

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 4

7 PM

March 14, 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] By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun when we shall serve him in newness of life.
 [G] **Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Christian Worship #98 st. 1-3

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 32

- [L] Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
 [G] **Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**
 [L] When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
 [G] **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;**
 [L] my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
 [G] **Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.**
 [L] I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—
 [G] **and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**
 [L] You are my hiding place;
 [G] **you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin.
 [G] **Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PASSION HISTORY

Mark 14:43-65

Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?

Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." Then everyone deserted him and fled. A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind. They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for

evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest

asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

HYMN

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

1 In si - lent pain th' e - ter - nal Son Hangs
2 He died that we might die to sin And
3 For strife he came, to bring a sword, The

der - e - lect and still; In dark - ened day his
live for right - eous - ness; The earth is stained to
truth to end all lies; To rule in us, our

work is done, Ful - filled his Fa - ther's will. Up -
make us clean And bring us in - to peace. For
pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies: For

lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang - est
peace he came and met its cost; He gave him - self to
in his hand he holds the stars, His voice shall speak to

vic - to - ry, For in his bo - dy on the
save the lost; He loved us to the ut - ter -
end our wars, And those who love him see his

tree He car - ries all our ill.
most And paid for our re - lease.
scars And look in - to his eyes.

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SERMON

Luke 23:26-31

Shed No Tears for Jesus!

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves

and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

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.

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

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.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying--and all for your love's sake, through Je - sus Christ our Lord.

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.

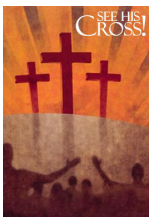
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CLOSING HYMN

If Your Beloved Son, O God
Christian Worship #393

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

ServicePastor Mark Hallemeier
OrganistElaine Goldie
Sound and Recording Tech..... Jeremy Snively



Wednesday Lenten Services

March 21 “Glory Be To Jesus!”
March 28 “Our King Is Crucified!”

