

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

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Setting 1: pg. 154

407 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CW 407

1 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.

2 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.

3 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?

Please stand for the final stanza

4 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.

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Opening Sentences

CW 215

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Be our light and scatter the darkness,
and hear our evening prayer and praise.

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Hymn of Light

CW 216

- 1 Gladd'ning light of purest glory,
shining down from heav'n on high,
from the everliving Father—
hail, most blessed Jesus Christ!
- 2 In the fading light of evening,
as the setting sun departs,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
we adore you, Lord our God.
- 3 For your gift of life unending,
joyful voices ever sing
hymns of praise that rightly honor,
Son of God, your saving name.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Be seated)

Psalm 141

CW 217

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord,
and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing
your praise with the Church on earth and forever in
heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

16 My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad*Psalm 16*

Refrain

**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my tongue
rejoices;
my body also will rest, will rest secure.**

LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant /
places;

surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken.

Refrain

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;

my body also will / rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the
dead,

nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.

You make known to me the / path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,

with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

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

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the delightful inheritance you won for us through your death and resurrection.

Stay by our side on the journey through this life, and guide us with the counsel of your Word. When our life here is ended, fill us with joy in your presence; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Fourth Part of the Passion History

409 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CW 409

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
 blest Redeemer, whom we love,
 fountain in life's desert dreary,
 Savior from the world above,
 often have your eyes, offended,
 gazed upon the sinner's fall;
 yet, upon the cross extended,
 you endured the pain of all.
- 2 Dare we pass that cross unheeding,
 breathing no repentant vow,
 as we see you wounded, bleeding,
 see your thorn-encircled brow?
 Since your sinless death has brought us
 life eternal, peace, and rest,
 only what your grace has taught us
 calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
 with more fervent love for you!
 May our eyes be ever turning
 to behold your cross anew,

till in glory, parted never
 from the blessèd Savior's side,
 graven in our hearts forever
 dwell the cross, the Crucified!

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Sermon

Numbers 21:4-8

They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!” The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.”

(Stand)

Song of Mary

CW 220

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations
will call me blessed

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in ev'ry generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our fathers, to Abraham,
and to his children forever. Amen.

(Be seated)

Offering
(Stand)

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to
the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors
in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for
all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:
to you, O Lord.

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.**

Blessing

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

Amen.

(Be seated)

786 Now the Day Is Over

CW 786

- 1 Now the day is over,
night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening
steal across the sky.
- 2 Jesus, give the weary
calm and sweet repose;
with your tend'rest blessing
may my eyelids close.
- 3 Comfort ev'ry sufferer
watching late in pain;

those who plan some evil,
from their sin restrain.

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

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

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