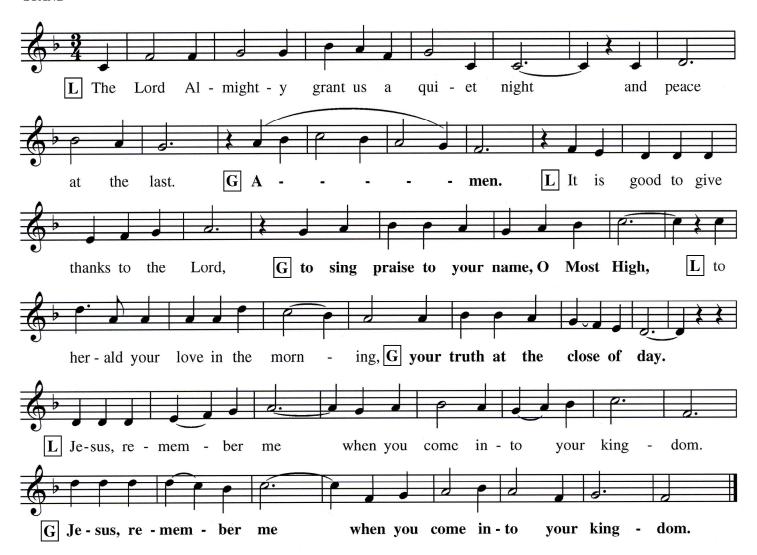


Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ Midweek 6 7 PM March 28, 2012

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] 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

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

Christian Worship #102

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 22

- [L] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- [G] Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- [L] But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- [G] All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- [L] "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.
- [G] Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- [L] I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.
- [G] My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
- [L] My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
- [G] you lay me in the dust of death.
- [L] Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,
- [G] they have pierced my hands and my feet.
- [L] I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
- [G] They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.
- [L] But you, O LORD, be not far off;
- [G] O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored.
- [G] Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY Mark 15:16-47

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had

mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). Then they offered him wine mixed with

myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him. At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take

him down," he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there. It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

HYMN

He Stood before the Court *Christian Worship #115*

SERMON

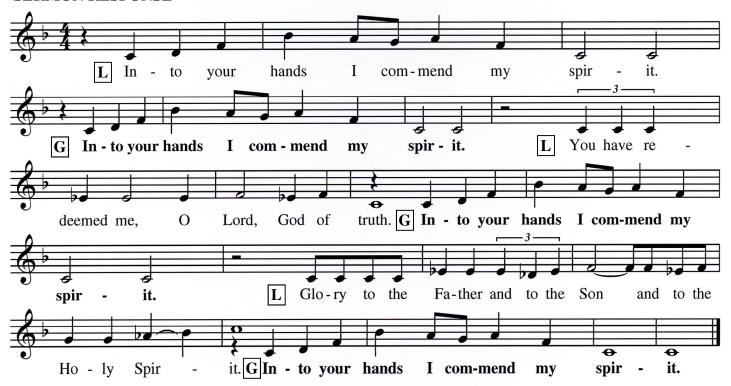
John 18:36-37 Our King is Crucified!

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus

answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE



BE SEATED

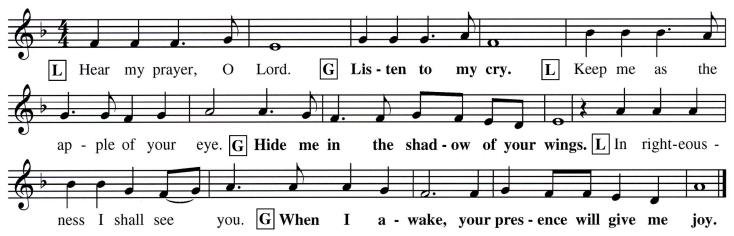
OFFERING Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please know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

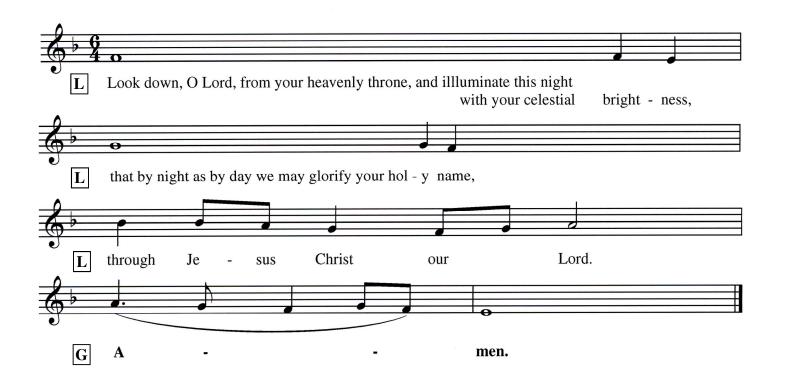
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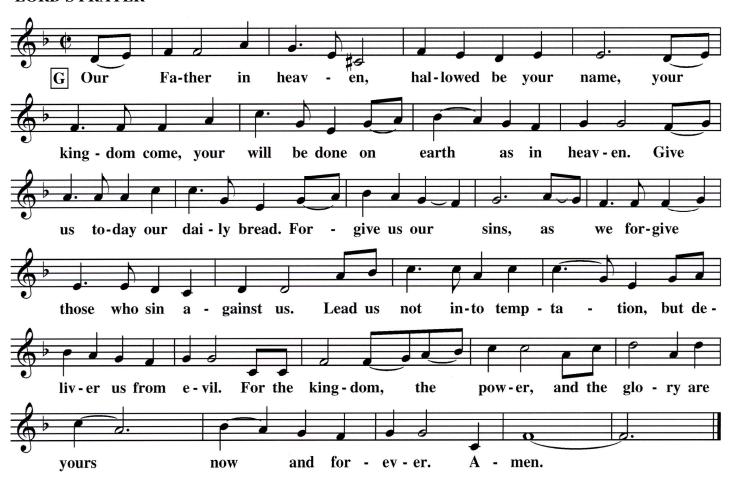
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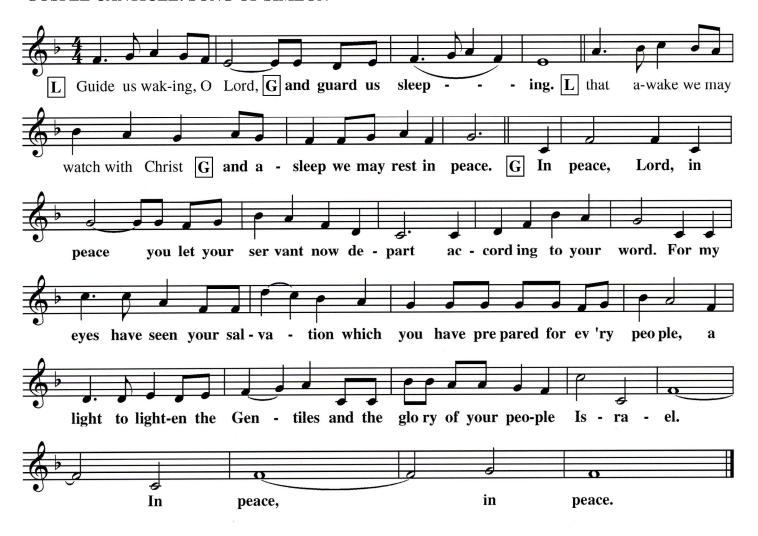




LORD'S PRAYER



GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON



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 (see page 7)

Lamb of God

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Holy Week Services

April 5	Receive the Blessings of the Cross! (Maundy Thursday)
April 6	Jesus Died Willingly (Good Friday)
April 8	Christ's Victory is Our Victory (Faster Sunrise)

April 8 Peace and Life Are Yours (Easter Festival Service)