Liturgy of the Hours

Ordinary Time

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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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Thursday 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 13

Reading

Psalm 37:1-19, 21-24

Solo No need to fret over sinners or to envy wrongdoers.
They wither like grass,
they wilt like young plants.

Side 1 Trust God and do good,
settle down and be at peace.
Delight in God
who satisfies your heart.

Side 2 Give your life to God.
Trust God to act on your behalf,
to make your integrity shine forth
and your justice bright as noon.
Side 1  Be still, wait for God.  
Waste no energy fretting  
about the success of evil schemers. 
Stop your ranting and raving,  
for anger begets nothing but harm.

Side 2  Wrongdoers will be exiled,  
but those who wait for God  
will possess the land.  
Soon the wicked shall vanish,  
you will search and not find them;  
but the poor will own the land  
and enjoy wealth and peace.

Side 1  The wicked bare their teeth in rage  
as they plot against the just.  
But God laughs at them,  
knowing their end is near.

Side 2  The wicked draw the sword  
and string the bow  
to kill the weak and helpless,  
to murder the law-abiding.

Side 1  But they will fall on their swords,  
their bows will be broken.  
Better to have little and be just,  
than to own much and do evil.

Side 2  The strength of the wicked will be crushed,  
but God will support the just.  
Each day God protects  
the lives of the blameless;  
their inheritance endures.  
In bad times they are not shamed,  
in famine they eat their fill.
Side 1  The wicked take but never repay,
the just give without complaint.
The blest inherit the land,
but the cursed are cut off.

All  God steadies the faithful
and is pleased with their ways.
If they stumble they do not fall,
for God holds their hands.

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.
God Grant Us Greening

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

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