steve and Jeanie Tomasko
 Mary Kremer, Margaret Sommers

Bread Baker

Linda Prebowski

Cantors

Bob Dinndorf

Technology

Alan Joranlien

Worship/Music

Bill Frederick

Child care

Nichole Rasmus, Janine Veto

Hospitality

Anne Basken, Stephanie Brouwer

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Introduction to Conscious Communication. This introductory series can help you enhance communication and build connection with others. There is no obligation to attend every session or to continue your practice after the series concludes. If you decide to continue, you can join one of our ongoing practice groups that meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays or 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm. CT on Zoom. There is no registration or cost to attend. Click on our website, communicatewithintent.org, for the Zoom link and information, or talk with Mary Hoddy, Linda Nylund, or Denise West from Sunday Assembly.

Part 1: Empathy Poker, 9/16 or 9/22, 7 pm

Part 2: Giving from the Heart to Oneself, 9/23 or 9/29, 7 pm

Part 3: Thoughts Get in the Way, 9/30 or 10/7, 7 pm

Early Planning for your Celebration of Life at Holy Wisdom?: If you are you one of those who have thought ahead to plan your Memorial Liturgy, I am willing to help you and start a file for you if you would like to have directives for what music, readings, poems etc you would like to have. Reach out to me at (608)821-1154 or email at Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org.

We will be having our second blood drive at Holy Wisdom on Thursday, October 1st from 9am-2pm!

Because of the great success with our first blood drive, the American Red Cross was eager to immediately schedule a second one. This is your chance to help up to three people in need of blood. The donation itself is approximately 10 minutes and the entire process will take about an hour of your time. Please consider donating if you are able. The need is so great and there are others that are depending on the kindness of strangers. Also, when you donate you will receive a voucher for a free pint of Culver's custard, as well as a \$15 e-gift card!

Thank you all so much and if you have any questions at all, please call me at 608-712-7761. Rita Emmenegger

Follow link below to schedule your donation time:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=HWM>

Greeting, Welcome and Introduction Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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 95

If Today You Hear God's Voice



Sing joyful songs to our God, praise the mighty rock, where we are safe. Come to worship God with thankful hearts and songs of praise.

God is the only God, sovereign of all other gods. Who hold the deepest part of the earth in God's hands, and the mountain peaks belong to God. The ocean praises God, because God made it, and with God's own hands was formed the dry land.

Bow down and worship our God, the creator! The comforter is our God, and we are the people, the sheep God takes care of within the pasture. Listen to God's voice today!

Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Acclamation

Charismatic Alleluia



Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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.*

Kids On The Prairie next Sunday, September 13

Seeds and Cider. Did you know we have orchards at Holy Wisdom? Join us for collecting prairie seeds, picking apples and making cider. Taste the goodness of organically grown apples. Learn about seeds. Each family group will get some native plant seeds to take home.

Anyone interested in baking bread for Sunday Assembly? I am in need of 2 more bread bakers for Sunday Assembly! If you are interested in being part of this very important ministry, please let Bill know! Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org or (608)821-1154.

Sunday September, 20th– Social Justice Committee Presentation on HR1, Big Beautiful Budget Bill and its Impact on Human Services in Dane County & Letter Writing – 10:20-11:20 am – please join us after worship in the Monastery Boardroom.

If you have a Bulletin Announcement you would like in the Sunday Assembly Bulletin, they are due on Monday before by 9AM to Bill, Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org

Centering Prayer Group – Wednesday September 9, 2:30-3:30 pm, Oratory – Time for silent prayer/meditation with a group, includes two 20-minute periods of seated meditation with a 5-minute break. Contact Carole Kretschman, 608-577-3243

Announcements

The Flower Market is today following Sunday Assembly, September 6, 2026. We hope you enjoy the Benedictine value of beauty expressed through a bouquet of monastery grown zinnias, wildflowers and prairie grasses. We ask for a suggested donation of \$20 of cash or check (made out to Benedictine Women of Madison). The bouquets will be in a quart-sized, narrow-mouth mason jar, and we ask that you return the jars to the monastery front desk at your convenience.

Holy Wisdom Monastery will be closed on Monday September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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.

Sunday Assembly Childcare 9-10am in our Hospitality Room. Childcare is available during Sunday Assembly worship each Sunday. We have qualified care givers and lots of things to keep your little ones active!

Nametags: If you are a visitor at Sunday Assembly, please stop at the nametag table and create a nametag for yourself so we can welcome you and get to know you better!

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer III for Ordinary Time

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

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

Presider May God be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

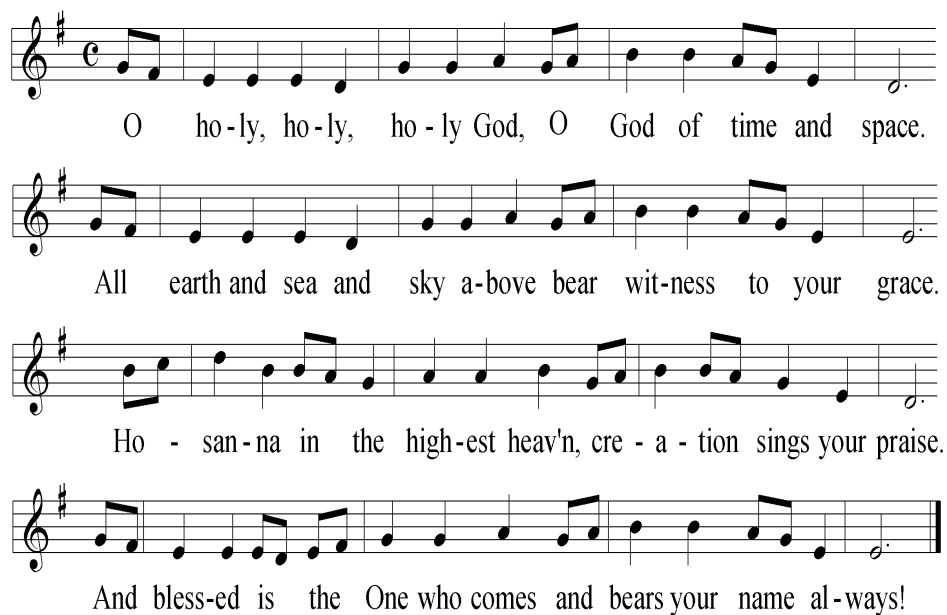
Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times
and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
by whom you created all things.

**You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea
when it burst out from the womb.
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.**

Wondrous are you, Holy One of blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
and so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings
and all creation as we sing for joy:



O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky a-bove bear wit-ness to your grace.

Ho - san-na in the high-est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise.

And bless-ed is the One who comes and bears your name al-ways!

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Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.
You call a people to yourself,
as a light to the nations.
You delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

**Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to share our life
and to proclaim the coming of your reign.
Through him, you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory
you intend for us.**

Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, God; your

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
truth stands ev - er high and broad: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through
lu - ia! Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till

ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
suns shall rise and set no more.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88 44 88 with alleluias, *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1623

**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**.*

A brief period of silence follows Communion

Communion Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Sending Forth

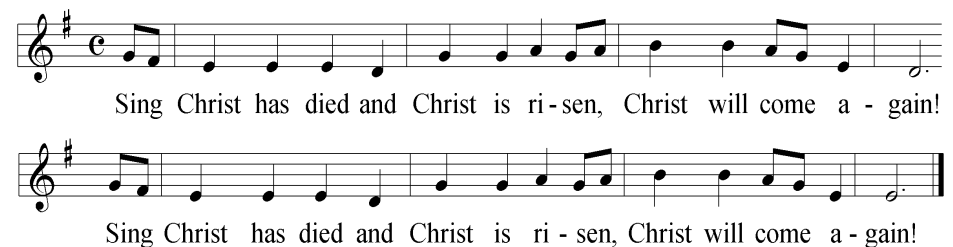
We thank you that on the night
before he was executed
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed
and human hands have made,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Assembly response:



Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

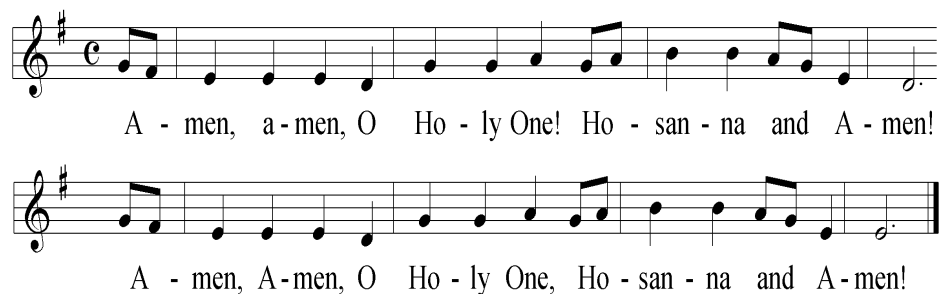
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Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood
of Christ.

**Grant that we, burning with your
Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together
in the body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time
gather us with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.**

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.**

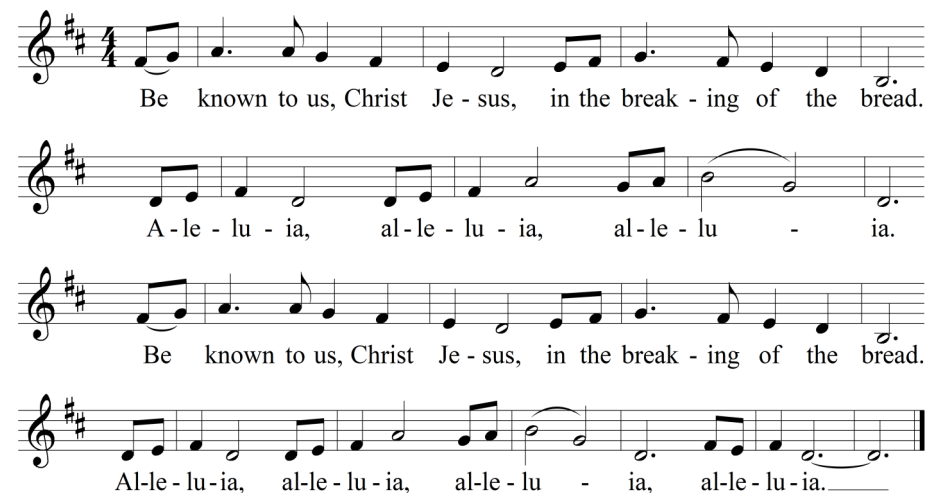
**May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.**

**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?