

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND HIS PASSION

“Thy Will Be Done...”

4th Wednesday of Lent
March 18, 2020 . . . 7:00 PM

WELCOME. . . . During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will study the Lord's Prayer in light of our Savior's suffering and death. As we blend this model prayer with the familiar scenes of Jesus' passion, our prayer life takes on new and richer meaning. May God bless our Lenten worship.

INVOCATION:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER: (A Prayer of Martin Luther)

O God, our will compared with Your will is not good but continually evil. Your will is always by far the best and to be desired by us. Therefore, be merciful to us, dear Father, and let nothing be done according to our will. When our will is hindered or broken, teach us true patience. Grant that we may not become angry or malicious when anyone speaks or does anything against our will. May we not curse, complain, judge, condemn or protest. Help us to humbly yield or surrender our will to those who oppose or hinder us and who accomplish Your divine will in spite of us. May we praise and bless them and do good to them. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

THE EPISTLE: Romans 12:1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,^[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.^[b] ² Do not be conformed to this world,^[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 14:32-42

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."^[a] ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?" ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

EXPLAINING THE WORD

P: *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 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.

SOLO: *"Thy Will" Danica O'Neal*

SERMON: *"Thy Will Be Done..." Matthew 6:10; Mark 14:32-42*

CONFESSING THE WORD

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE PRAYERS

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.

THE BENEDICTION

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)