Liturgy of the Hours

Ordinary Time

Volume II

Benedictine Women of Madison
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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.
Friday Midday
Week IV

Call to prayer

Leader O God, come to our assistance.

All O God, make haste to help us.

Praise God, the Abba bearing love;
Praise God the Servant from above;
Praise God, the Advocate we share;

Hymn 38

Reading

Psalm 37:25-28a, 29-40

Solo From my youth to my old age
never have I seen the just cast off
or their children begging bread.
Goodness and giving fill their days;
their offspring become a blessing.

Side 1 Turn from evil and do good
and you will live forever.
For God loves justice
and never deserts the faithful.

Side 2 The just will gain the land
and hold it forever.
They have wisdom on their tongues
and justice on their lips.
With God's teaching in their hearts,
they do not falter.
Side 1  The wicked track the faithful,  
hoping to condemn them.  
But God never abandons the just,  
or permits a verdict against them.

Side 2  Wait in hope and keep God’s way,  
God will give you power.  
You will have your land  
and watch the wicked fall.

Side 1  I have seen the wicked flourish  
like a deeply rooted tree.  
I came by and they had vanished;  
I searched but they were gone.

Side 2  Observe the honest and upright:  
the future belongs to peacemakers.  
But the violent will be destroyed;  
there is no future for the wicked.

All  The just are saved by God,  
their refuge in troubled times.  
They seek help from God,  
who saves and rescues them,  
who saves and frees them from the wicked.

Stand

Praise God, the Abba bearing love;  
Praise God the Servant from above;  
Praise God, the Advocate we share;  
O triune God, receive our prayer. Amen.
Gospel

Oration

Dismissal

Leader  Let us go in peace.

All  And give God thanks.
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1. Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space; let
mysteries known or yet untold; let
now despised for creed or race; let
family with a billion names; let

2. Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's sun and moon and stars and light and
water's fragile blend with air, en
peace, descending like a dove, make
every life be touched by grace un

3. Redeeming God, your arms embrace all
what lies hidden praise your might.
ablision life, proclaim your care.
known on earth your healing love.

4. Indwelling God, your gospel claims one
til we praise you face to face.

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