How to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours

step-by-step instructions

Psalm Sandwich

Antiphon

Psalm

Glory to...

Psalm prayer

Antiphon

- Mid-morning (~9:00am)
- Midday (~12:00 noon)
- Mid-afternoon (~3:00pm)
- Instructions on page 994 in red
- * On a ONE WEEK Rotation in the CP book (4 week Psalter in the 4-V set)
- Hymns for the prayers: 1503-1504

Complementary Daytime Psalmody, page 1027

Pattern of Daytime Prayer:

- Introduction
- Hymn
- Psalmody = 3 Psalms (sandwiches)
- Scriptural Reading
- verse

- Note
 - no Gospel Canticle;
 - no intercessions;
 - no Lord's Prayer
- Concluding Prayer
- Dismissal/Acclamation

- Go to Daytime Prayer, p994
- 3 Daytime Prayers
 - Mid-morning
 - Midday
 - Mid-afternoon
- One Week Rotation

- Start with the Introduction
 - [Or with the Invitatory if this is the first prayer of your day]
 - God + come to my assistance, Make haste to help me.

- NEVER SKIP the Hymn
 - Use guide for time of day, p1503-1504

- First Daytime prayer
 - Given in this section: **Current** Psalmody
- Psalmody: Antiphon, 3 Psalms, Antiphon
 - * FYI NOTE: in communities using 4-volume set, **During Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter**, there is only <u>one</u> Antiphon for the entire Psalmody
 - Short Pause after each Psalm

FYI:

**Psalm Sandwich for Daytime Prayer in Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter

only 1 Antiphon

Psalm #1

Doxology

Psalm prayer

Psalm #2

Doxology

Psalm #3

Doxology

only 1 Antiphon

This is FYI—
There are no options in Christian Prayer book

- * Reading for the time of day (Midmorning, midday, mid afternoon) along with
 - Verse ...and...
- Concluding Prayer

- Close with:
 - * Acclamation: Let us praise the Lord, And give him thanks

- * Next Daytime Prayer, Same format, BUT
- Use Complementary Psalms for the Time of Day p
 1027
 - Get one set for midmorning,
 - one set for midday,
 - and one set for mid afternoon
- Go back to the Day of the Week for the Reading and the rest of the Prayer

Wednesday, Week I — Midmorning prayer

- Start p1008
 - Intro [or Invitatory]
 - * Hymn, choose one from Midmorning section
 - Psalmody (with antiphons) on page 1008
 - Psalms 119, 55 (I), 55 (II)

Wednesday, Week I — Midmorning prayer

- page 1010
 - * Reading for Midmorning,
 - Verse
 - Concluding Prayer, see p1011
 - Acclamation (called Conclusion)

- Wednesday, Week 1 midday prayer
- Start 1008
 - Intro
 - Hymn, choose one p 1503-4
- Go to Complementary Psalmody (begins p 1027)
- Choose the midday Psalmody, p1029
 - Psalms 123, 124, 125
 - with their Antiphons

- Go back to Wednesday, p 1011
 - * Reading for Midday,
 - Verse
 - Concluding Prayer, p1011
 - Acclamation (called Conclusion)

- Wednesday, Week 1 mid afternoon prayer
- Start 1008
 - Intro
 - Hymn, choose one
- Go to Complementary Psalmody, p 1027
- Choose the mid-afternoon Psalmody, p1031
 - Psalms 126, 127, 128
 - with their Antiphons

- Go back to Wednesday, p 1011
 - * Reading for Mid-afternoon,
 - Verse
 - Concluding Prayer, p1012 (same)
 - Acclamation (called Conclusion)