

Is a customer asking about The Hymnal for the Hours (Breviary)?

Here is some info to relay:

- **A new edition English of the Liturgy of the Hours** (breviary is another word) is coming out (Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer, etc...) There is an official Latin version and a new English version approved by the US (and all English speaking) bishops. **Still a few years away from print.**
- There are **"official" hymns** in this resource: hymns for morning, evening, saint's days, seasons. etc.. ICEL has translated them from the Latin. The US bishops approved the translation. Every text is set to a metrical hymn and a chant melody. They have been gathered into a **separate collection.**
- **We are simply the publisher and seller of these hymns.** The hymns come right from the Latin edition; we did not choose them. We did not choose what melodies go with what texts; that was given to us. The accompaniment to the chant hymns were provided by the bishops and ICEL. We will have some say in what accompaniments are used for hymns that aren't chants.
- If people do Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer in their parishes they DO NOT need to use only these hymns.
- People can use these hymns at mass or anytime they want.
- They will eventually be on OneLicense. Some will go in our hymnals.
- Following the Latin originals, not all the hymns rhyme. (I can hear customer gasping now.)
- We are awaiting the archdiocese's of approval of them. This is a given, since the whole body of US bishops approved them.
- **Publication Date? Fair to say sometime this year.**
- Price to be determined. **A new edition and an accompaniment edition will be available.**