

# WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

## The Son of Man

John 12:20–33

As the Gospel opens, Jesus is well aware that his time on earth is coming to a close. In fact, he admits that he is “troubled,” but adds, “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Upset as he admits he is, he still puts the Father first.

In today’s Gospel, a voice responds to Jesus’ prayer by saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” In the second part of this passage, Jesus tries to explain to the crowds his true identity, the Son of Man, and the real meaning of the cross — the salvation of all the world.

Through his obedience to the Father, Jesus reveals God’s glory.

He foreshadows his crucifixion and death through the language of service: “If someone might give service to me, let him follow.

Where I am, there also will be my servant.”

As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we are called to bring forth the glory of the Lord as we follow Christ in service to God and one another. Let us remember not just the pain of Christ’s passion, but the reason for his death — to bring us the gift of reconciliation with God the Father.

### FOR REFLECTION

- › Am I carving out enough time to pray this Lenten season?
- › Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive?
- › How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

### Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“This is the promise that he made us: eternal life.”

— 1 John 2:25

*Thank you, my God, for your steadfast love, which guides me in this life and waits to welcome me home to the next.*

