

Thy Will Be Done

Week 3: God's Will And My Identity

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

Opening Hymn

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 forsake 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

First Reading ... Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of
Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was
Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he
came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"
But she was greatly troubled at the saying and tried to discern what sort
of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will
conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name
Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And
the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will
reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be
no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a
virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon
you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the
child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your
relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the
sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be
impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the
Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed
from her.

Hymn of Response

With all my heart my Lord I praise, to God my Savior anthems raise.

He sees his servants, bends to bless, and sanctifies their lowliness.

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,
the rich denied, the hungry fed, the proud dispersed, the faithful led.

The mercies of our God endure for God recalls his promise sure.

Second Reading ... Luke 2:22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Hymn of Response

In his temple now behold him, see the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold him, God has now fulfilled his Word.
Now to praise him, his redeemed shall break forth with one accord.
Jesus, by your presentation, when they blessed you, weak and poor,
Make us see your great salvation, seal us with your promise sure;
And present us in your glory to the Father, cleansed and pure.

Third Reading ... Luke 2:41-52

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Hymn of Response

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

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Hymn of Response

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

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Hymn of Response

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

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Hymn of Response

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners 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

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.