

Thy Will Be Done

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 5: God's Will And My Response

Order of Service

"The Lord opened [Lydia's] heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul." Acts 16:14

Opening Hymn ... Dunstan 888 6

Drawn to the cross, which thou hast blest With healing gifts for souls distressed, To find in
thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet now to thee
with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain. For cleansing, though it be
through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for thee, Which shall so sweet a service be; That angels well might
envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

Confession and Absolution

P O God the Father in heaven, O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, O God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy upon us and be gracious unto us.

P For having other gods before you, for putting our trust in ourselves, for our love of possessions, which is often greater than our love for Christ,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For the cursing that comes out of our mouths or swearing falsely, for honoring you with our lips, but not with our hearts,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For ignoring your gifts and your rest, for not being steadfast in our prayers, for hearing your Word and not doing it,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For not honoring those who are in authority over us, for our lack of concern for our parents, for our disobedience to civic laws,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For our low regard for human life, for the desire to avenge ourselves when we have been wronged, for anger with our brother or sister and hatred toward our neighbor,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For all impurities in our lives; for the thoughts that darken our minds, for the lust that creeps into our hearts,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For our willingness to gain wealth by any means, for our lack of concern for our neighbors' needs, for the poor stewardship we have made of our time, talent and treasure,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For our disregard of our neighbors' reputations, for lies and slander, for betraying secrets and carrying on in gossip,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P For our sinful desires, for our covetous natures, for our hunger for things at the expense of our souls,

C forgive us, O Lord.

P Since you have confessed your sin to your heavenly Father, trusted the Son for your forgiveness, and asked the Spirit's help to amend your sinful life, hear again the promise of the Gospel: your sins are completely and permanently forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

I'll think upon thy mercy without ceasing, That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do thy will shall be my sole endeavor henceforth forever.

Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me, I'll risk for thee: no shame, no cross, shall
daunt me. I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me nor death alarm me.

And when, dear Lord, before thy throne in heaven, To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns thy saints forever raise thee, I, too, shall praise thee.

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

First Reading ... Ephesians 1:15-23

Second Reading ... Luke 24:44-49

Third Reading ... Acts 16:6-10, 13-15

Sermon Hymn ... Dundee CM

You are the way; to you alone, From sin and death we flee; And he who would the Father
seek, Your follower must be.

You are the truth, your Word alone, True wisdom can impart; You only can inform the
mind, And purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb, Proclaims your conqu'ring arm; And those who put their
trust in you, Not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know, That truth to keep, that life to
win, Whose joys eternal flow.

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn ... Der Am Kreuz 87 87 77 88

On my heart imprint your image, blessèd Jesus, king of grace,^[SEP]That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may your work erase;^[SEP]Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,^[SEP]Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!