
Liturgy of the Hours

Lent

**Benedictine Women of Madison
Holy Wisdom Monastery
Middleton, 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 II

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

35 / 54 Holy Week

Reading

Psalm 79

Solo O God, the nations have invaded your land,
they have profaned your holy temple.
They have made Jerusalem a heap of ruins.
They have handed over the bodies of your servants
as food to feed the birds of heaven
and the flesh of your faithful
to the beasts of the earth.

Side 1 They have poured our blood
like water in Jerusalem;
no one is left to bury the dead.
We have become the taunt of our neighbors,
the mockery and scorn of those who surround us.
How long, O God? Will you be angry forever;
how long will your anger burn like fire?

Side 2 Pour out your rage on the nations,
the nations that do not know you.
Pour out your rage on the empires
that do not call on your name,
for they have destroyed the family of Jacob
and laid waste the land where they dwell.

Side 1 Do not blame us for the sins of our forebears.
Let your compassion hasten to meet us;
we are left in the depths of distress.
O God our Savior, come to our help,
come for the sake of the glory of your name.
O God, forgive us our sins;
rescue us for the sake of your name.

Side 2 Why should the nations say:
“Where is their God?”
Let us see the nations around us
repaid with vengeance
for the blood of your servants that was shed!
Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;
let your strong arm relieve
those condemned to die.

All Pay back to our neighbors seven times over
the taunts with which they taunted you, O God.
But we, your people, the flock of your pasture,
will give you thanks forever and ever.
We will tell your praise from age to age.

Stand

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.

Of Love's Compassion Let Us Sing

Delores Dufner, OSB

BARBARA ALLEN
English folk tune



1. Of Love's com - pas - sion let us sing, of
2. While he was still a long way off, his
3. No harsh re-proach, no blame or shame, but
4. While we are still a long way off, O
5. What can we of - fer in re - turn for



mer - cy nev - er meas - ured, for -
fa - ther ran to meet him, to
on - ly cel - e - bra - tion, where
God, you run to meet us. With
mer - cy so a - maz - ing? With



giv - ing fa - ther, way - ward son, and
wel - come him with o - pen arms, at
san - dals, ring, and fin - est robe an -
o - pen arms, with - out re - proach, with
thank - ful hearts we give our - selves, our



gifts too lit - tle treas - ured.
fes - tive meal to seat him.
nounced a new cre - a - tion.
fes - tive meal you greet us.
lives of love and prais - ing.

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