

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 4 7 PM March 6, 2013

Parts of the service designated "L" are for the Leader (Pastor). The Congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "G" for "Group."

Names of Wondrous Love

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.
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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

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful
Christian Worship #373

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 24

- [L] The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
 [G] the world, and all who live in it;
 [L] for he founded it upon the seas
 [G] and established it upon the waters.
 [L] Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
 [G] Who may stand in his holy place?
 [L] He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
 [G] he will receive blessing from God his Savior.
 [L] Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
 [G] that the King of glory may come in.
 [L] Who is this King of glory?
 [G] The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
 [L] Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
 [G] that the King of glory may come in.
 [L] Who is he, this King of glory?
 [G] The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Lord God, Ruler of heaven and earth, cleanse our lives and purify our hearts so that your Son, the King of glory, may come in.
 [G] Lead us rejoicing to your heavenly city, where with the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

To avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own

Suffered Under Pontius Pilate

law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." Pilate

then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Do you think that I am a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" 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." "What is truth?" Pilate asked. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 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 wove 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 worshiped him. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate asked. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You have no power over me that was not given to you from

above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free. But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here." On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends - before this they had been enemies. Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and release him." Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Christ?" For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

SERMON

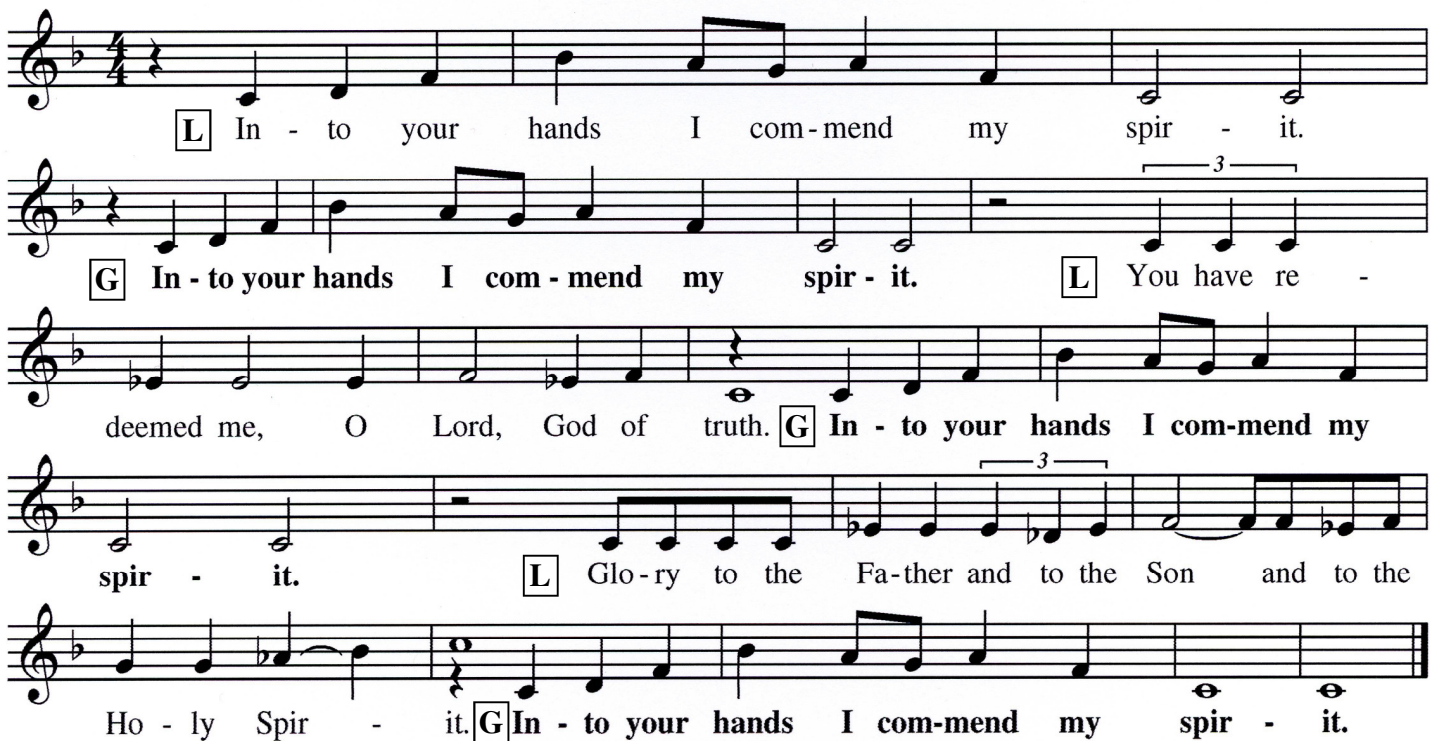
John 18:33-37 Names of Wondrous Love: King

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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

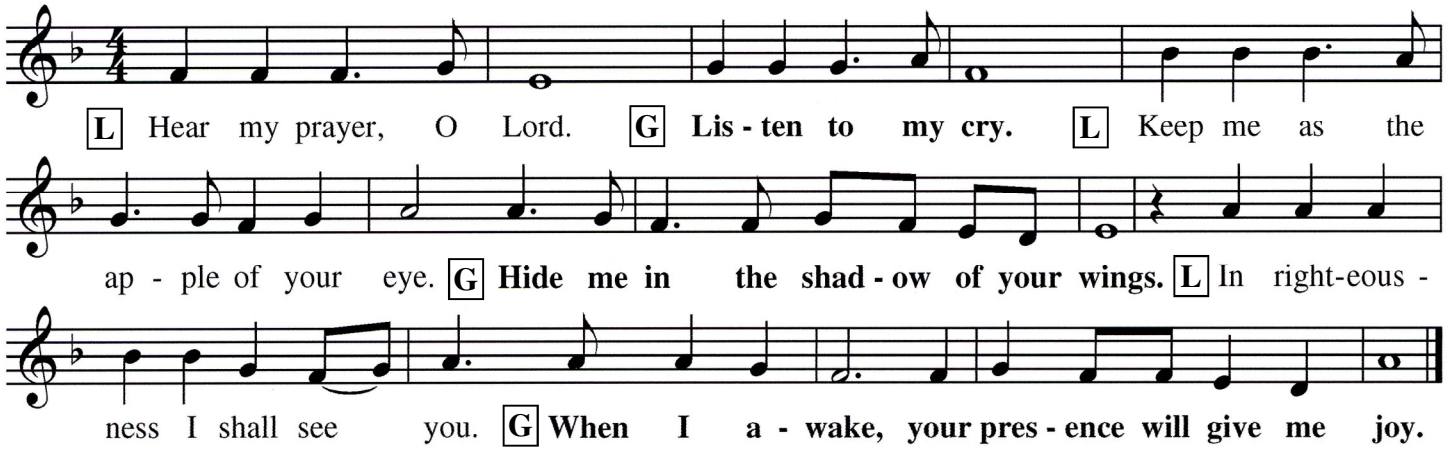
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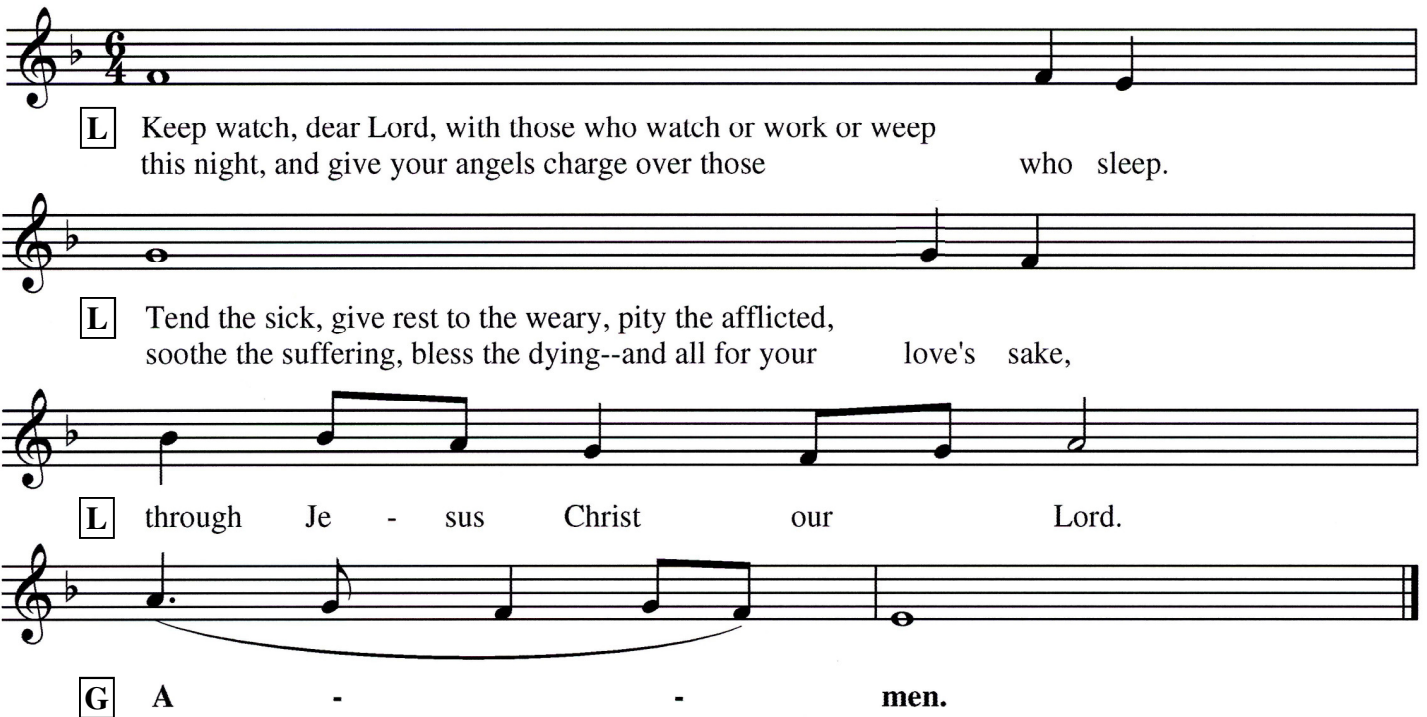


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PRAYER



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

[L] Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted,
soothe the suffering, bless the dying--and all for your love's sake,

[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

O Savior, Precious Savior
Christian Worship #368

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service Pastor Nathan Kassulke
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For our Lenten worship this year we are using “A Passion History,” a compilation of the gospel accounts written by Pastor Clayton E. Krug.

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