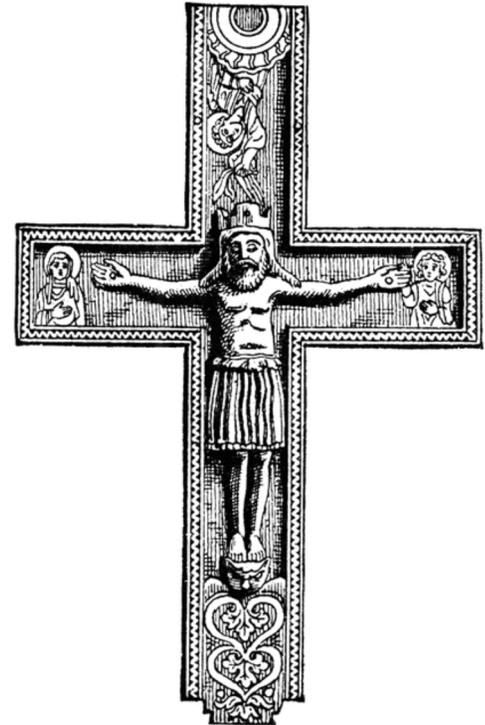


Outline for
The Liturgy of the Hours



"At dusk, at dawn, at noon..."
-Psalm 55:18

"Pray without ceasing."
-1 Thessalonians 5:17

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DALLAS, TEXAS

The Liturgy of the Hours at St. Rita

The outline for Morning Prayer begins on page 686 of *Christian Prayer*.

The outline for Evening Prayer begins on page 694 of *Christian Prayer*.



The Invitatory

At *Morning Prayer*, at 7:00am, all stand with the Leader.

Leader: Lord, open my lips.

People: And my mouth shall proclaim my praise.

The Leader then recites the seasonal antiphon. It's repeated by the People. Psalm 95 is recited by the Leader, the antiphon is repeated between each verse, as indicated, by the People.

At *Evening Prayer*, at 5:10pm, all stand with the Leader.

Leader: God, come to my assistance.

People: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (Alleluia.)

The Hymn

The Hymn is sung immediately after the Invitatory Psalm at Morning Prayer and immediately after the Gloria ("Glory to the...") at Evening Prayer.

The Psalmody

The Psalms and Canticles, according to the proper week (I-IV), are then recited. The Leader begins by reciting the antiphon for the Psalm; he or she then begins reciting the first verse of the Psalm. The "Aumbry side" of the Chapel joins in with the Leader. The next verse is then recited by the "Sanctuary Lamp side" of the Chapel. This is repeated for each Psalm. The Psalm prayers are not read aloud.

The Reading

The Leader, or another person, then goes to the Lectern to read the Lesson appointed. The reading is not concluded with "The word of the Lord." Rather, the reader simply returns to his or her seat in silence.

The Responsory & Gospel Canticle

After a period of silence, the reader begins the Responsory, reading the first line of each versicle. The People recite each following versicle, indicated by the red dash (—). After the Responsory, the Leader begins the antiphon for the Benedictus on p. 691 ("Blessed be the Lord...") or the Magnificat on p. 696 ("My soul proclaims..."), which is recited in unison by all. All recite together the antiphon at the end.

The Intercessions, Lord's Prayer & Collect

After the Benedictus, the Leader reads the first line of the Intercessions. All read together the italicized response. For each succeeding petition, the Leader reads the first line, while the People recite the following line, indicated by the red dash (—). All then recite together the Lord's Prayer, which is followed by the Collect, recited by the Leader alone.

The Dismissal

Leader: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

If, however, the Leader is ordained, he may bless the People.

On Saints' Days and Feasts

On Saints' Days and Feasts, the "Proper of Saints" (p. 1060 following) or the "Supplement" is to be used for antiphons and the Collect. The "common," however, should still be taken from the ordinary Psalms (I-IV), unless explicitly stated otherwise.