

Brothers & Sisters of St. Francis Region
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RUBRICS FOR THE COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE
LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Select Presider, Song Leader, Antiphonarian and Reader
(Presider is a Priest or Deacon, if present) Divide the
community into side one and side two so that the strophes
of Psalms and Canticles may be alternated.

The Presider and Antiphonarian set the prayerful, rhythmic
pace.

Presider:

Community:

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+Lord, open my lips
(All: Sign of the Cross over lips)

And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Recites Antiphon.
Repeats Antiphon.
Prays strophes of Psalm
Repeats Antiphon after each strophe.

Presider:

Community: Community

INVITATORY

Begins the first Hour of the day.

INTRODUCTORY VERSE Begins the rest of the Hours

+God, come to my assistance
(All: Sign of the cross)

Lord, make haste to help me.

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. (Omit during Lent)

CALL TO PRAYER

(All Stand)

Refer to ORDINARY for Invitatory Antiphons during Advent,
Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Ascension.

HYMN

Introduces the Hymn.

PSALMODY (All Sit)

Recites Antiphon and introduces the Psalm or Canticle by
praying the first line.

Continues praying the Psalm or Canticle by alternating
strophes between side one and side two.

Concludes (unless otherwise indicated) Psalm or Canticle by
alternating lines: 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.

Recites Psalm-prayer after the Psalm.
Repeats Antiphon after Psalm-prayer or Canticle.

READING (Reader Stands)

Proclaims the Word of God after introducing the scripture with: A reading from... Pause for silent reflection on the Scripture Reading.

Song Leader:

Antiphonarian: Community: Community:

Presider: Community:

Reader:

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RESPONSORY

Reader: Recites verse one, verse two and
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
(only)

Community: Responds at the red line after verse one, verse
two and the Glory to the Father... GOSPEL CANTICLE (All
Stand)

Antiphonarian: Community: Community:

Community:

Presider: Community: Presider: Community: Presider:

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+Recites Antiphon and the first line of the Canticle. (All:
Sign of the Cross)

Continues praying the Canticle by alternating strophes
between side one and side two.

Concludes the Gospel Canticle by alternating lines:
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.

Repeats Antiphon.

INTERCESSIONS

Introduces the intercession.
Responds with the italicized response.

Continues with the intercessions. Responds at the red lines.

Invites intentions.
Since the Prayer is of the whole Church and for the whole
Church,

universal intentions should take precedence. Personal
intentions follow.

Responds to each of these intentions with the italicized
response.

OUR FATHER

Introduces the Lord's Prayer.

Continues the Lord's Prayer in unison.

CONCLUSION

Prays the Concluding Prayer. Responds with Amen.

DISMISSAL

(All: Sign of the Cross)

+If a priest or deacon is presiding, he dismisses the community with a blessing.

Or the hour concludes with:

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

After the blessing, the community may choose to share insights on any part of the Communal Celebration.

The Executive Council of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region has decided upon these “Rubrics for the Communal Celebration of The Liturgy of the Hours” so that “all may be one” during our Communal Prayer.

We will pray The Liturgy of the Hours in this way during our annual gatherings. We suggest this format for your fraternity gatherings.