

Thy Will Be Done

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 5: God's Will And My Response

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

Opening Hymn

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Welcome

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 gifts,

C forgive us, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P You seem to work in such inefficient ways, Lord—a whole missionary journey sidetracked so one woman far from her hometown could come to know Jesus! You prepared the way for Paul’s word; you sent your Spirit into Lydia’s heart; you alone deserve the praise for Lydia’s saving faith. Open my heart, too, Lord; cause me to pay attention to your Word. Then make my response, like Lydia’s, overflow into all areas of my life. And to you alone be the glory! **Amen.**

First Reading, Ephesians 1:15-23

P For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Second Reading, Luke 24:44-49

P Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

P And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to

Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Sermon Hymn

526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

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1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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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.

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P O Lord, like Lydia, we are called to welcome those who share the news of your salvation into our midst. Give us the courage to support the needs of those who preach and teach your Word, even when it is not always something that the society around us values. Grant us the willingness to open our doors to your ambassadors and to listen well to what they have to share with us. O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

P Lydia met with women of her community to meditate and study your Word. Help us to gather together as often as we can in Bible classes, worship services and in small groups to learn more about you and strengthen one another in our lives of faith. O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

P Lydia was a successful businesswoman as well as a believer in Christ. Embolden us to bear your cross into our places of business and our work life so that more may know that you are the supreme ruler of our lives, and that it is more important to store up treasures in heaven than to seek after earthly wealth and prestige. Help us to be loving and forgiving to all we interact with in our jobs, reflecting your compassion toward us. O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

P All those in Lydia's household came to believe in you and were baptized. Help us to be a positive spiritual influence on the faith lives of all those who dwell in our households and our neighborhoods. May our words and actions declare to those nearest and dearest to us that you are the ultimate source and strength of everything we say and do. O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

P Be with all those who are suffering in any way of body, mind and spirit, especially... Restore health to them according to your will, and bless them with people like Lydia who respond to your love by caring for them in their time of need. Help us to see ways in which we can serve those around us who are hurting that we may be able to touch them with your peace, comfort and hope. O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

P Dear Jesus, support the work of missionaries around the world and expand their reach so that more and more people may come to know you as their Savior, through your sacrificial death on the cross and your triumphant resurrection from the dead. May we never forget the importance of those who serve you in often hostile environments and in distant places. May their work continue to be fruitful and make a difference in the lives of many. O Lord, who gave your life,

C help us return your love with love.

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 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

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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