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.
Tuesday Midday  
Week III

Call to prayer

_Leader_  O God, come to our assistance.

_All_  O God, make haste to help us.

All honor to God, the giver of life, to Christ, the risen one, and to the Spirit, bond of love, let glory and praise be sung. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn 50

Reading

Psalm 125

_Solo_  Those who trust God stand firm as Zion, solid and strong.

_All_  As mountains circle Jerusalem, God, you embrace your people now and forever.

_Solo_  Keep the rule of the wicked far from the land of the just, or the just may turn to evil.

_All_  God, show your goodness to those who do good, whose hearts are true.
Solo
Away with the devious,
banish them with the wicked!
Give Israel peace!

Stand

All
All honor to God, the giver of life,
to Christ, the risen one,
and to the Spirit, bond of love,
let glory and praise be sung. Amen.

Gospel

Oration

Dismissal

Leader
Let us go in peace.

All
And give God thanks.
How Blest the Listening Heart

1. How blest the listening heart attuned to hear
2. How blest the watch-ing eye awake to see
3. How blest the spir-it stirred with gos-pel zeal
4. How bless-ed Ben- e dict who mapped the way

The si lent Voice that once E li jah heard
The sin gle beam of light when it de-scends
To build the vi-sion seen and heard in prayer
For oth-ers who would run with hearts a - fire

Up - on the moun-tain-top, and cloaked his face
To show the u ni-verse made whole in Christ
In - to the liv - ing house - hold of the Word
To hear and see the God whose face we seek

In awe be - fore the beau - ty of the Word,
Through whom the roy - al road to God as-cends.
Where all may dwell in peace, for God is there.
In Je - sus Christ whose love is our de-sire.

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