Liturgy of the Hours

Lent

Benedictine Women of Madison
Holy Wisdom Monastery
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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 I

Call to prayer

Leader O God, come to our assistance.

All O God, make haste to help us.

Glory be to our Creator,
to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and to the Spirit of Life,
who dwells in our midst now and forever. Amen.

Hymn **13**

Reading

Psalm 119:73-96

Solo It was your hands that made me and shaped me:
help me to learn your commands.
Your faithful will see me and rejoice
for I trust in your word.
O God, I know that your decrees are right,
that you afflicted me justly.
Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Side 1 Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.
Shame the proud who harm me with lies
while I ponder your precepts.
Let your faithful turn to me,
those who know your will.
Let my heart be blameless in your statutes
lest I be ashamed.

Side 2

I yearn for your saving help;
I hope in your word.
My eyes yearn to see your promise.
When will you console me?
Though parched and exhausted with waiting
I remember your statutes.
How long must your servant suffer?
When will you judge my foes?

Side 1

For me the proud have dug pitfalls
against your law.
Your commands are all true;
then help me when lies oppress me.
They almost made an end of me on earth,
but I kept your precepts.
Because of your love give me life
and I will do your will.

Side 2

Your word, O God,
forever stands firm in the heavens:
Your truth lasts from age to age,
like the earth you created.
By your decree it endures to this day;
for all things serve you.
Had your law not been my delight
I would have died in my affliction.

All

I will never forget your precepts
for with them you give me life.
Save me, for I am yours
since I seek your precepts.
Though the wicked lie in wait to destroy me
yet I ponder your will.
I have seen that all perfection has an end
but your command is boundless.

Stand

All Glory be to our Creator,
to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and to the Spirit of Life,
who dwells in our midst now and forever. Amen.

Gospel

Oration

Dismissal

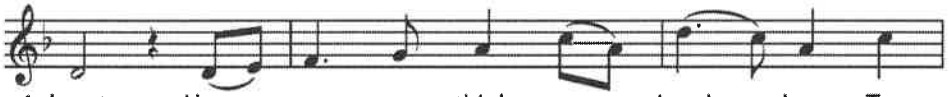
Leader Let us go in peace.

All And give God thanks.

When Signs of This World's Anguish

KING'S LYNN, alt.

1. When signs of this world's an - guish So pierce the hu - man
2. You dwell on high, ex - alt - ed, In glo - ry's blaz - ing
3. You touch the crust - ed lep - er; We draw our robes a -



1. heart, How can we think you heed - less, Too
2. light, Though hid in clouds and dark - ness From
3. side. You break your bread with out - casts; We

1. ho - ly to take part? You weep at friend - ship's
2. daz - zled hu - man sight. Yet with the bro - ken -
3. shun them in our pride. You bleed from nails we

1. grave - side; You grieve the hard ca - price That seals your
2. heart - ed You al - so choose to be. You raised the
3. ham - mer, For - giv - ing ev - ery thrust— Be - fore this

1. an - cient cit - y A - gainst your prof - fered peace.
2. crushed of spir - it, And set the bur - dened free.
3. Face of mer - cy, All less - er gods are dust!

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