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PLC4120 Liturgy and Time

Tuesday 31 May 2005

Section A: answer only ONE question.

1. Show how the church, since the Apostolic Age and in accordance with the Jewish tradition, evolved its pattern of communal prayer in different moments of the day.
3. There are different ways one could recite or sing the Psalms. Do you think that the Christian community can pray the Liturgy of the Hours by using more appropriate prayers?
4. Christian prayer is above all the prayer of the whole human community, which Christ joins to himself. What place does the liturgy of the hours hold in the life of the Church?

Section B: answer only ONE question.

1. The feast of Easter is considered as the central feast of the Liturgical Year. Give the theological structure and development of this celebration according to the early teachings of the Church.
2. Explain the meaning of Sunday as the Lord's day as found in:
 - (i) The early church
 - (ii) The Constitution on Sacred Liturgy: *Sacrosanctum Concilium*
 - (iii) The *Dies Domini*, an apostolic letter by the Pope John Paul II
 - (iv) The Pastoral Document *Eucaristia, Comunione e Comunità* by the Italian Episcopate.
3. Give the origin and evolution of Lent in the Liturgical Year.