

Benedictine Conversations on Silence. This fall we continue the Conversations about our Benedictine Life with a special emphasis on silence and its place in the contemplative life. Learn more about Benedictine spirituality, about the Rule of Benedict, and to talk with others about the gifts and challenges of living a Benedictine life. All are welcome. Registration details are on the Holy Wisdom website. In-person conversations will be Wednesday, October 14; Sundays, November 1 and 22. Zoom conversations will be offered on Thursday evening, October 8 and Tuesday evening, October 20. Contact Pam Shellberg with questions or more information at pshellberg@holylwisdommonastery.org

Wednesday October 7 Centering Prayer Group – 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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 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 **Hospitality,** Coffee and Conversation today! **Please bring a treat to share!**



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Gathering

Always We Begin Again



1. Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, where we are and been be - fore.
2. Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, reach - ing out to those in pain,
3. Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, grow - ing ev - 'ry day more strong.



If we stum - ble and if we fall, we rise each day to soar.
show - ing grace and for - giv - ing those, who've hurt us time a - gain.
grate - ful for this com - mu - ni - ty, who with us walk a - long.



Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, liv - ing ful - ly in our time.
Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, with the Spir - it as our guide,
Al - ways we be - gin a - gain grate - ful for the seeds we sow,



Lis - ten - ing with our heart's own ear, hear - ing God's own rhyme.
bal - anc - ing in our work and prayer, hum - bly with - out pride.
wit - ness - ing God's own work at hand blos - som - ing and grow.

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Greeting, Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Today's Ministers:

Presider	S. Lynne Smith, OSB, prioress
Homilist	Roberta Felker
Sacristan	Margaret Sommers
	Sue and Charles Bradley
Lectors	Max Harris
	Michael Shinnars
Greeters	Donna Miller, Wes Doyle
	Sue Koleczek
Communion	Ezra Brown, Jim Selinske
	Mary Kaye Radtke, Sonny Graves
	Charles Bradley
Bread Baker	Lila Hemlin
Cantor	Grace Rosholt
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick
Technology	Bill Rosholt
Child Ministry	Sarah Wilkin Gibart, Kerry McGrath
Child care	Nichole Rasmus, Katherine McGrath
Hospitality	Jeanie and Steve Tomasko,
	Julie Melton

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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

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

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

Sunday October 11– Kids On The Prairie The Gift of Trees. Meet at 10:30 AM at the Kiosk. Trees are alive all year round. Explore woodlands and savanna. Find out how trees shelter all kinds of critters from winter cold and snow. Listen to the forest. Where do some butterflies, bees, and toads spend the winter? How are all these trees connected to each other? Come and join us!

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Following each reading,

Reader

The Word of Salvation

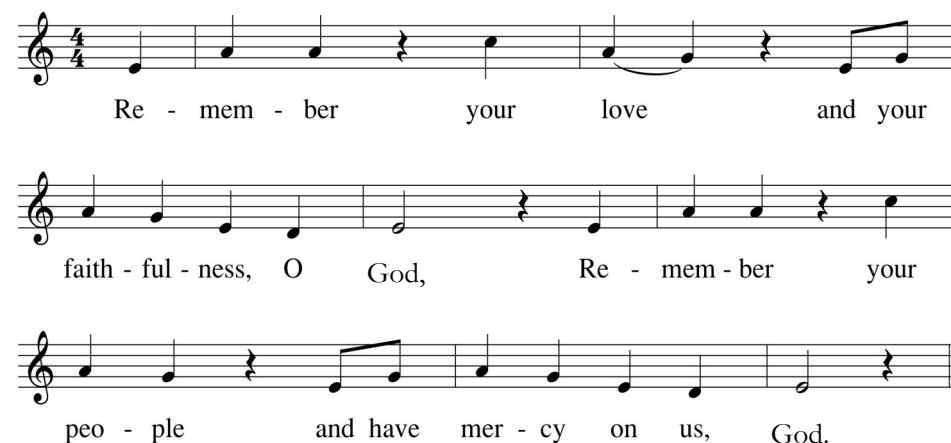
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Thanks be to God

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

Psalm 25

Remember Your Love



1. Our God is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? Yes God is my life and my refuge, when I call, God hears.
2. O God hear the sound of my call, and answer me. My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek
3. As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for our God. I trust in your kindness and redemption; and your faithful word.
4. Before all the mountains were begotten, and earth took shape, even then, O God, you were our refuge throughout every age.

Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Acclamation

Charismatic Alleluia



Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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*

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>

GET READY FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION! The Social Justice Committee has invited Sue Jennik, President of the League of Women Voters of Dane County to join us in the Board Room after liturgy on Sunday, October 4th. Sue is a retired attorney who worked in the New York City Area for 38 years. In addition to providing background on the League, Sue will be speaking to timely topics including the State Constitutional Amendment Proposals that are on the November ballot as well as important State and Federal court cases that impact voting rights.

Hope you'll join us this Friday, October 2nd from 6-8 pm for the opening reception of the new exhibit, Be Still, featuring artist David Mngodo.

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. Registration through the HWM website is encouraged. Light refreshments will be served.

Announcements

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

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!

Sunday Assembly Choir rehearsal today, Sunday, September 27th 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.

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.**

A brief period of silence follows Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Sending Forth

Hymn of Praise

Tell The Good News

1. Tell the good news to all the earth:
2. Filled with the Spir - it, Je - sus came,
3. Filled with the Spir - it, forth we go;

1. Je - sus re - veals our hu - man worth.
2. Heal - ing the sick, the blind and lame.
3. Je - sus' own word, the seed we sow.

1. Let ev - ery heart to joy give birth!
2. Let ev - ery crea - ture praise his name!
3. Let ev - ery land the gos - pel know!

1-3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**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

Path Of Mercy



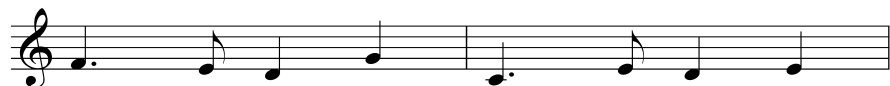
1. God of morn - ing, God of sun - light, Look on me with
2. God of ris - ing, God of la - bor, May our lives re -
3. God of rest - ing, God of dream-ing, May your vi - sion



1. ten - der - ness. Help me see with eyes of mer - cy,
2. flect your call. Curb our pride - ful self - de - struc-tion,
3. be en-fleshed, While we strive to live your prom-ise,



1. and re - spond with heart a - flame. May my hands em -
2. give us strength to trust in you. While we work to
3. and pro-claim your love now known. Guide our tri - umphs



1. brace your like - ness, So your love trans -
2. share your har - vest, May your mis - sion
3. and our fail - ures, Let us come to



1. forms my life, As I walk the path of mer - cy,
2. be ours, too, As we walk the path of mer - cy,
3. know your peace, As we walk the path of mer - cy,



1. May your mer - cy be my own.
2. May your mer - cy be our own.
3. May your mer - cy be our own.

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:



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



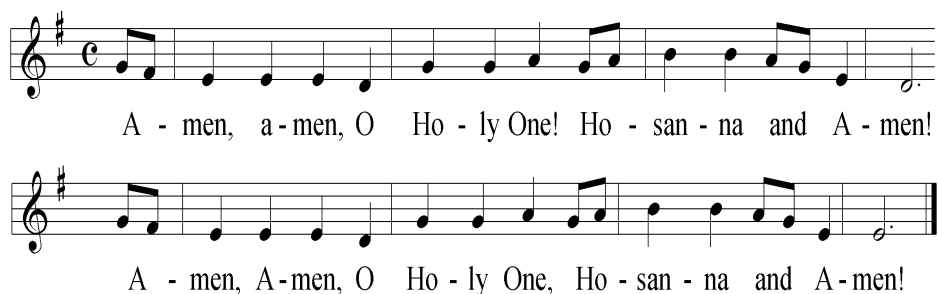
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Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood
of Christ.

**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.**

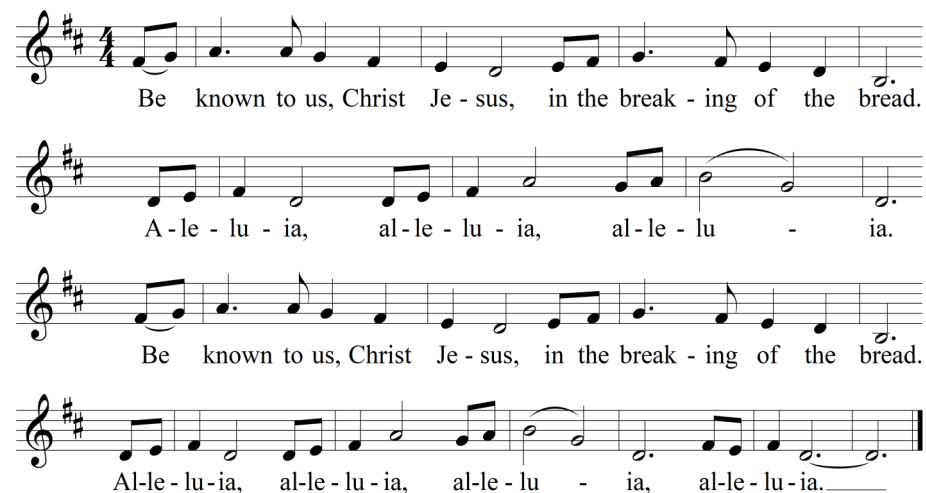
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is
Yours O God, now and forever...



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?