

Lent III March 15, 2023 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

As We Gather

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God's Will and My Identity

In humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept his role, faithfully following the path his Father had in mind for him to save us all.

Preservice Music (6:30)

The Power of the Cross Sherri and Heidi Devany, clarinet

Welcome

Please stand

Opening Sentences

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: When the time was fully come,

People: God sent forth his Son, born of a woman.

Pastor: We thank our heavenly Father for our Lord's humanity.

People: We thank our heavenly Father for the human family of which Jesus

was a part.

Pastor: Like Mary, mother of our Lord,

People: may we, the servants of the Lord in this time and place, also be

humble, gentle, and firm in faith.

Pastor: May our spirits so rejoice in our God, **People:** that our souls, too, magnify the Lord.

Pastor: When events and circumstances seem to be overwhelming and beyond

our control or understanding,

People: may our prayers also include this petition: "Lord, let it be to me

according to your word. Amen."

Lord I Need You

Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Daniel Carson

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where you are, Lord, I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me. Where you are, Lord, I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus

So, teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.

Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.

Jesus, You're my hope and stay. Chorus

Psalmody Psalm 143:1-10

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Pastor: Enter not into judgement with your servant, for no one living is righteous

before you.

People: For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Pastor: Therefore, my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

People: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I

ponder the work of your hands.

Pastor: I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

People: Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails!

Pastor: Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

People: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Pastor: Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

People: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge!

Pastor: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

People: Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Collect

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He 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, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And 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 Response (tune meter: 88 88 88; Vater Unser)

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

²²And 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 ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said.

²⁹Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
 ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
 ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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 ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Hymn Response (tune meter: 87 87 87; Sieh, Hier Bin Ich)

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

⁴¹Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And 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." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Hymn Response (tune meter: 87 87D; Hyfrydol)

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all they 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

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Hymn Response (tune meter: 77 77D; Aberystwyth)

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

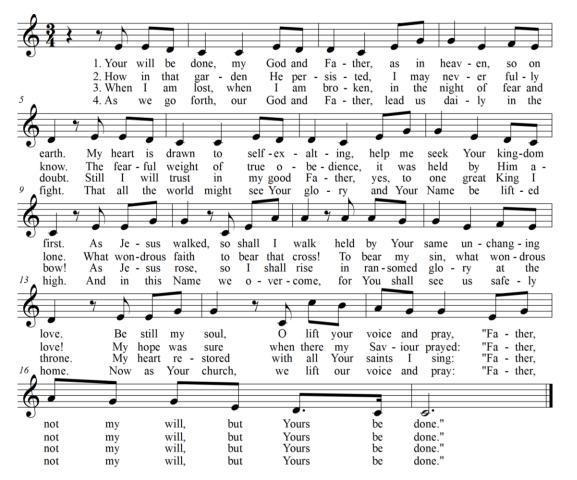
³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Hymn Response (tune meter: 77 77D; Aberystwyth)

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. ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Your Will Be Done

by Rich Thompson and Jonny Robinson



Sermon	God's Will and My Identity

In Christ Alone (6:30)

Sherri and Heidi Devany, clarinet

Please stand

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: O Word made flesh,

People: let us live to serve You, Lord.

Pastor: 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.

O Word made flesh,

People: let us live to serve You, Lord.

Pastor: 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,

People: let us live to serve You, Lord.

Pastor: 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 according to your will. 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,

People: let us live to serve You, Lord.

Pastor: 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 will be 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,

People: let us live to serve You, Lord.

Pastor: 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,

People: let us live to serve You, Lord.

Pastor: Care for those in our Zion family of faith who are sick and hurting in

hospitals and at home with ailments of body, mind and spirit. Grant to them peace, 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,

People: let us live to serve you, Lord.

Pastor: All these petitions we offer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our

Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

Pastor: So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray

People: 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.

The Blessing

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(3:30)

There Is a Redeemer



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Seminarian Josh Kintz

Elder on Duty: Tim Tappendorf (3:30)

Kyle Lewis (6:30)

Pianist/Organist: Dawn E. Tayon, Minister of Music

Acolytes: Virginia Cummins, Hazel Kemper (3:30)

Evie Meyer, Redmond Jung (6:30)

Sound/Video/Camera Jill Hasstedt (3:30)

Luke Mandeville/Mark Goerger/Yvonne Goerger

THY WILL BE DONE

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Lent 4: Wednesday, March 22, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

God's Will and My Worldview: Paul

Lent 5: Wednesday, March 29, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

God's Will and My Response: Lydia

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m.

Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday April 7, 12 noon with Communion and Service of Tenebrae, 7 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 9, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Communion at Both Services

Meals between Lenten Services

March 15 - Italian Beef, Italian Salad, Chips, Pie

March 22 - Chili, Cornbread, Cookies

March 29 - Brats/Burgers, Sauerkraut, Beans, Chips, Cake