

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church  
Tucson, AZ

Ash Wednesday 7 PM February 22, 2012

*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

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**  
*Christian Worship #125*

## FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 59:12-20**

For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation

for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due. From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.

## RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 51a

- [L] Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
 [G] **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**  
 [L] Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
 [G] **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**  
 [L] Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.  
 [G] **Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**  
 [L] Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.  
 [G] **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

## PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins.  
 [G] **Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As God's fellow workers we urge you not to

## 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

*STAND*

## GOSPEL

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth

## Luke 18:9-14

of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN

**By Grace I'm Saved**  
*Christian Worship #384*

## SERMON

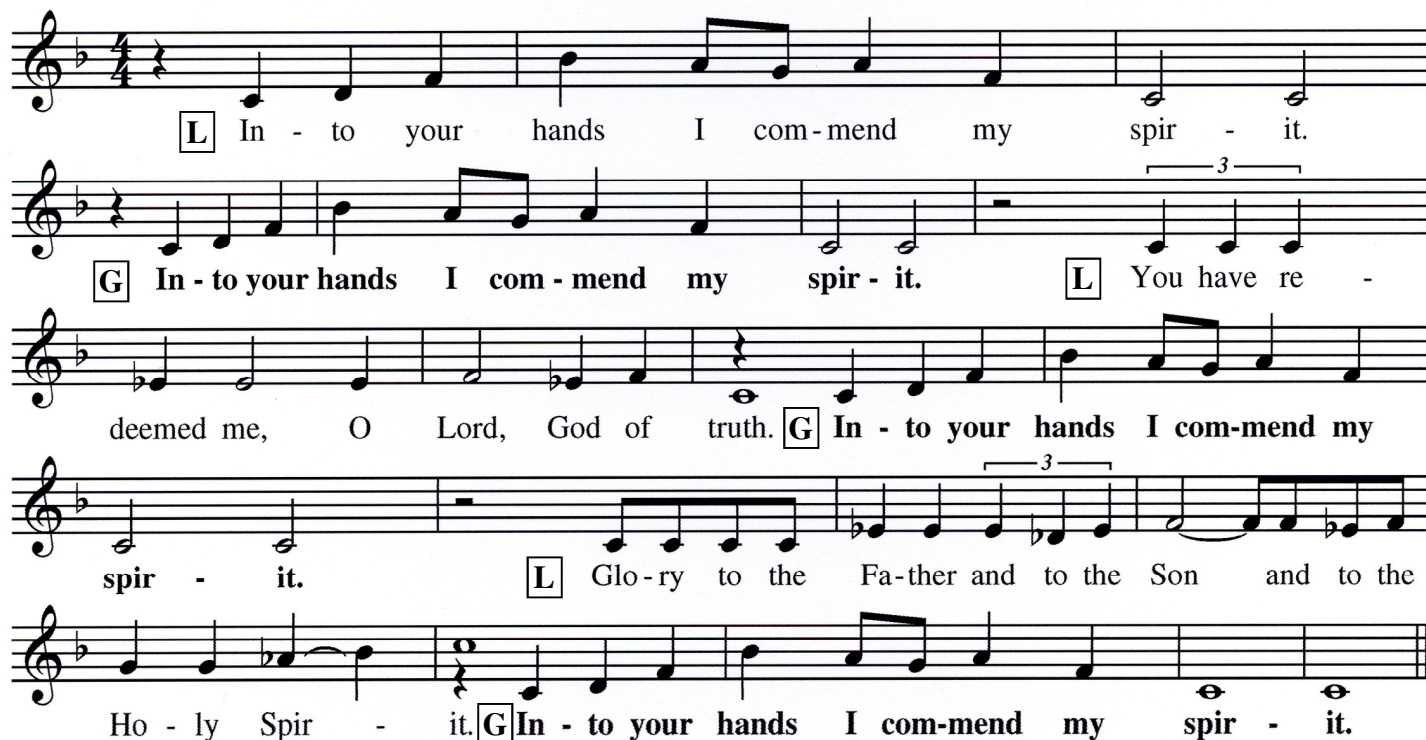
Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are

## John 18:4-11 Put Your Sword Away!

looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

*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 includes lyrics and musical directions in boxes: [L] and [G].

[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.*

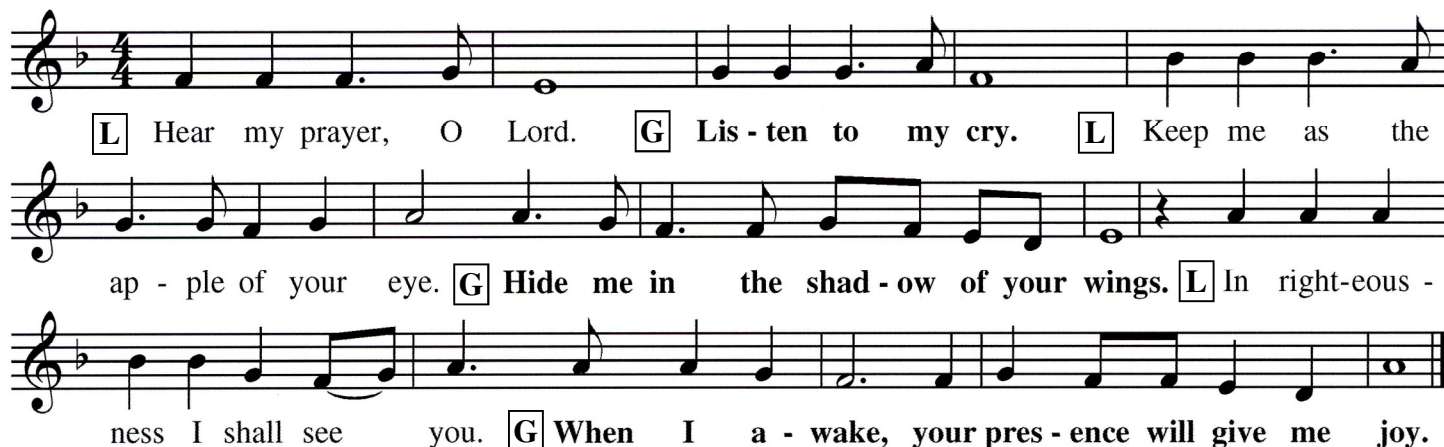
*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**In Silent Pain the Eternal Son**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #713*

## STAND

## PRAYER



Music notation for the Prayer. The score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It includes lyrics and musical directions in boxes: [L] and [G].

[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.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Tonight we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Jesus urges all who receive it to do so in a worthy manner in order to receive the blessings he promises. He also gives warning that no one receive it to their judgment. If you are a guest at Grace tonight, we would ask that you speak with one of the pastors about a time to discuss what exactly God says about Holy Communion before you come to the Lord's table. We look forward to that opportunity!*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[L] Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[G] Amen.

*BE SEATED*

### DISTRIBUTION

*STAND*

### 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 peo ple, 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**

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**  
*Christian Worship #345*

**Those Assisting in Worship this Evening**

Service ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
Assisting with Communion ..... Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace’s Mission Pastor to Vail*  
Organist ..... Tina Christianson  
Sound and Recording Tech ..... Jeff Weinstein

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**Financial Seminar and Lunch**

On Sunday, March 4, representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting a financial seminar and lunch at the Marriott Hotel just a block from Grace-University. It will begin at 11:45 AM. The theme is *Scarcity to Security to Generosity*. Along with lunch, there will be a brief presentation to all attendees, then we will be split into three groups: age 25-45—*More Than Money Matters*, 46-59—*My Retirement Matters*, 60 plus—*My Legacy Matters*. Those sessions are planned to be 45 minutes long. Availability is limited and you are asked to register through Thrivent.

You may also register online at <https://service.thrivent.com/forms/events/find.php?st=3#events>. Scroll down to the workshops listed in Tucson on March 4 and click on the “Details” button of the workshop you would like to attend (see the categories above by age group). You may also email Irene Madrid, Thrivent’s Office Professional, at [Irene.madrid@thrivent.com](mailto:Irene.madrid@thrivent.com) or call her at 520-529-1589 to RSVP. This is a free service provided to you by Grace and Thrivent and there will be NO selling of products. This is designed solely to help you manage your finances and exercise good management of the gifts God has given you.

**A Thrivent representative will be in the Fellowship Hall following this service if you would like to register in person.**



**Wednesday Lenten Services**

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| February 29 | “It’s No Secret!”                        |
| March 7     | “It’s God’s Plan From Beginning to End!” |
| March 14    | “Shed No Tears For Jesus!”               |
| March 21    | “Glory Be To Jesus!”                     |
| March 28    | “Our King Is Crucified!”                 |

