

Thy Will Be Done

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

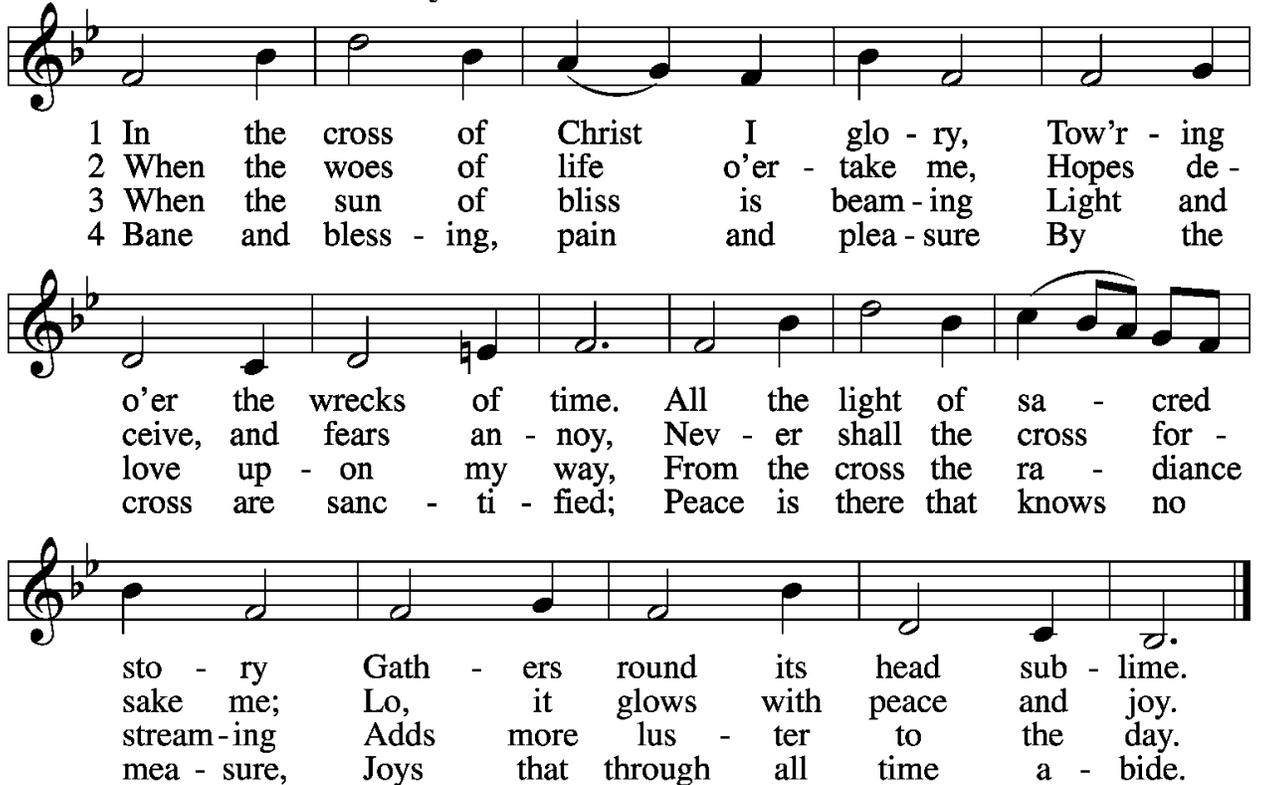
Week 3: God's Will And My Identity

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

Opening Hymn

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Welcome

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

P Make my faith a little more like Mary's, Lord: I want to be ready to do your will. I want to see my life through the lens of your eternal Kingdom. I want to trust your promise so much that I am willing to risk shame and uncertainty because I know you are with me. Give me the courage to pray: I am your servant, Lord; let it be to me according to your Word. Amen.

First Reading, Luke 1:26-38

P 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.^[1]He sees his servants,
bends to bless, and sanctifies their lowliness.^[2]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.^[3]The rich denied, the hungry
fed, the proud dispersed, the faithful led.^[4]The mercies of our God endure for God recalls his
promise sure.

Second Reading, Luke 2:22-35

P 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[a] 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

519 In His Temple Now Behold Him

LSB 519 sts. 1, 3

1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -
 3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,
 spect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,
 weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,
 God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,
 Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us
 His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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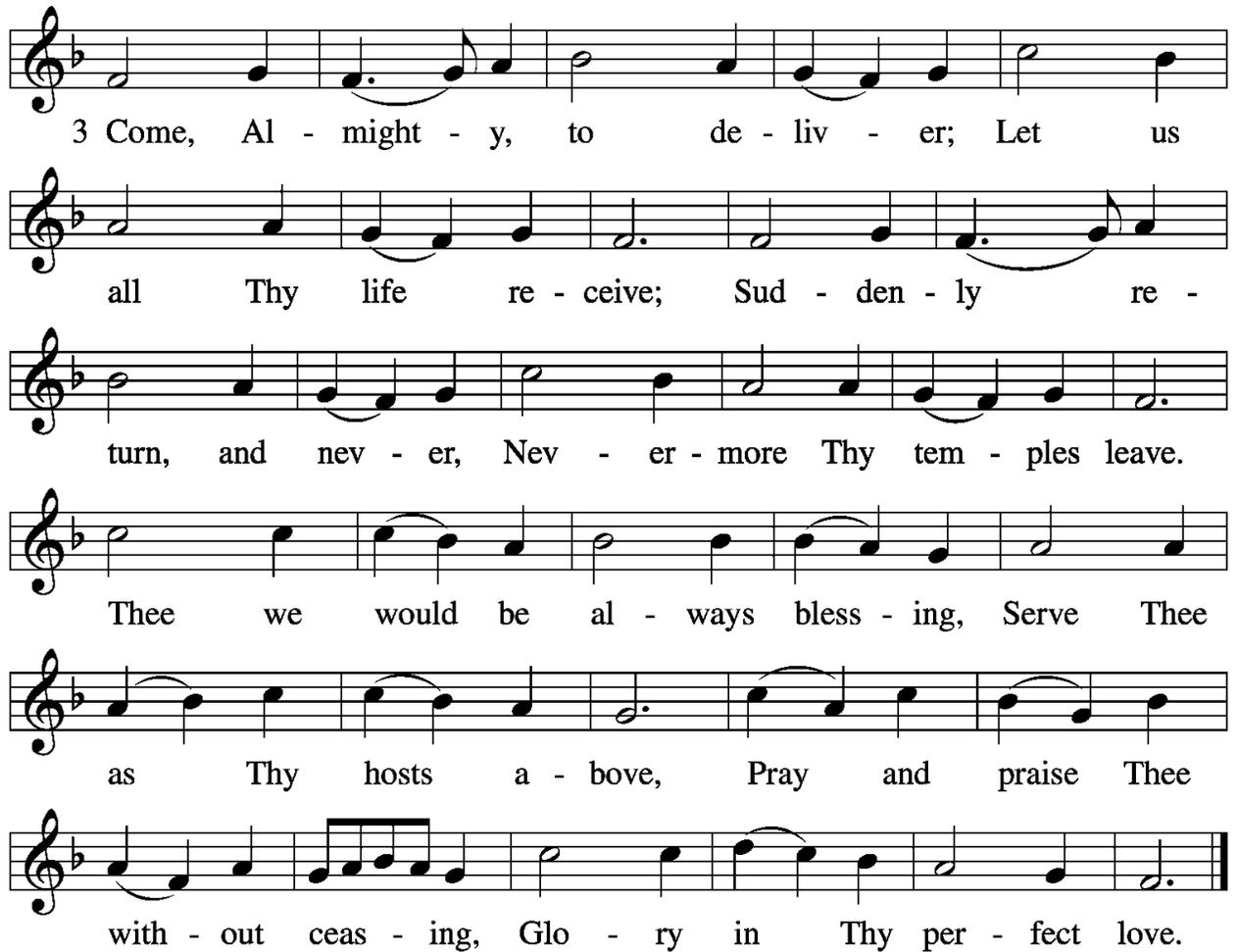
Third Reading, Luke 1:41-52

P 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

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700 st. 3



3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.

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Fourth Reading, John 2:1-5

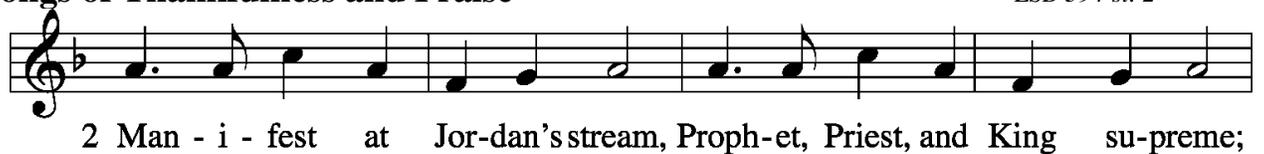
P On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

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

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394 st. 2



2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;

And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Fifth Reading, Mark 3:31-35

P 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

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394 st. 3

3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Sixth Reading, John 19:25-27

P 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

370 What Child Is This

LSB 370 st. 2

2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
si - lent Word is plead - ing. 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 Mar-y!

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Sermon

Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

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P Like Mary before us, we are humbled that you have chosen us to be a part of your family. Help us to be grateful to you and to honor you in all we do in thanksgiving for everything you called us to be through your power and strength. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

P When tasks are daunting and we may not know if we can live up to the name Christian, help us to remember that you have made us who we are for a reason, and your purpose will come to pass through your divine will. May we never lose sight of your vision for our lives, and may we always trust that you will give us the abilities we need to carry out your plans. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

P Thank you, Lord, for our mothers and fathers, and all those who cared for us in childhood and beyond. May we never forget the sacrifices they made for us and the insight they shared to help us to live more fully to our potential. Help mothers and fathers caring for children in our midst today turn to you for wisdom and guidance in living out their vocations as parents. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

P Bless those who, like Mary at the foot of the cross, mourn the loss of a loved one. Give them hope and confidence in your promise that all who die in the Lord are raised to life anew with you in heaven by your cross and empty tomb. Surround them, too, with family and friends to care for them in this time of sorrow, as John did for Mary. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

P Strengthen the bonds of families. Help them to grow to know and understand each other more and more. Encourage them to support and uplift one another through thick and thin, loving one another unconditionally. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

P When we have wandered from your way and lost a sense of who we are, search and seek us out and call us back to you. May we find our worth and our place and our motivation for living in your warm and protective embrace. Fill us with a desire to stay near to you in Word and devotion and prayer. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

P Care for, we pray, those in our family of faith who are sick and hurting in hospitals and at home with ailments of body, mind and spirit, especially ... Grant to them peace and comfort and recovery of energy, according to your will, and raise them up to continue the work you have created them to do for the expansion of your kingdom. O Word made flesh,

C let us live to serve you, Lord.

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

**☩ 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 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

527 O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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