

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 6 7 PM April 13, 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

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing
Christian Worship #111

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 67

- [L] May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
 [G] **May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**
 [L] May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
 [G] **May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**
 [L] Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.
 [G] **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Gracious and merciful God, fill our hearts with joy and confidence,
 [G] **So that with all boldness we may proclaim the story of your salvation among all the peoples of the earth to the praise of your great name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 15:8-13

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE PASSION HISTORY

Matthew 27:27-31

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and

mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
Christian Worship #127

SERMON

Matthew 27:54
The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers

"When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE

[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.

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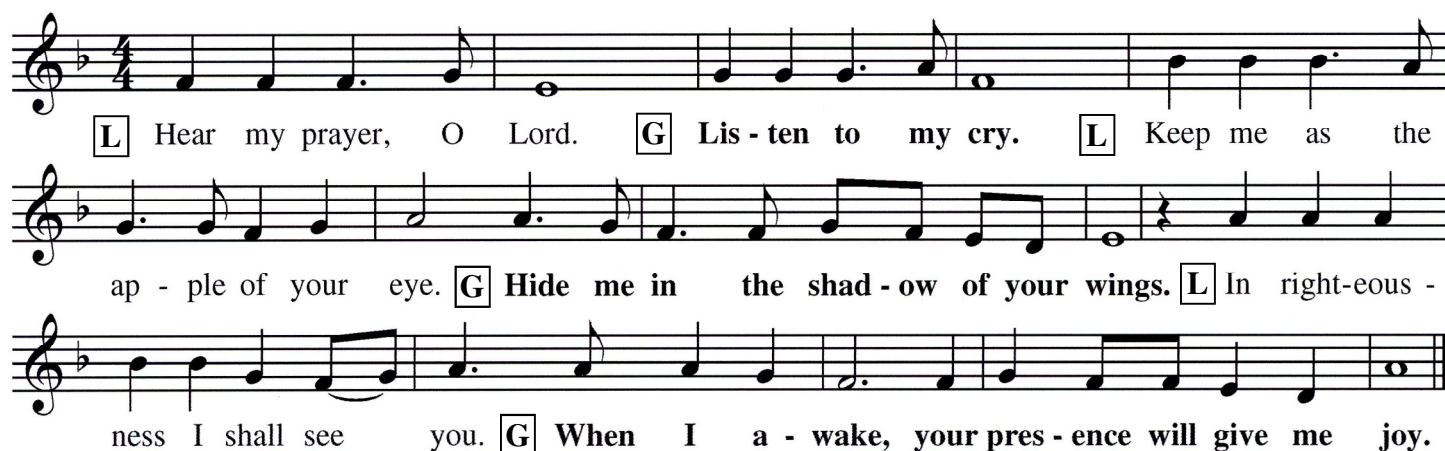
OFFERING Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please know 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!

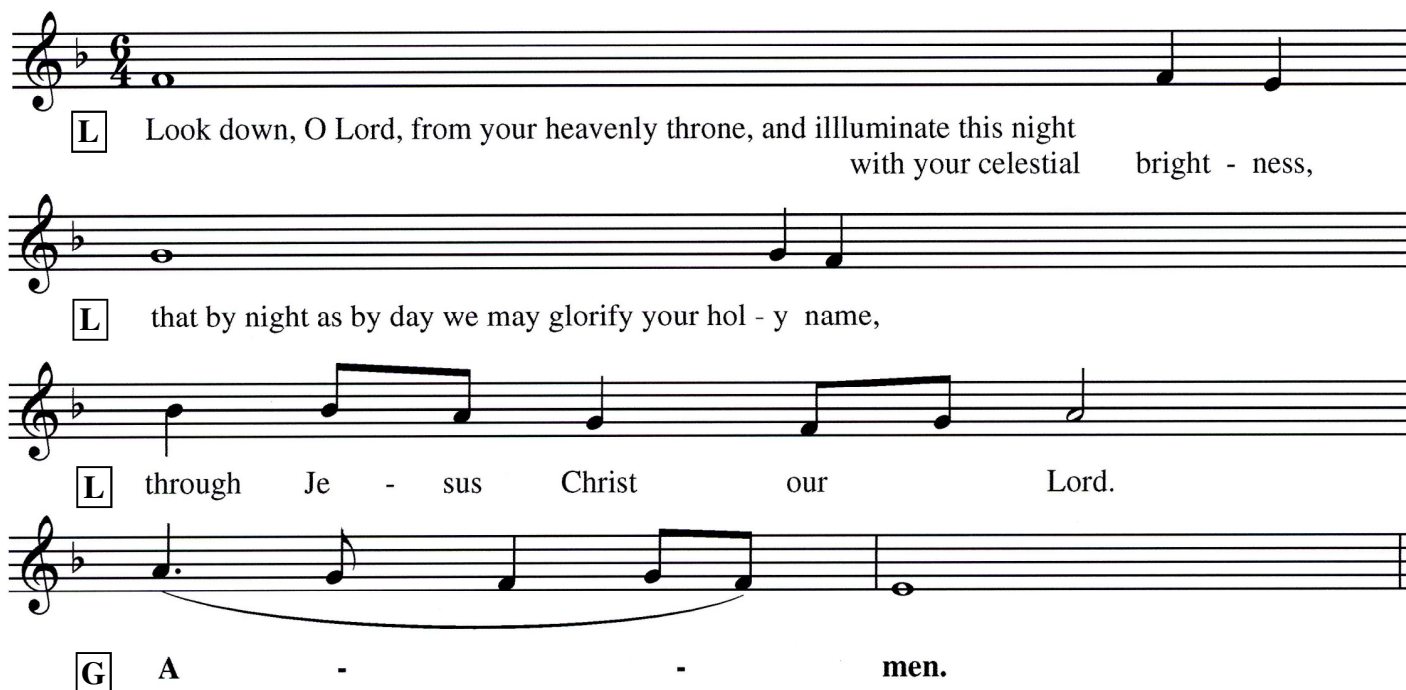
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STAND

PRAYER

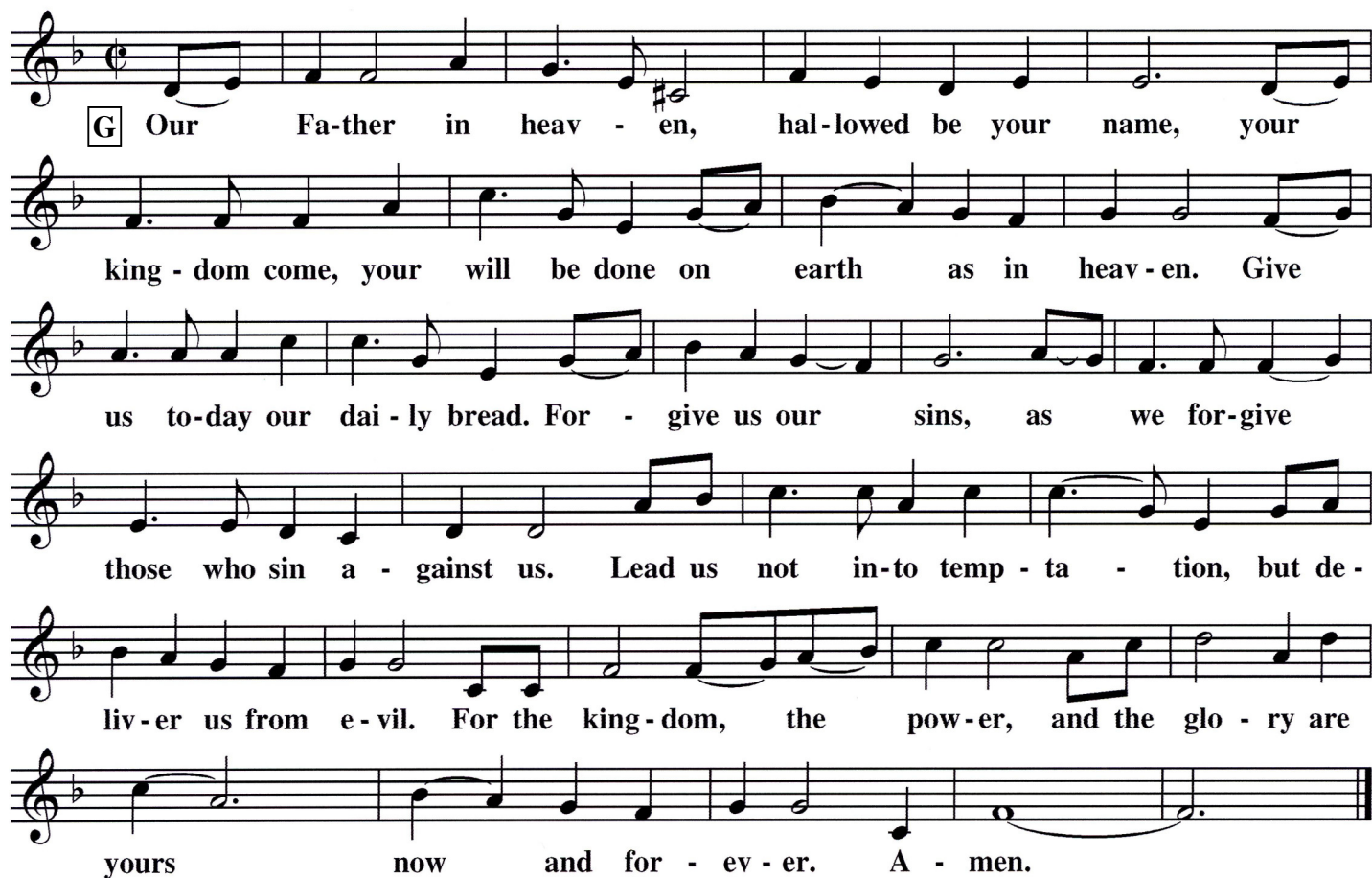


[L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis - ten to my cry. [L] Keep me as the
ap - ple of your eye. [G] Hide me in the shad - ow of your wings. [L] In right-eous -
ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.



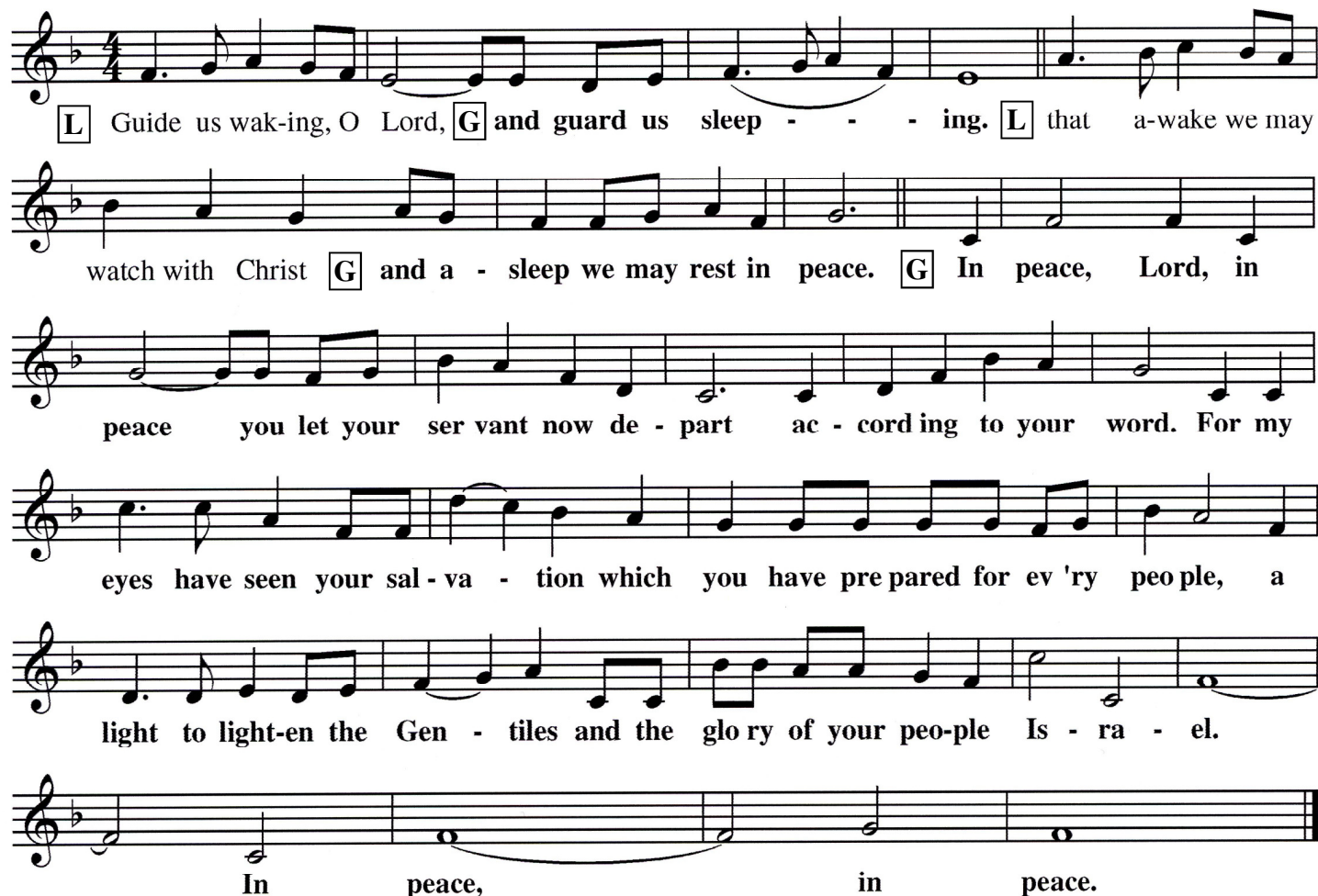
[L] Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night
with your celestial bright - ness,
[L] that by night as by day we may glorify your hol - y name,
[L] through Je - sus Christ our Lord.
[G] A - - - men.

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 prepared 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

The Lamb

Christian Worship Supplement #714



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

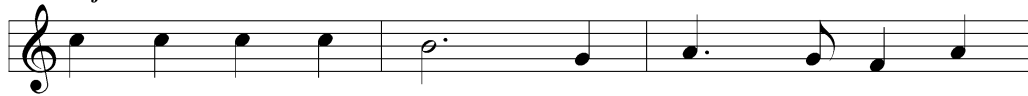


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
our be - half the law to fill.
gives me his own right - eous - ness.
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)

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Miracles
of **LENT**

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)

