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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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.

- 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

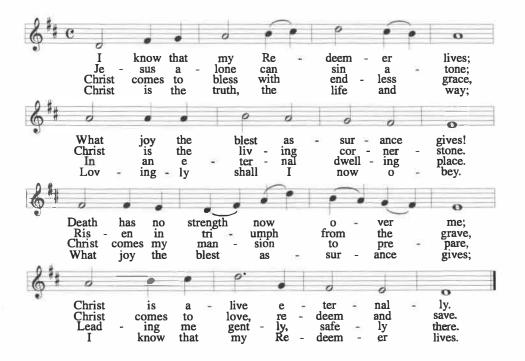
Leader

Let us go in peace.

All

And give God thanks.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES



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