

mother have her way, and she ordered the soldiers to go and take over this church. For Arian services. And ["] Ambrose, hearing what was going to happen, rushed to the church with a group of his people, and he went into the church and he began to hold a service himself, and the bulk of his people gathered around him, and he went on in chanting and chanting songs, and he carried it on day and night. And he never left the church for weeks. And he remained in the church, there, and a great group of soldiers came to the church with orders to seize it, and Ambrose faced them and boldly said, what have you come here for, and they said, we have come to attend the services. And they attended the service and they went back. And by his courage, by his bravery in standing for what he felt to be right, he held out for a long time.

/ But you couldn't keep on holding your service there forever. He busied himself in writing ~~xx~~ hymns. And some of the great hymns of the ~~Latin~~ Latin church are said to have been composed by Ambrose at this time. And he and the people sang these hymns and psalms. Of course he had a small group there some of the time, and he had a large group there at other times, but he simply stayed in the church and continued and ~~resisted~~ resisted the attempt to take over the church for the Arians.

And according to the historians, right at this time, a great strange event occurred which is described as a great ^{miracle} ~~miracle~~. Milan had not been signalized by any martyrdoms. Other cities had been centers of great martyrdoms and persecutions, but Milan had only comparatively recently become a great Christian center, And so(6½) during the time of the great persecutions. We have ~~many~~ stories of certain events in France, in North Africa, in Egypt, in many parts of the east. And in Rome, many such stories. But in Milan, there was only one record of a martyrdom, ~~and~~ which had been preserved, and that was the account of two men who were said to have been killed by Diocletian's persecutors, and that would be you know about 75 years before this time.

And so people began calling to mind these two martyrs who had stood for the Christian faith and had given their lives to it. And nobody knew where they were buried. And these two martyrs, it was not even sure that these two men