

RUBRICS FOR PRAYING THE OFFICE IN COMMON - 04/1/000

When the Office 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 Office is also to be said slowly and reflectively. Appropriate pauses can be made by the Antiphonarian to accomplish this.

[all stand and] **PRESIDER - GOD, COME TO MY ASSISTANCE,**

make the sign Community - Lord, make haste to help me, "Glory to the Father....," "As it was ...," Alleluia (Alleluia) is not said during Lent of the cross]

Hymn Community - [Never recite hymn; omit if not sung.]

Psalmody

[all sit]

ANTIPHONARIAN - RECITES ANTIphon AND FIRST VERSE OF THE PSALM STANZA.

Community - Side 1* Antiphonarian's SIDE STARTS THE SECOND VERSE Recites second verse and begins alternating of psalm stanza. At end of the psalm, continue alternating with "Glory to the Father...;" **is not said in unison.**]

PRESIDER - PRAYS THE PSALM-PRAYER AT THE END OF A PSALM IF THERE IS ONE.

ANTIPHONARIAN - BEGINS THE NEXT PSALM AS ABOVE.

Community - Side 2 - OPPOSITE - SIDE OF **ANTIPHONARIAN** STARTS THE SECOND VERSE. Starts second verse and alternating of psalm stanza followed by " Glory to the Father.... , **Opposite side:** "As it was...."

* Side 1 is the side on which the Antiphonarian is seated.

Reading Reader - READER DOES THE READING AND LEADS THE RESPONSORY PSALM:

Response READER - OPENING VERSE

Community - SECOND VERSE

Gospel **ANTIPHONARIAN** - READS THE ANTIphon AND THE FIRST VERSE OF THE CANTICLE.

Community - Pray Canticle by alternating sides like psalms. "Glory to the Father" is also alternated by sides

[all stand].

Intercessions **PRESIDER** – INTRODUCES THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND INTERCESSIONS. PRAYS OPENING LINE OF EACH

READER – PETITION

Community - Responds with the line after "C" [spontaneous petitions requested prior to Intercession for the dead which is always said last.]

The Lord's **PRESIDER** – BEGINS THE "OUR FATHER":

Prayer - Community – Continues the prayer in unison.

Concluding **PRESIDER** - PRAYS THE CONCLUDING PRAYER. "MAY THE LORD BLESS US, PROTECT US FROM ALL EVIL AND BRING US TO EVERLASTING LIFE."

Final **PRIEST – DEACON – or RELIGIOUS** will give the final blessing. If not available, the Minister may say, "May the Lord bless us", etc.

Blessing