

# **Liturgy of the Hours**

## **Easter**

**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.

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# Friday 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

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### Reading

### Psalm 119:97-120

*Solo* O God, how I love your law!  
It is ever in my mind.  
Your command makes me wiser than my foes;  
for it is mine forever.  
I have more insight than all who teach me  
for I ponder your will.  
I have more understanding than the old  
for I keep your precepts.

*Side 1* I turn my feet from evil paths  
to obey your word.  
I have not turned from your decrees;  
you yourself have taught me.  
Your promise is sweeter to my taste  
than honey in the mouth.  
I gain understanding from your precepts  
and so I hate false ways.

*Side 2* Your word is a lamp for my steps  
and a light for my path.  
I have sworn and have made up my mind  
to obey your decrees.  
God, I am deeply afflicted;  
by your word give me life.  
Accept, O God, the homage of my lips  
and teach me your decrees.

*Side 1* Though I carry my life in my hands,  
I remember your law.  
Though the wicked try to ensnare me,  
I do not stray from your precepts.  
Your will is my heritage forever,  
the joy of my heart.  
I set myself to carry out your statutes  
in fullness, forever.

*Side 2* I have no love for the half-hearted;  
my love is for your law.  
You are my shelter, my shield;  
I hope in your word.  
Leave me, you who do evil;  
I will keep God's command.  
If you uphold me by your promise I shall live;  
let my hopes not be in vain.

*All* Sustain me and I shall be saved  
and ever observe your statutes.  
You spurn all who swerve from your statutes;  
their cunning is in vain.  
You throw away the wicked like dross;  
so I love your will.  
I tremble before you in terror;  
I fear your decrees.

*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.

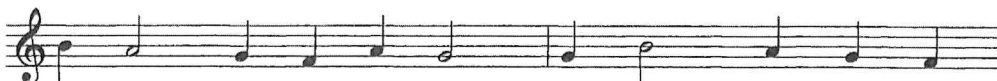
*All*            And give God thanks.

# To God Compose a Song of Joy

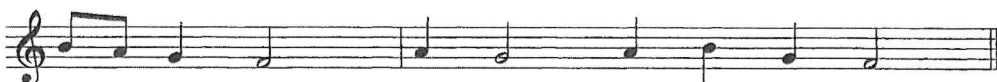
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1. To God com - pose a song of joy;  
2. With trum - pet, with the sound of horns,  
3. Let seas in all their full - ness roar;



to God make mel - o - dy, whose arm of strength does  
with strings, yes, with the lyre, with voice - es praise the  
sing, peo - ple of all lands; let moun - tains join and



won - drous things, whose hand brings vic - to - ry!  
sov - 'reign God, a lus - ty joy - ous choir.  
shout - for joy; let riv - ers clap their hands.

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## **Prayer of Jesus**

Holy One, our only Home,  
blessed be your name,  
may your day dawn,  
your will be done,  
here, as in heaven.

Feed us today, and forgive us  
as we forgive each other.

Do not forsake us at the test,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the glory, the power,  
and the mercy are yours,  
now and forever.

Amen.

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