Liturgy of the Hours

Easter

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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Friday Midday Week I

Call to prayer

Leader

O God, come to <u>our</u> 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.

Alleluia.

Hymn

MD-6

Reading

Psalm 119:97-120

Solo

O God, how I love your law!

It is ever in my mind.

Your command makes me wiser than my foes;

for it is mine forever.

I have more insight than all who teach me

for I ponder your will.

I have more understanding than the old

for I keep your precepts.

Side 1

I turn my feet from evil paths

to obey your word.

I have not turned from your decrees;

you yourself have taught me.

Your promise is sweeter to my taste

than honey in the mouth.

I gain understanding from your precepts

and so I hate false ways.

- Side 2 Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.

 I have sworn and have made up my mind to obey your decrees.

 God, I am deeply afflicted; by your word give me life.

 Accept, O God, the homage of my lips and teach me your decrees.
- Side 1 Though I carry my life in my hands,
 I remember your law.
 Though the wicked try to ensnare me,
 I do not stray from your precepts.
 Your will is my heritage forever,
 the joy of my heart.
 I set myself to carry out your statutes
 in fullness, forever.
- Side 2

 I have no love for the half-hearted; my love is for your law.
 You are my shelter, my shield;
 I hope in your word.
 Leave me, you who do evil;
 I will keep God's command.
 If you uphold me by your promise I shall live; let my hopes not be in vain.
- All
 Sustain me and I shall be saved
 and ever observe your statutes.
 You spurn all who swerve from your statutes;
 their cunning is in vain.
 You throw away the wicked like dross;
 so I love your will.
 I tremble before you in terror;
 I fear your decrees.

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.

Gospel

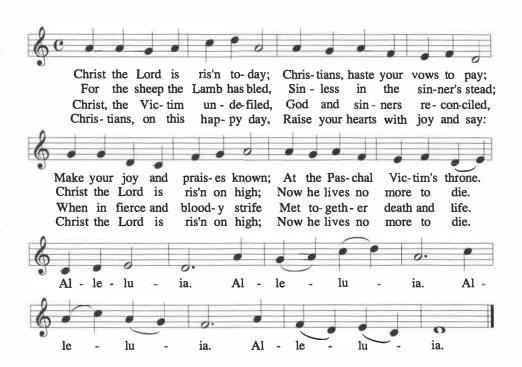
Oration

Dismissal

Leader Let us go in peace.

All And give God thanks.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



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