

OFS RUBRICS FOR THE COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

When the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed well, each side of the community will sound as one voice. No one should try to be the first or the loudest in responding. The prayer is always said slowly and reverently. The presider, antiphonarian, and the reader can aid in this by pausing at appropriate times. A few moments of silence before beginning to pray can also be helpful in establishing a prayerful mood.

Call to Prayer* *(All stand)*

Presider: God, Come to my assistance. *(All make the Sign of the Cross)*

Community: Lord, Make haste to help me.

Community: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Alleluia (Except during Lent)*

Hymn *(Omitted if not sung)*

Psalmody *(All sit)*

Antiphonarian: Prays the **Antiphon** and the **first verse of the psalm stanza**

Community: **Starting with the side of the antiphonarian** prays the second verse of the psalm stanza. The community alternates the psalm stanzas. At the end of each psalm the **Glory** is prayed. This too is alternated.

Presider: Prays the **Psalm Prayer** if there is one

Community: Repeats the **Antiphon**

Antiphonarian: Begins the next psalm with the antiphon and the procedure above is repeated for all three psalms/canticle of the Hour.

Reading

Reader: Reader either stands or goes to the lectern and reads the **Scripture Passage** and leads the community in the **Responsory** which is prayed as follows:

Reader: Opening Verse

Community: Verse after the " -"

Reader: Second Verse

Community: Verse after the " -"

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. (Only)

Community: Verse after the " -"

Gospel Canticle *(All Stand)*

Antiphonarian: Prays the **Antiphon** and the **first verse of the Canticle**

Community: alternates the stanzas of the Canticle as in the psalms above (The Canticle also concludes with the **Glory to the Father** which is also alternated by the sides.)

Community: **Repeats the Antiphon**

Intercessions

Presider: Introduces the **Intercessory Prayer**

Reader: Prays the opening line of each intercession

Community: Responses with the verse after " -"

(Spontaneous petitions may be added by members of the community after the last petition to which the community responds with the response in italics after the introduction. But the last petition is always the one offered for the dead if there is one)

Our Father

Presider: Introduces the **Our Father**

Community: Continues the prayer in unison

Conclusion

Presider: Prays the concluding **Prayer**

Community: Responds **Amen**.

Presider *(If not ordained):* May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Community: Amen.

Presider: Let us go in peace.

Community: Thanks be to God

**If Morning Prayer or Office of Readings is the First Hour prayed, the liturgy begins with.....*

Presider: Lord, Open my lips.

Response: My mouth shall proclaim your praise

Antiphonarian: Invitatory Psalm Verse

Community: repeats the verse after each strophe which is said by the antiphonarian