

The Liturgy of the Hours

1. Overall Structure

- Introduction
- Psalmody
- Word of God
- Conclusion

2. Detailed Structure (1971 revision)

<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<p>[Invitatory]: Dialogue (“Lord, open my/our lips...”) Antiphon [repeated after each strophe] Psalm 95 (or 100, or 67, or 24)</p>	
<p>Introduction Dialogue “God, come to my/our assistance...” “Glory to the Father...” Hymn</p>	<p>Introduction Dialogue “God, come to my/our assistance...” “Glory to the Father...” Hymn</p>
<p>Psalmody Psalm Antiphon (presider alone) Psalm (alternating A/B) Glory to the Father... [Psalm Prayer - optional] Antiphon (repeated by all) OT Canticle (same sub-structure) Psalm (same sub-structure)</p>	<p>Psalmody Psalm Antiphon (presider alone) Psalm (alternating A/B) Glory to the Father... [Psalm Prayer - optional] Antiphon (repeated by all) Psalm (same sub-structure) NT Canticle (same sub-structure)</p>
<p>Word of God Reading [pause for silent reflection] Responsory Gospel Canticle: <i>Benedictus</i> Intercessions [optional: add personal intentions] Our Father</p>	<p>Word of God Reading [pause for silent reflection] Responsory Gospel Canticle: <i>Magnificat</i> Intercessions [optional: add personal intentions] Our Father</p>
<p>Conclusion Concluding Prayer Dismissal [by Clergy: “The Lord be with you...”] [by Laity: “May the Lord bless us...”]</p>	<p>Conclusion Concluding Prayer Dismissal [by Clergy: “The Lord be with you...”] [by Laity: “May the Lord bless us...”]</p>