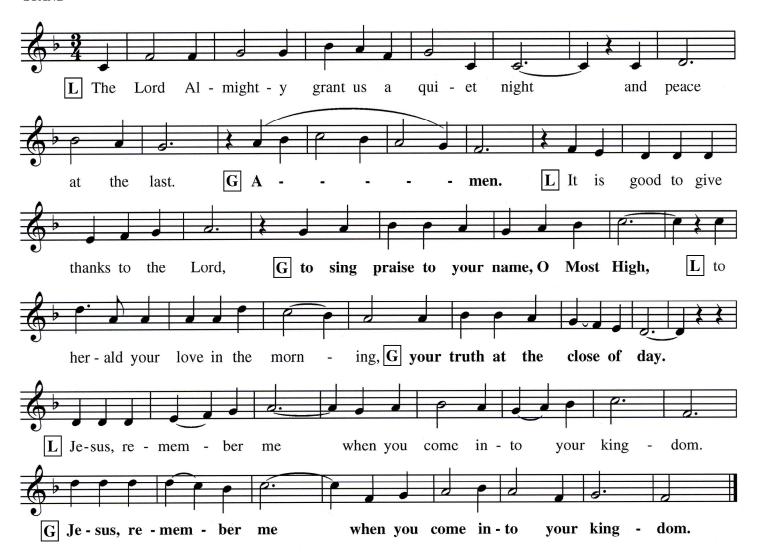


Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ Midweek 2 7 PM February 29, 2012

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



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

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed Christian Worship #129

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 103

- [L] Praise the LORD, O my soul;
- [G] all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- [L] Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
- [G] who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
- [L] who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
- [G] who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- [L] He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- [G] he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- [L] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- [G] as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- [L] As a father has compassion on his children,
- [G] so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children.
- [G] Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love, that with all the saints and angels we may glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY Mark 14:1-26

Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. "But not during the Feast," they said, "or the people may riot." While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume,

made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly. "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have

with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her." Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." The disciples left,

went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?" "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted *Christian Worship #127*

SERMON

See His Cross! It's No Secret!

John 18:19-24

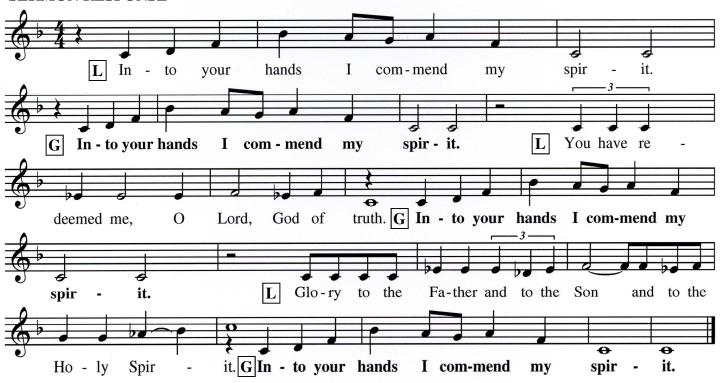
- 1. The teaching of Jesus is right in front of all the world.
- 2. Some people will not see what is right in front of them.

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the

officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE



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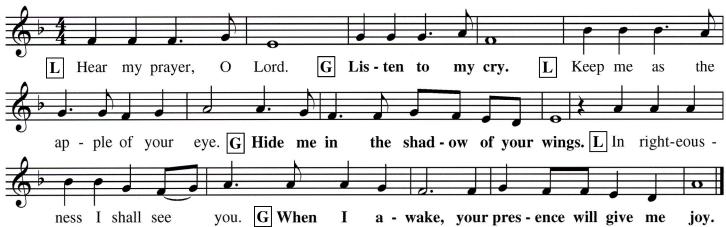
OFFERING Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please know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

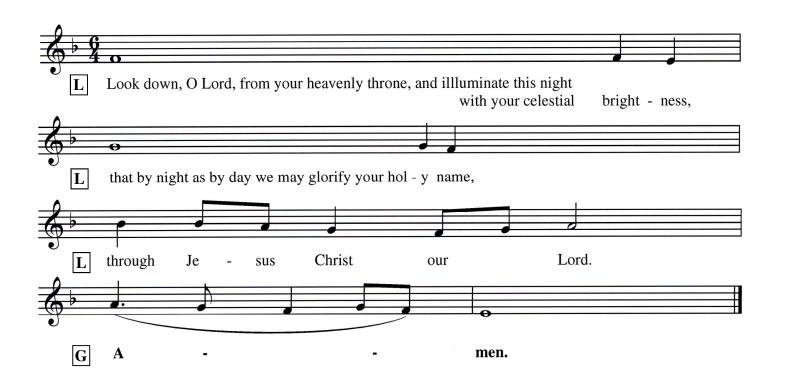
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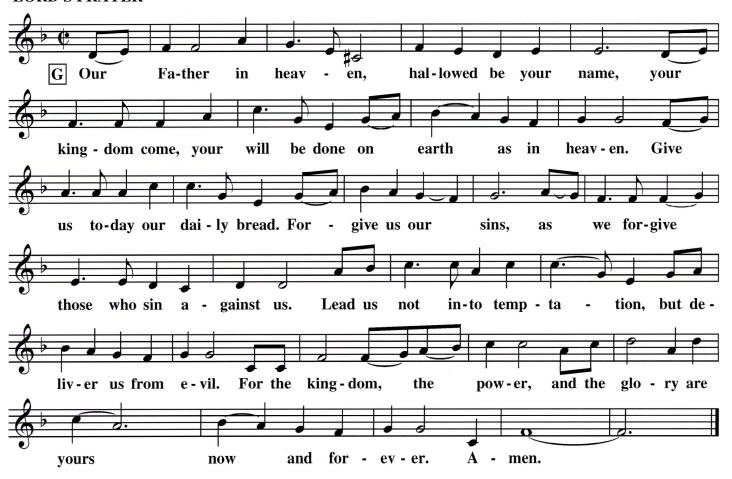
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LORD'S PRAYER



GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON



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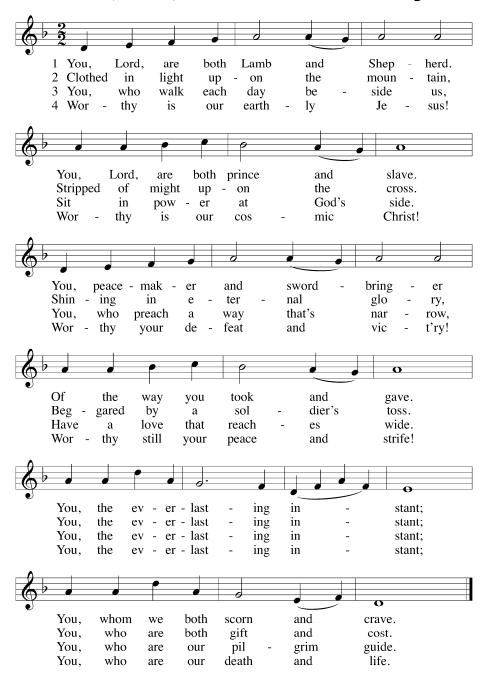
- [L] The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, (+) and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
- [G] Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN (see page 7)

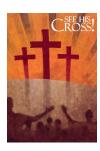
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd Christian Worship Supplement #746

746 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



In this hymn—also known as "Christus Paradox"—Sylvia Dunstan uses the picture language of Scripture to highlight the mysterious paradoxes found in the person and work of Christ the King.

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Wednesday Lenten Services

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!"