

Thy Will Be Done

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 2: God's Will And My Dreams

"For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done ^{SEP}this great thing and made it known to your servant." 2 Samuel 7:21

Opening Hymn

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Welcome

Invocation

P In the name of the Father,

C who made a covenant with his people,

P and of the Son,

C the royal son of David, who shed his blood that we might partake of a new covenant,

P and of the Holy Spirit,

C who worked through prophets like Nathan, and has written the covenant on our hearts, and through faith adopted us into the line and lineage of the eternal family. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P In the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer we say:

C "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

P What does this mean?

C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P How is God's will done?

C God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let his kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and faith until we die. This is his good and gracious will.

P Like King David, the shepherd king, and the prophet Nathan, our sinful natures prohibit us from knowing perfectly the will of God. Yet God provides for us a cure and direction. Together, we pray: O Lord Jesus,

C We seek your compassion and forgiveness because we too are harassed by sin and helpless to free ourselves from its bondage. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. Though you have called us to be your people, we have lived as if we only needed to answer to ourselves. Even our best intentions to follow your will have met with failure. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Send us your Spirit to help us live as your holy people.

C According to the perfect and compassionate will of God, your sins are forgiven through the precious blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Response

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, your plans are beyond my imagining. The hopes and dreams I have for myself—for my relationships and my daily tasks and my future—I hold in open hands before you. Shape my life according to your will, and help me release the good things I have planned so I may receive with joy and thankfulness the good things you have planned, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading, 2 Samuel 7:4-29

P But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’” Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people

Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O Lord, became their God. And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. And your name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your

blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

New Testament Reading, Hebrews 10:1-5

P For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me.”

Gospel Reading, Matthew 22:41-46

P Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.”

Sermon

Offering (to be collected **DURING** the hymn)

Offering Hymn

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

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P Like King David before us, we have plans for ourselves that we think are in our best interests. But you show us, Lord, that only you know what is best for us and for the life of your kingdom. Help us to trust in your vision for where you would have us go. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P Sometimes, Lord, we end up in dead ends of our own making that take us nowhere or cul-de-sacs of false goals that keep us going in circles. Lead us out of our waywardness and back to your road of hope and promise in Jesus. Guide us to the way of Christ's cross and the empty tomb, which is the only true and lasting way of salvation. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P We often get so caught up in our own efforts and accomplishments that we fail to acknowledge, glorify and thank you for the hand you had in the work and the

abilities you granted to us. Keep us grounded in you and not in ourselves, always giving you the honor for what has transpired in our lives on earth and what will transpire in the life to come. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P The prophet Nathan confronted King David with the sin he had committed, and the wrong path he had taken. David would confess the guilt of his sin and turn his life toward God. Help us to see where we have gone astray and keep turning our lives back to you day after day in repentance. Much like Nathan, may we also lovingly point people to Jesus whenever they have gone astray, and may others also serve as Nathans to us. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P Your plan of salvation came to pass through the line of King David, down through the ages, to Mary and Joseph and to the baby Jesus in manger. Help us to see the beauty of your plan for us and revere Jesus for his sacrifice for us on the cross, which you prepared long ago for him to do. Keep us firm in our faith in him and in our deliverance even through the power of his cross. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P The plans of many in our faith community are not going the way that they had envisioned. We pray for those who are sick or injured, hospitalized or in pain, especially We pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who are poor and in need. Give peace to all those who are suffering and help them to know that you are still with them and will his divine plan even through these difficulties. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P Like King David before us, Lord, we have come to know that all that we have and are comes from your gracious hand. Help us to treasure the gifts of work and family and friends, as well as the blessings of food, drink and shelter. Let us never take anything you have given us for granted, especially the gift of your Son, Jesus. Loving Lord of all,

C let us find rest in your plan for our lives.

P All these petitions we offer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who did the will of God and lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! (Ephesians 3:20-21).

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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