



**Singing God's Praise:
The New English Translation of the Liturgy of the Hours
Virtual Live Workshop – Monday, February 22, 2027**

Workshop Overview

This workshop will offer a closer look at the Second English Edition of the Liturgy of the Hours that will be available for use on February 10, 2027–Ash Wednesday.

Like numerous other ritual books recently revised – Anointing of the Sick, OCIA, Order of Penance – the Liturgy of the Hours has been revised in light of the translation principles of *Liturgiam Authenticam*, the experience of postconciliar use, and in collaboration between the USCCB and Holy See.

But more than simply offering a new translation, the promulgation of the new books present the chance to look again at the nature of the Liturgy of the Hours, its use in the lives of priests and parishes, and ways to pray the Divine Office so that “mind and voice” may be “in harmony in a celebration that is worthy, attentive, and devout” (GILH, 19).

Priests, deacons, musicians, and parish staff who wish to understand the Divine Office more fully and pray it more deeply will benefit from this presentation and discussion. We will also discuss ways to introduce and maintain praying the Liturgy of the Hours in the parish, including the opportunity for sharing strategies and plans for implementation in your parish.

Program Schedule

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Introduction – Christopher Carstens

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The Spirit and Spirituality of the Liturgy of the Hours (Carstens)

From the pray-ers point of view, the Divine Office is made up of psalms and hours, hymns and canticles, books and ribbons; from God's perspective, the Divine Office is an eternal hymn of loving praise offered by Son and Spirit, with whom the entire Mystical Body now joins. This spiritual reality (*res*) is the foundation and reason for what we do and how we pray, and those wishing to pray it more fully must be in tune with it.

Participants will explore:

- The “Hymn of Praise” that echoes throughout heaven and the hours of the Office
- How the psalms serve as the audible text of this eternal hymn
- How the hours of the day give the tempo to the daily rhythm to our praise

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Praying the Psalms of the Office with Heart, Mind, and Voice (Hicks)

Psalms constitute the core of the Divine Office. Yet these sacred texts are not always easy to pray: written millennia ago, taking poetic form, and whose content often requires knowledge of the history of the Chosen People. Yet these very texts possess a unique power to root and nourish the prayer of Christians today.

Participants will explore:

- Challenges to praying the psalms today
- Approaches to praying the psalms fruitfully
- Proper dispositions of the heart to engage the psalms with mind and voice

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hymns of the Liturgy of the Hours: History, Texts, and Melodies – and How to Sing Them (Carstens)

At its heart, the Divine Office is the continual hymn of praise sung by the Mystical Body to the Father. And while the psalms, sung at certain hours of the day, make manifest this eternal hymn most clearly, the hymns of the Liturgy of the Hours are key to the Office's successful celebration.

Participants will explore:

- The natural place of hymns in the Liturgy of the Hours
- The development of both texts and melodies throughout the centuries
- Ways to appreciate and sing the restored hymns in the Second English edition

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

***Ars Celebrandi* for Individual and Communal Celebration – (Carstens and Hicks)**

Ars celebrandi – a concept promoted by every pope from John Paul II to Leo XIV – manifests the saving song of Christ in a beautiful way so that those praying the liturgy might engage it and be ever more transformed by Christ. For both individuals and groups, the proper praying of the Liturgy of the Hours can become “a source of devotion, a means of gaining God's manifold grace, a deepening of personal prayer, and an incentive to the work of the apostolate” (GILH, 19).

Participants will explore:

- Ways to pray more fruitfully when praying individually
- The communal nature of the Liturgy of the Hours
- Strategies to introduce others into the Divine Office

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Forming a Plan – Father Boniface Hicks

Father Boniface Hicks will assist in developing resolutions and plans for implementation of ideas covered during the workshop