

THE CRUCIAL HOURS

"THE SEMBLANCE OF LEGALITY"

HYMN

"Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

Hymn 400

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, which before the cross we spend,
life and health and peace possessing from the sinner's dying friend.

Here we rest in wonder, viewing all our sins on Jesus laid;
here we see redemption flowing from the sacrifice he made.

Here we find the dawn of heaven while upon the cross we gaze,
see our trespasses forgiven, and our songs of triumph raise.

Oh, that, near the cross abiding, we may to the Savior cleave,
naught with him our hearts dividing, all for him content to leave!

Lord, in loving contemplation fix our hearts and eyes on you
till we taste your full salvation and your unveiled glory view.

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

"Let My Prayer Rise Before You"

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

PRAYER

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that way we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

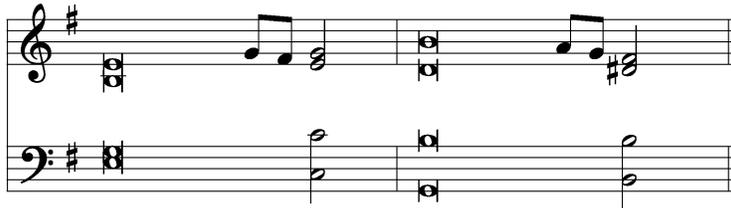
PSALM 85A

Refrain



LORD, in your mer - cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

Tone



You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people
and covered / all their sins.

You set aside / all your wrath
and turned from your fierce / anger.

Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,
and grant us your sal- / vation. *Refrain*

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;
he promises peace to his / people.

Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him,
that his glory may dwell / in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;
righteousness and peace kiss each / other.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

PSALM PRAYER

M: God of love and faithfulness, you showed favor to your people by sending your one and only Son to be our Savior. Help us to trust in him as our gracious Redeemer and so enjoy the peace he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

Luke 22:54-71

The *Passion History* is a story of love, not romantic love, and not just strong *feelings* of love. In these Lent readings, we see the love of our Savior giving his life for us. These readings are called the *Passion History* with the word passion coming from the Latin *passio*, suffering. Our readings this year are from the Gospel of Luke. We end each lesson with the great words of the prophet Isaiah:

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed!

HYMN

"He Stood before the Court"

Hymn 408

He stood before the court on trial instead of us;
he met its pow'r to hurt, condemned to face the cross—
our King, accused of treachery; our God, abused for blasphemy!

These are the crimes that tell the tale of human guilt;
our sins, our death, our hell—on these the case is built.
To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays dumb.
The guilt is ours, no answers come.

The sentence must be passed, the unknown pris'ner killed;
the price is paid at last, the law of God fulfilled.
He takes our blame, and from that day th' accuser's claim is wiped away.

Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is done;
we live, for he has died, our condemnation gone.
In Christ are we both dead and raised, alive and free—his name be praised!

SERMON

The Semblance of Legality

Luke 22:66

HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymn 407

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in
all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here,
we pray, O Lord:

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every
stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection,
justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O
Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for
health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every
form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Now the Day Is Over"

Hymn 786

Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary calm and sweet repose;
with your tend' rest blessing may my eyelids close.

Comfort ev'ry suff' rer watching late in pain;
those who plan some evil, from their sin restrain.

Thro' the long night watches may your angels spread
their bright wings above me, watching round my bed.

When the morning wakens, then may I arise
pure and fresh and sinless in your holy eyes.

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Join Us For Wednesday Evening Lent Worship! The Crucial Hours

Wednesday, March 30, at 3:30 and 6:30:

What to Remember When You are Seized with Remorse

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

Wednesday, April 6, at 3:30 and 6:30:

A Part for the Whole?

- **Lent Supper at 4:30**

We Thank Rev. Tom Schultz from Christ the King in Palatine for leading us into God’s Word to see the wonders of his love!

Next week we welcome Rev. Andy Bauer from New Life in Lake Zurich.

We Thank the Youth Group for hosting our Lent Dinner this evening!

Please feel free to offer your help, bring a dessert...