Liturgy of the Hours

Ordinary Time

Volume II

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.
Wednesday 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 41

Reading

Psalm 32

Solo    Happy the pardoned,
        whose sin is canceled,
        in whom God finds
        no evil, no deceit.

Side 1   While I hid my sin,
        my bones grew weak
        from endless groaning.

Side 2   Day and night,
        under the weight of your hand,
        my strength withered
        as in a summer drought.

Side 1   Then I stopped hiding my sin and spoke out,
        "God, I confess my wrong."
        And you pardoned me.
Side 2  No wonder the faithful pray to you in danger!  
         Even a sudden flood will never touch them.

Side 1  You, my shelter, you save me from ruin.  
         You encircle me with songs of freedom.

Side 2  “I show you the path to walk.  
         As your teacher, I watch out for you.

Side 1  “Do not be a stubborn mule,  
         needing bridle and bit to be tamed.”

All  Evil brings grief;  
      trusting in God brings love.

       Rejoice in God.  
       Be glad and sing,  
       you faithful and just.

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.
Sing Praises, Bless the Living God

1. Sing praises, bless the living God;

2. God fills the hungers of your heart

3. All you who do your Maker's will,

sing praises, O my soul.

with never failing love,

and pray God's will be done,

Give blessing, honor to the One

restores your youth that you may rise

sing praise with heart and mind and soul.

who makes your spirit whole.

as eagles soar above.

O bless the Holy One!
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