

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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Thursday 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 **13 /Week VII 10**

Reading

Psalm 119:73-96

Solo It was your hands that made me and shaped me:
help me to learn your commands.
Your faithful will see me and rejoice
for I trust in your word.
O God, I know that your decrees are right,
that you afflicted me justly.
Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Side 1 Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.
Shame the proud who harm me with lies
while I ponder your precepts.
Let your faithful turn to me,
those who know your will.
Let my heart be blameless in your statutes
lest I be ashamed.

Side 2 I yearn for your saving help;
I hope in your word.
My eyes yearn to see your promise.
When will you console me?
Though parched and exhausted with waiting
I remember your statutes.
How long must your servant suffer?
When will you judge my foes?

Side 1 For me the proud have dug pitfalls
against your law.
Your commands are all true;
then help me when lies oppress me.
They almost made an end of me on earth,
but I kept your precepts.
Because of your love give me life
and I will do your will.

Side 2 Your word, O God,
forever stands firm in the heavens:
Your truth lasts from age to age,
like the earth you created.
By your decree it endures to this day;
for all things serve you.
Had your law not been my delight
I would have died in my affliction.

All I will never forget your precepts
for with them you give me life.
Save me, for I am yours
since I seek your precepts.
Though the wicked lie in wait to destroy me
yet I ponder your will.
I have seen that all perfection has an end
but your command is boundless.

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.

Spirit, Working in Creation



1. Spir-it, work - ing in cre - a - tion, bring-ing or - der out of strife:
2. Spir-it, breathed on the dis - ci - ples, giv - ing peace where there was fear:
3. Spir-it wind and flame, em-pow-er-ing fear - less wit - ness to the lost:



come a - mong God's gath - ered peo - ple, giv - ing har - mo - ny and life.
 come a - mong us, touch us, send us, mak - ing Je - sus' pres - ence near.
 come u - nite, re - new your won - ders; give us a new Pen - te - cost.

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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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