

# **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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## Tuesday 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

**7 /Week VII 19**

### Reading

#### Psalm 119:25-48

*Solo* My soul lies in the dust;  
by your word, O God, revive me.  
I declared my ways and you answered;  
teach me your statutes.  
Make me grasp the way of your precepts  
and I will muse on your wonders.  
My soul pines away with grief;  
by your word raise me up.

*Side 1* Keep me from the way of error  
and teach me your law.  
I have chosen the way of truth  
with your decrees before me.  
I bind myself to do your will;  
O God, do not disappoint me.  
I will run the way of your commands;  
you give freedom to my heart.

*Side 2* Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart.  
Guide me in the path of your commands;  
for there is my delight.  
Bend my heart to your will  
and not to love of gain.

*Side 1* Keep my eyes from what is false;  
by your word, give me life.  
Keep the promise you have made  
to the servant who fears you.  
Keep me from the scorn I dread,  
for your decrees are good.  
See, I long for your precepts;  
then in your justice, give me life.

*Side 2* O God, let your love come upon me,  
the saving help of your promise.  
And I shall answer those who taunt me  
for I trust in your word.  
Do not take the word of truth from my mouth  
for I trust in your decrees.  
I shall always keep your law  
forever and ever.

*All* I shall walk in the path of freedom  
for I seek your precepts.  
I will speak of your will before the powerful  
and not be abashed.  
Your commands have been my delight;  
these I have loved.  
I will worship your commands and love them  
and ponder your statutes.

*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.

## Resurrection Joy



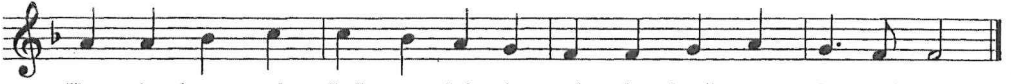
1. Spring is spread-ing through the prai-rie; grass-es green-ing flow-ers bloom.  
 2. Res-ur-rec-tion weaves its pat-tern in each an-i-mal and tree.  
 3. May we then in our own liv-ing emp-ty out our per-sonal tombs,



Birds are sing-ing; songs re-fresh-ing heal the soul of win-ter's gloom.  
 In the mea-dows, at the lake-side, re-birth for us all to see.  
 Leave be-hind the past, its bur-dens, born a-gain from Sa-cred Womb.



Col-ors now ap-pear trans-form-ing earth in-to a gar-den place.  
 From the deep soil, from the-dark-ness, from the-fal-low time of year,  
 Eas-ter chang-es heart and-spir-it; res-ur-rec-tion now is real.



Ho-ly breeze of God's own Spir-it makes the knoll a Sa-cred Space.  
 From the death that brings new liv-ing, blos-som, bloom, and fruit ap-pear.  
 Cos-mic Christ dwells deep with-in us, form-ing us in com-mon-weal.

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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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