
Liturgy of the Hours

Ordinary Time

Volume I

**Benedictine Women of Madison
Holy Wisdom Monastery
Madison, Wisconsin**

Welcome to the Liturgy of the Hours

Welcome to the liturgy of the hours as practiced by the
Benedictine Women of Madison.

We pray each day at morning, midday, and evening
according to the monastic pattern of worship
using hymns, psalms,
scripture and prayer.

We invite you to join us in prayer
and to share with us
in this ancient pattern of worship.

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**Thursday Midday
Week III**

Call to prayer

Leader O God, come to our assistance.

All O God, make haste to help us.

All honor to God, the giver of life,
to Christ, the risen one,
and to the Spirit, bond of love,
let glory and praise be sung. Amen.
Alleluia.

Hymn 19

Reading

Psalm 127

Solo If God does not build the house,
the builders work in vain.
If God does not watch over the city,
the guards watch in vain.

Side 1 How foolish to rise early
and slave until night for bread.
Those who please God receive as much
even while they sleep.

Side 2 Children are God's gift,
a blessing to those who bear them;
like arrows in the hand of an archer
are children born to the young.

All Happy those with a full quiver:
 facing their enemies at the gate,
 they stand without shame!

Stand

All honor to God, the giver of life,
to Christ, the risen one,
and to the Spirit, bond of love,
let glory and praise be sung. Amen.

Gospel

Oration

Dismissal

Leader Let us go in peace.

All And give God thanks.

The Golden Sun Lights Up the Sky



1. The gold - en sun lights up the sky,
2. At the third hour you took your cross,
3. At the third hour your faith - ful band
4. O God, cre - a - tion's rul - ing force,



im - part - ing vig - or to the day.
 you stum - bled low be - neath its weight.
 was clothed with pow'r on Pen - te - cost.
 O Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for us,



A - mid our cus - tom - ar - y round,
 Now help us bear our dai - ly load
 Be - stow your Spir - it on us now,
 O Spir - it, love's life - giv - ing ray,



we of - fer you our prayer and praise.
 and strive to fol - low where you lead.
 and give us strength to do your will.
 we praise and bless you ev - 'ry hour.

Text: Charles P. Price, b. 1920

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