

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 5 7 PM April 6, 2011

The order of service we are using for evenings in Lent is called "Prayer at the Close of Day." It is based on the historic rite called Compline and is adapted for Lent. Parts of the service designated "L" are for the Leader (Pastor). The Congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "G" for "Group."

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

STAND

[L] The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et night and peace
at the last. **[G]** A - - - - men. **[L]** It is good to give
thanks to the Lord, **[G]** to sing praise to your name, O Most High, **[L]** to
her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **[G]** your truth at the close of day.
[L] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
[G] Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[L] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[G] who made heaven and earth.

[L] Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

- [L] Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 [G] **we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**
 [L] Because of God's mercy we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let his peace rest upon us as we serve him with newness of life.
 [G] **Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

Oh, Come, My Soul
Christian Worship #99

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 118:14-23

- [L] The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
 [G] **“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”**
 [L] The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”
 [G] **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**
 [L] The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
 [G] **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
 [L] This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.
 [G] **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**
 [L] The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
 [G] **the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Holy and merciful God, your powerful right hand has provided salvation for us.
 [G] **Fill us with your Spirit, that we may always rejoice in our salvation and our Savior—your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then

the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

THE PASSION HISTORY

Matthew 27:11-26

Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal

today in a dream because of him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered. “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!” “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” All the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood
Christian Worship #112

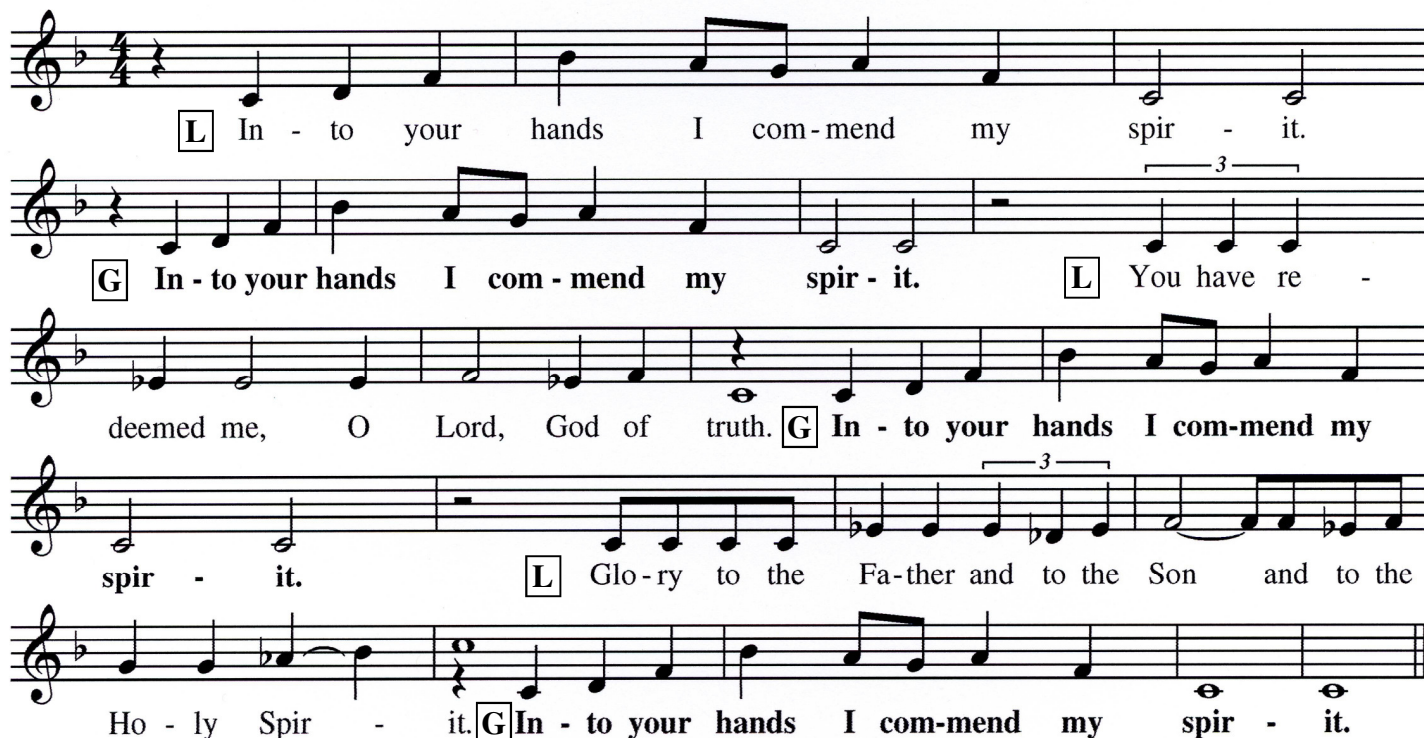
SERMON

Matthew 27:52-53
The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death

“The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.”

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE



Music notation for the Sermon Response. The score is written on five staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a mix of lyrics and musical notation, including a triplet of eighth notes on the second staff. The lyrics are: [L] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [L] You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth. [G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. [L] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. [G] In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

BE SEATED

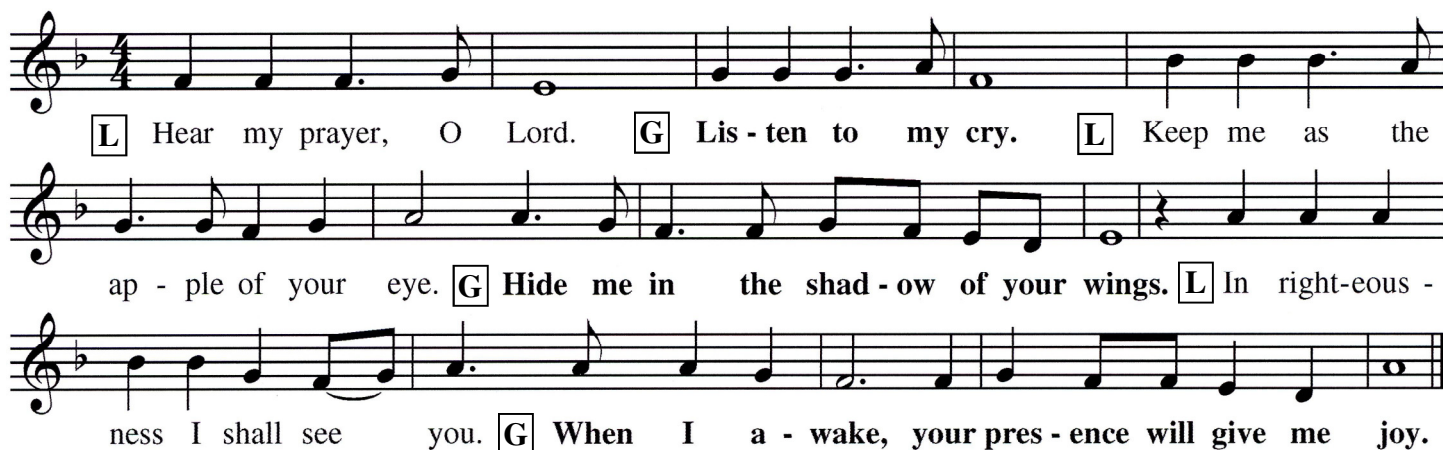
OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY

STAND

PRAYER



Music notation for the Prayer. The score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a mix of lyrics and musical notation, including a triplet of eighth notes on the second staff. The lyrics are: [L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis - ten to my cry. [L] Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. [G] Hide me in the shad - ow of your wings. [L] In right - eous - ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

[L] Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night.

[L] so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal change - less - ness

[L] Through Je - sus Christ our Lord.

[G] A - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

[G] Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON

[L] Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, [G] and guard us sleep - - - ing. [L] that a-wake we may watch with Christ [G] and a - sleep we may rest in peace. [G] In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser vant now de - part ac - cord ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion which you have pre pared for ev 'ry people, a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

BLESSING

[L] The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, (+) and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
[G] Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This
Christian Worship #120

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

ServicePastor Ron Koehler
OrganistTina Christianson
Sound and Recording TechJeff Weinstein

Miracles *of* LENT

Wednesday Lenten Services

April 13 The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers

Holy Week Services

April 21 The Miraculous in Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday)
April 22 The Miraculous Love of God (Good Friday)
April 24 The Miracle of Easter (Easter Festival Service)

