Liturgy of the Hours

Ordinary Time
Volume I

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.
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.

Alleluia.

Hymn 13

Reading

*Psalm 119:73-96*

*Solo*  Your hands shaped me; inspire me to learn your wisdom. The just see me and rejoice, because I hope in your word.

*Side 1*  How right your judgments, God, how wisely you humble me. Comfort me with your love, just as you promised.

*Side 2*  Shower my life with tenderness, for I delight in your law. I ponder your decrees.
Side 1  Gather your faithful ones
to acknowledge your rule.
Keep me true to your precepts,
free of all shame.

Side 2  All that I am longs for you,
I wait for your word.
My eyes are strained from searching;
when will you comfort me?

Side 1  Though dried up like old leather,
I never forget your commands.
How many days do I have left?
Will you punish those who hurt me?

Side 2  Rebels scheme to trap me,
because they scorn your law.
Your commandments are true.

Side 1  Help! They try to kill me,
but I have not deserted you.
In your love give me life,
so I may keep your decrees.

Side 2  Your word is forever, God,
fixed in the heavens.
You made the earth firm,
your faithfulness is eternal.

Side 1  According to your decree
all exist to serve you.
Had I not loved your law,
I would have wasted away.
Side 2
I never forget your word, for it is my life.
I am yours, save me!
I study your precepts.

All
The wicked plot against me, but I cling to your decrees.
All creatures have limits, your rule has no frontier.

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.
God Grant Us Greening

1. God grant us green-ing hearts born a-new,
bathed with each morn-ing's wak-en-ing dew:
grant us green-ing, spring, sum-mer, fall and
in the mid-winter, the green-est of all!

2. Wild rose of Shar-on, crowned with its thorn,
myrrh's mourn-ing waits for One new-ly born. God
grant us green-ing, spring, sum-mer, fall and
in the mid-winter, the green-est of all!

3. God grant us green-ing. God grant us spring,
hope res ur-rec-ting each liv-ing thing: God
grant us green-ing, spring, sum-mer, fall and
in the mid-winter, the green-est of all!

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