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# **Liturgy of the Hours**

## **Easter**

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

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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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**Wednesday 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.  
Alleluia.

**Hymn** MD-4

**Reading**

**Psalm 119:49-72**

*Solo* Remember your word, O God, to your servant  
by which you gave me hope.  
This is my comfort in sorrow:  
that your promise gives me life.  
Though the proud may utterly deride me  
I keep to your law.  
I remember your decrees of old  
and these, O God, console me.

*Side 1* I am seized with indignation at the wicked  
who forsake your law.  
Your statutes have become my song  
in the land of exile.  
I think of your name in the nighttime  
and I keep your law.  
This has been my blessing,  
the keeping of your precepts.

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*Side 2* My part, I have resolved, O God,  
is to obey your word.  
With all my heart I implore your favor;  
show the mercy of your promise.  
I have pondered over many ways  
and returned to your will.  
I made haste and did not delay  
to obey your commands.

*Side 1* Though the nets of the wicked ensnared me  
I remembered your law.  
At midnight I will rise and thank you  
for your just decrees.  
I am a friend of all who revere you,  
who obey your precepts.  
O God, your love fills the earth.  
Teach me your statutes.

*Side 2* O God, you have been good to your servant  
according to your word.  
Teach me discernment and knowledge  
for I trust in your commands.  
Before I was afflicted I strayed,  
but now I keep your word.  
You are good and your deeds are good;  
teach me your statutes.

*All* Though the proud smear me with lies  
yet I keep your precepts.  
Their minds are closed to good  
but your law is my delight.  
It was good for me to be afflicted,  
to learn your statutes.  
The law from your mouth  
means more to me than silver and gold.

*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.

## I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

I know that my Re - deem - er lives;  
 Je - sus a - lone can sin - a -  
 Christ comes to bless with end - less grace,  
 Christ is the truth, the life and way;

What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives!  
 Christ is the liv - ing cor - ner - stone.  
 In an e - ter - nal dwell - ing place.  
 Lov - ing - ly shall I now o - bey.

Death has no strength now o - ver me;  
 Ris - en in tri - umph from the grave,  
 Christ comes my man - sion to pre - pare,  
 What joy the blest as - sur - ance gives;

Christ is a - live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ comes to love, re - deem and save.  
 Lead - ing me gent - ly, safe - ly there.  
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; alt. Lewy Olfson, 1987; alt. RL

Tune: DUKE STREET, LM; John Hatton, 1710-1793