

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

GLOSSARY

Advent. Church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent season contains the four Sundays of Advent and the days between them and Christmas.

Alleluia. Biblical cry of joy. Not prayed during Lent.

Alleluia Side. Original name of *Side Two* when praying the Office in choir.

Alternative Prayer. Another concluding prayer to certain offices which may be chosen as an option.

Antiphon. Short, repeated prayer that introduces and follows a Psalm or Canticle in the Divine Office.

Antiphon in Honor of the Blessed Virgin. Prayer following the conclusion of Night Prayer, honoring Mary, the Mother of God.

Antiphon, Easter. Three Alleluias, prayed consecutively.

Antiphonarian. The person who prays the Antiphon and the first line of each Psalm when praying in choir. If two cantors are used, the second is called the Antiphonarian.

Baptism of the Lord. Last day of celebration for the Christmas season. Takes the place of the first Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Benedictus. Traditional name for the *Canticle of Zechariah*.

Breviary. Prayer book that contains the Divine Office.