

The Sisters and Sunday Assembly rejoices with Benedictine joy the upcoming **Baptism of Simon Rynish**, the young child of Phil Rynish and Vanessa Kuettel. Simon will be baptized here at Holy Wisdom Monastery next Sunday September 20th.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 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

We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky

1. We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the
 2. When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and,
 3. God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as

moon, the wild-flowers grow-ing, for we are part of
 wea - ry, wait for morn-ing, when chil-dren have no
 part - ners in cre - a - ting a fu - ture free from

all that is with - in life's riv - er flow-ing. With
 bread but tears, and war - horns sound their warn-ing, God
 want or fear, life's good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That

o - pen hands re - ceive and share the gifts of God's cre -
 calls hu - man - i - ty to wake, to join in com - mon
 new world beck - ons from a - far, in - vites our shared en -

a - tion, that all may have a - bun - dant life
 la - bor, that all may have a - bun - dant life
 deav - or, that all may have a - bun - dant life

in ev - 'ry earth - ly na - tion.
 in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

Greeting, Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Today's Ministers:

Presider	David Couper
Homilist	Bill Beers
Sacristan	Ann McBride
Lectors	Sephania Lowden
	Lila Hemlin
Greeters	Judy Troia, Jeanne Marquis
	Bob Whalen
Communion	Ann McBride, Valerie Vervoort, Abbie Loomis, Jane Ahlstrom, Bruce Goodman
Bread Baker	Linda Prebowski
Cantors	Patrick Terry
Technology	Mike Crawford
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick
Children's Prayer	Sarah Wilkin Gibart, Joyce Wodka
Child care	Nancy Shinnors, Erin Trondson
Hospitality	Pamela Kastle, Marsha Janota

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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

Centering Prayer Group – September 16, 7:00-8:00 pm, RGH 10 – Time for silent prayer/meditation with a group, includes walking meditation between periods of seated meditation. Contact Barb Abbott, 608-284-7424

Please join us for **We Will Overcome: CCR Celebration of Ministry on Tuesday, October 13th at Noon.**

Come to hear Rev. Joseph Ellwanger speak about what has sustained his ministry since he began justice work alongside Dr. King. Pastor Joe will be in conversation with Venice Williams, who began her work in ministry with him. In their conversation and sharing we will hear what has inspired and sustained Pastor Joe's passion for God's people for so many decades. We will also hear about what is happening now in the Center for Clergy Renewal to support pastors in building patterns that will sustain them as they serve others in the ongoing work to seek justice for all God's people. To learn more and register:

<https://holywisdommonastery.org/event/center-for-clergy-renewal-celebration-of-ministry/> or email Kathleen at kowens@holywisdommonastery.org

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

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 103

Our God Is Kind And Merciful



Our God is kind and mer - ci - ful.



Our God is kind and mer - ci - ful.

With all my heart I praise our God, and with all that I am, I praise God's holy name! With all my heart, I praise our God! I will never forget how kind God has been.

Our God is merciful! And, is kind and patient, and God's love never fails. God doesn't punish us as our sins deserve.

How far has God taken our sins from us? Farther than the distance from east to west! Just as parents are kind to their children, our God is kind to all who show God's love.

Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Acclamation

Charismatic Alleluia



Gospel

Matthew 18:21-25

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.*

Sunday Assembly Choir Returns for rehearsal next week Sunday, **September 20th** following Sunday Assembly at 10:30 am in the Assembly Room. If you are new to Sunday Assembly or if you have been a member, and have been thinking about singing with us, now is your chance! We would love to have you join us! If you have questions, contact Bill, Bfrederick@holywisdommonastery.org, or (608)821-1154.

Kids On The Prairie today, 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.

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>

Announcements

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!

Next 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@holylwisdommonastery.org

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.

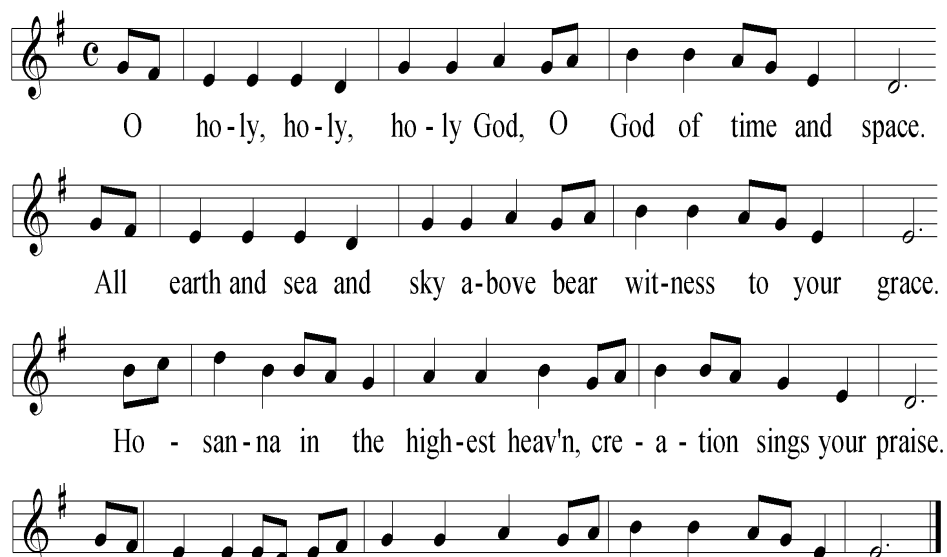
Let us give thanks to the God of all.

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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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 There's A Wideness In God's Mercy



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas - ures

of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice
of our minds; and the heart of the E - ter - nal

Which is more than lib - er - ty. There's no place where
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. That our love be

earth - ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heav'n;
tru - ly faith-ful, we would glad - ly trust God's word;

There's no place where earth - ly fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
and our lives would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

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 Meditation

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first staff has two first endings: 1. Be still and know that I am God. 2. Be still and know that I am God. The second staff continues the melody with a repeat sign at the end.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

A brief period of silence follows Communion

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 a 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:

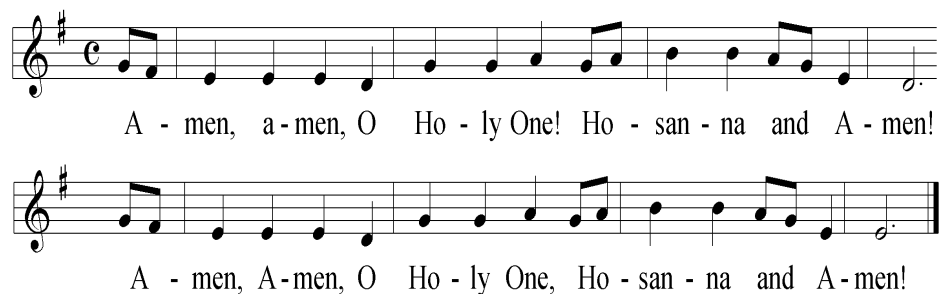
Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and repetitive.

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

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.**

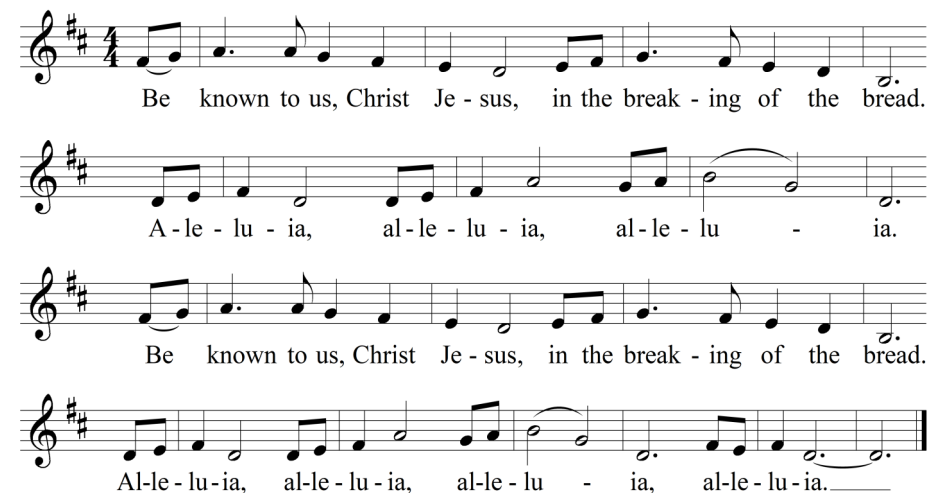
**May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.**

**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?