LITURGY OF THE HOURS/DIVINE OFFICE
RUBICS
AS DONE BY THE FRIARS (Southern Province)

Please select before the Liturgy of the Hours. Selection may be done at the end of previous month’s meeting. By a sign up roster or before Liturgy of Hours begins:

Leader
Cantor
Side/Choir 1 Leader
Side/Choir 2 Leader
Lector/Reflectionist

While seated (choir to choir, if possible), in presence of the Blessed Sacrament before Morning and Evening Prayer, please pray:

O SACRED CONVIVIUM

Stand (facing the tabernacle, if in a church or a chapel. If not in presence of the Blessed Sacrament, stand opposite each other choir to choir (face to face).

Leader: How holy is this feast...

All: ...in which Christ is our food, his passion is recalled, grace fills our hearts, and we receive a pledge of glory to come.

Leader: You gave them bread form heaven...

All: ...containing every blessing

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

Stand (facing the tabernacle, if in a church or a chapel)

If Invitatory before Morning Prayer is not prayed, then the Leader begins:
Leader: God, come to my assistance.
All: Lord. make haste to help me. (the friars do not make the Sign of the Cross.)

Bowing, All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
Standing, All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. (Omit during Lent)

Hymn (if no cantor is present, say or skip)

Cantor: sings first line of the hymn
All: join the hymn with the second line

Psalmody (may be chanted or said)

All sit

First Psalm:
Side/Choir 1 Leader, standing: Prays the Antiphon and first line of the Psalm.
Side/Choir 1: joins the stanza
Side/Choir 2: prays the second stanza
Side 1 and Side 2 alternate each stanza until each Psalm/Canticle is completed.
The side/choir, which does not pray the last stanza prays:
    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
The opposite side/choir prays:
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Second Psalm

Side/Choir 2 Leader, standing: Prays the Antiphon and first line of the Psalm.
Side/Choir 2: joins the stanza
Side/Choir 1: prays the second stanza

Side 2 and Side 1 alternate each stanza until each Psalm/Canticle is completed.

The side/choir, which does not pray the last stanza prays:
    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
The opposite side/choir prays:
    As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Third Psalm

Side/Choir 1 Leader, standing: Prays the Antiphon and first line of the Psalm.
Side/Choir 1: joins the stanza
Side/Choir 2: prays the second stanza
Side 1 and Side 2 alternate each stanza until each Psalm/Canticle is completed. The side/choir, which does not pray the last stanza prays:
    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
The opposite side/choir prays:
    it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Reading

Lector reads the Reading (A reflection may be given at this time)
Silence for 5-7 minutes (2-3 minutes is also permitted if meeting is running long.)
Responsor (the friars do not say this prayer)
    If said, Leader does first line, then All say the second line, alternating lines until Responsor is complete.

Gospel Canticle (usually chanted. If chanted, the Cantor may lead the Gospel Canticle)

All stand

Side/Choir 2 Leader, standing: prays/chants the Antiphon and first line of the Psalm.
Side/Choir 2: joins the stanza
Side/Choir1: prays/chants the second stanza
Side 2 and Side 1 alternate each stanza until each Psalm/Canticle is completed.

If the Canticle is said:
The side/choir, which does not prays the last stanza prays:
    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
The opposite side/choir prays:
    As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

If Canticle is chanted, both Side Choirs chant the Glory to... together.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Intercessions

Leader says the introductory prayer

All: say the response

Leader says all of each intercession.
All: says the response following each intercession.

Each person present is invited to make an intersession. (The friars do not say: “We pray to the Lord, etc., after their intercession has been said.)

**Lord's Prayer**

Leader: Our Father,
All: who art in heaven...

**Concluding Prayer**

Leader: says entire prayer.
All: Amen

If a priest or deacon is present, ask them for their blessing.

If no priest or deacon is present,
Leader: May the Lord bless us,
Protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Chapter/Group President says:

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*(Said after Evening Prayer and Night Evening, facing an image or a statue of the Blessed Mother)*

**THE SALVA REGINA**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Permit me to sing your praises, Holy Virgin.
R. Mother of God, intercede for us..

*(From Easter to Pentecost Sunday Regina Coeli is said)*
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia
Has risen, as He said, alleluia
Pray for us to God, Alleluia

(Said after Evening Prayer and Night Evening, facing an image or a statue of St. Dominic)

PRAYER TO SAINT DOMINIC

Light of the church, teacher of truth, rose of patience, ivory of chastity, you freely poured forth the waters of wisdom; preacher of grace, unite us with the blessed.
P.T. Alleluia.
R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. P.T. Alleluia.

(The following prayer is said at the conclusion of Morning and Evening Prayer by Chapter President or Chapter Vice-President or Leader)

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The following Provincial Vocation for the Dominican Family is said after Evening Prayer.

Blessed Father Dominic
preacher of God’s grace
you promised to assist us
even after your death.

Intercede for us before God.
to help us encourage
more men and women
to follow our way of life,
the way of the preacher.

Bless us in our common life, study,
prayer. And ministry,
that our lives together
may be a joyful witness
creating a desire in others
to join the sacred preaching.
Amen.