

**Palestine Project
Update 1 from Palestine, via Cassandra Dixon,
September 6, 2026**

Deep gratitude for the contributions to our Palestine Project; we have supported these heart friends with nearly \$1,500 to date. Thank-you! Cassandra receives and is sharing updates from Palestine; they will continue to be included in the bulletin and Weekly Wisdom as they are available. Contact Roberta Felker at rfelker4221@gmail.com for further information.

"Demolitions have now taken the form of complete destruction and erasure of everything, leaving people with nothing remaining; destruction is no longer limited to a house or an animal shelter. Last week, it was in Al-Taban, and today, the northern part of Al-Fakhit....

On August 18th, three homes in Al-Fakhit and Al-Taban along with sheep pens and water cisterns were destroyed. There was no time to rescue the animals. On September 2nd, the entire village of Al-Taban was destroyed. Residents of Al-Taban remain on the land where their homes were.

Israeli forces arrived on the morning of September 8th for another major demolition of homes in Al-Fakhit, Masaffer Yatta in the occupied West Bank. Thirty-five people were left homeless, six homes were destroyed, along with eight sheep pens, all solar panels and electricity, as well as all water tanks and tents used for grain storage. An additional water cistern was damaged and a family's car was confiscated. The entire northern side of the village except for one room was demolished. The heavy machinery then proceeded to Khallet al Daba to demolish an additional home, a residential cave, and a water cistern. After fainting, a Palestinian was treated by paramedics on the scene. Al-Fakhit and Al-Taban are two of the 12 villages located in an area that Israel declared a "Firing Zone 918 in the 1980s, a designation used to justify the displacement and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from the area. In 2022, the Israeli Supreme Court sided with the army and gave the state full authority to expel the villages of the area. This is all occurring alongside daily settler harassment, violence, and the continuous expansion of outposts inside the same "Firing Zone." The construction of new outposts by Israeli settlers has continued, even in the midst of these demolitions."

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026**

The Baptism of Simon Kuettel Rynish



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

Called To Labor In God's Vineyard



1. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Ea - ger to ac -
 2. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Not a - lone. but
 3. Called to la - bor in God's vine - yard, Help us, God in



cept the task, Us - ing ev - 'ry skill and tal - ent,
 joined as one, Shar - ing com - mon goals and val - ues,
 all we do. As the vines are heav - y - lad - en,



Do - ing all that God would ask, May we give our -
 Striv - ing till the task is done, May we work with
 Send more work - ers called by you. May our work bear



selves com - plete - ly To the work that is at hand,
 one an - oth - er In a just and hon - est way,
 fruit e - ter - nal And our fer - vor nev - er cease,



Of - fer - ing our will - ing serv - ice
 Wheth - er hired at dawn or sun - set,
 Till at last, the har - vest gath - ered,



As the stew - ards of the land.
 Not ex - pect - ing great - er pay.
 We may rest and know your peace.

Greeting, Welcome and Introduction

Today's Ministers:

Presider

Manato Jansen

Homilist

Manato Jansen

Sacristan

Diane Smith

Lectors

Janet Neurauter

Roberta Felker

Greeters

Jules Lee, Colleen Settles

Joyce Wodka

Communion

Sonny Graves, Kathy Woytych

Paula Dinndorf, Bob Dinndorf,

Julie Melton

Bread Baker

Lila Hemlin

Cantor

Bill Frederick

Worship/Music

Bill Frederick

Technology

Mike Crawford

Child care

Nichole Rasmus, Ann McBride

Hospitality

Patti LaCross, Sally A. McCoy

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Hospitality Sunday is next Sunday September 27th. Please bring a treat to share!

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 web-

site, 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

Please join us for We Will Overcome:

CCR Celebration of Ministry on **Tuesday, October 13th at Noon.** Rev. Joseph Ellwanger will be the keynote speaker. Pastor Joe began his ministry as a young pastor alongside Dr. King in the Civil Rights movement and has spent a lifetime working for peace and justice. Venice Williams, who began her ministry with him, will invite him to share with us what has inspired him to meet the challenges of history with the hope of the Gospel. 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. Tickets for this event include a donation to help support the work of the CCR. To learn more and register:

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

Centering Prayer Group September 23rd, 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

Presentation for Baptism: Simon Kuettel Rynish

Parents: Vanessa Ann, Phillip Paul

Godparents: Mark Morgan and Amanda Kuettel

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Following each reading,

Reader

The Word of Salvation

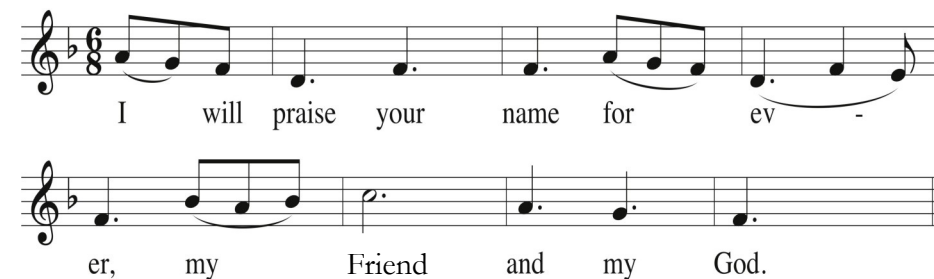
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Thanks be to God

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

Psalm 145

I Will Praise Your Name



I will give you glory O God my all, I will bless your name forever. I will bless you day after day, and praise your name forever.

You are kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good you are God, to all, compassionate to all your creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you O God, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your might O God.

You are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your deeds. You support all those who are falling, and raise up all who are bowed down.

Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Acclamation

Charismatic Alleluia



Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Profession of Faith

R/. We Do Believe!

Intercessions

R/. God of love, hear our prayer.

Procession to the Font

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Sing Alleluia, top of this page.

Sunday Assembly Choir Returns for rehearsal today, 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, Bfredeick@holylwisdommonastery.org, or (608)821-1154.

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 or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Follow link below to schedule your donation time:

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

Today we say goodbye to our Community Art Exhibit, Expressions. All of the artists thank you for your attention and appreciation of their work. We look forward to another exhibit of community members' art next summer. On Tuesday our new exhibit, **Be Still**, will be installed by artist David Mdgodo and curator Jennifer Peters. Born in Tanzania, Mngodo moved to the U.S. in 1999. In addition to being a largely self-taught artist, he is a senior pastor for East Wind Ministries based in DeForest. Mngodo works mainly in acrylics, and his abstract renditions of birds, animals, people and fruit show a deep sensitivity to his subjects. Please join us for the opening reception of **Be Still** on **Friday, October 2, from 6-8 pm**. Registration for this free event through the HWM website is encouraged. Light refreshments will be served.

Announcements

Today, September, 20th– our Social Justice Committee has a 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.

The Sisters and Sunday Assembly rejoice in Benedictine joy with the Kuettel/Rynish family the **Baptism of their son, Simon Rynish**. Please greet their families following Sunday Assembly today!

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!

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

Thank you!

Laying on of Hands and Anointing with oil

Lighting the Baptismal Candle

Sign of Peace

All return to the Assembly Room

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

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:



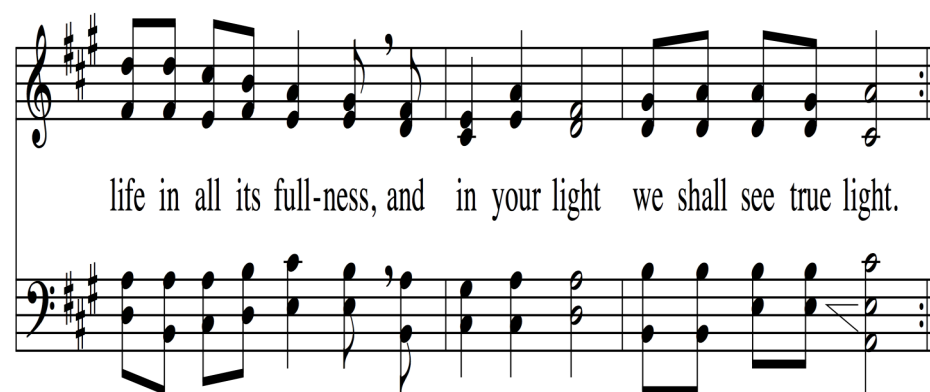
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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.
You call a people to yourself,
as a light to the nations.
You delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

**Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to share our life
and to proclaim the coming of your reign.**

Hymn of Praise

With You O 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 Come And Eat This Living Bread



Come and eat this liv-ing bread, take and drink this wine.



Come be nour-ished, healed and fed, shaped in-to God's sign.



Gath-ered 'round as fam-i-ly, man-y are made one.



Form-ing love's com-mu-ni-ty, one we now be-come.

A brief period of silence follows Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Sending Forth

**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.**

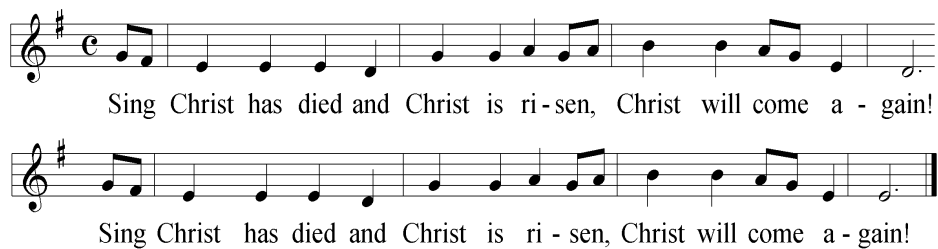
We thank you that on the night
before he was executed
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"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:

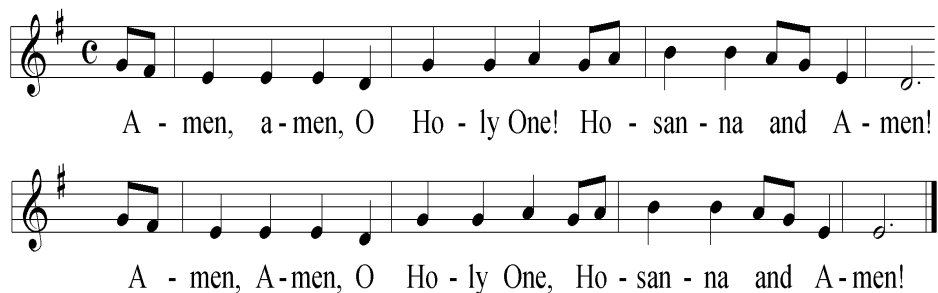


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Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood
of Christ.

**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...



The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy One, our only home,
blessed be your name.**

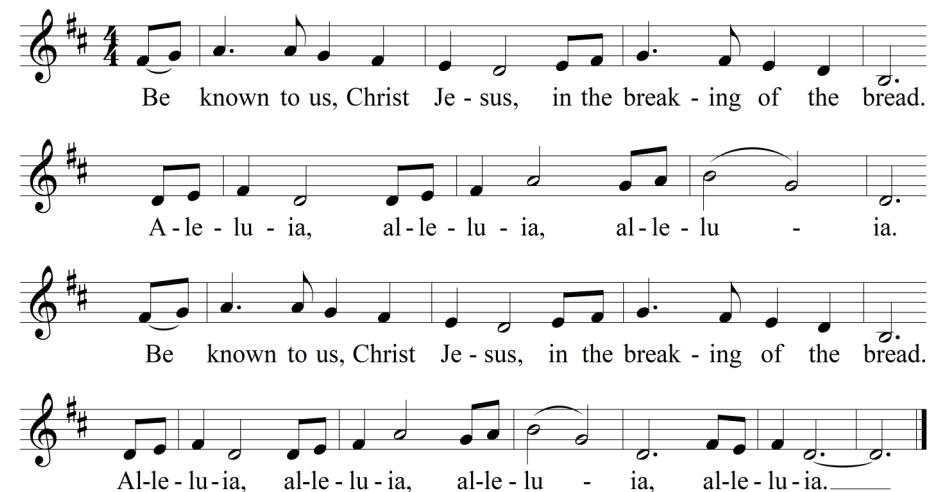
**May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.**

**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?