

Thy Will Be Done

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 3: God's Will And My Identity

Order of Service

"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

Opening Hymn ... Rathbun 87 87

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy; Never shall the cross for-
sake me. Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way; From the cross the radiance
streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no
measure, joys that through all time abide.

Invocation and Opening Litany

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P When the time was fully come,

C God sent forth his Son, born of a woman.

P We thank our heavenly Father for our Lord's humanity.

C We thank our heavenly Father for the human family of which Jesus was a part.

P Like Mary, mother of our Lord,

C may we, the servants of the Lord in this time and place, also be humble, gentle and firm in faith.

P May our spirits so rejoice in our God,

C that our souls, too, magnify the Lord.

P When events and circumstances seem to be overwhelming and beyond our control or understanding,

C may our prayers also include this petition: “Lord, let it be to me according to your word. Amen.”

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Message

First Reading ... Luke 1:26-38

Hymn of Response ... Melita 88 88 88

With all my heart my Lord I praise, to God my Savior anthems raise.^{[[SEP]]}He sees his servants,
bends to bless, and sanctifies their lowliness.^{[[SEP]]}Our God his covenant recalls; his pow’rful arm in
judgment falls:

The mighty from their thrones are cast, the humble lifted up at last,^{[[SEP]]}The rich denied, the hungry
fed, the proud dispersed, the faithful led.^{[[SEP]]}The mercies of our God endure for God recalls his
promise sure.

Second Reading ... Luke 2:22-35

Hymn of Response ... Westminster Abbey 87 87 87

In his temple now behold him, see the long-expected Lord;^{[[SEP]]}Ancient prophets had foretold him,
God has now fulfilled his Word.^{[[SEP]]}Now to praise him, his redeemed shall break forth with one
accord.

Jesus, by your presentation, when they blessed you, weak and poor,^{[[SEP]]}Make us see your great
salvation, seal us with your promise sure;^{[[SEP]]}And present us in your glory to the Father, cleansed
and pure.

Third Reading ... Luke 2:41-52

Hymn of Response ... Hyfrydol 87 87D

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; Graciously return, and never, nevermore
thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray
and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Fourth Reading ... John 2:1-5

Hymn of Response ... St. George's Windsor 77 77 D

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest in
the Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine; Anthems be to
thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Fifth Reading ... Mark 3:31-35

Hymn of Response ... St. George's Windsor 77 77 D

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; Manifest in valiant fight, quelling
all the devil's might; Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill; Anthems be to
thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sixth Reading ... John 19:25-27

Hymn of Response ... Greensleeves 87 87 68 67

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sin-
ners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne
for me, for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P May the Lord Jesus Christ, who once came into our world as a human child in answer to God's faithful promise, be with you now as we depart this place. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the peace of the Holy Spirit, be with you and strengthen you as you walk with him.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn ... Angel's Story 76 76 D

O Savior, precious Savior, whom, yet unseen, we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above. We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

O Bringer of salvation, who wondrously has wrought Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought. We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine; The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine. We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above; In endless adoration and everlasting love! We worship thee, we bless thee, to thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.