

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ

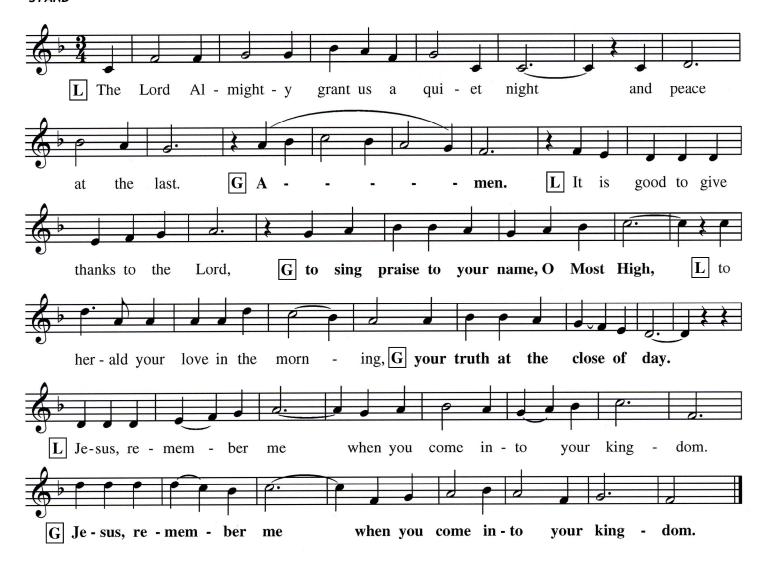
Midweek 6 7 PM March 20, 2013

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



#### **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.

- [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** 

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted Christian Worship #127

#### RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 3

- [L] O Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!
- [G] Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him."
- [L] But you are a shield around me, O Lord;
- [G] you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.
- [L] To the Lord I cry aloud,
- [G] and he answers me from his holy hill.
- [L] I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
- [G] I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on ev'ry side.
- [L] Arise, O Lord!
- [G] Deliver me, O my God!
- [L] From the Lord comes deliverance.
- [G] May your blessing be on your people.

#### **PSALM PRAYER**

- [L] Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son and his sighing was not hidden from you.
- [G] In your kindness look also on us, your children, weighed down with sins, and grant us the fullness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY He was Buried

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting

down, they kept watch over him there. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He

trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. 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." Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus

said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his life. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdelene, 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.

HYMN

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes Christian Worship #139

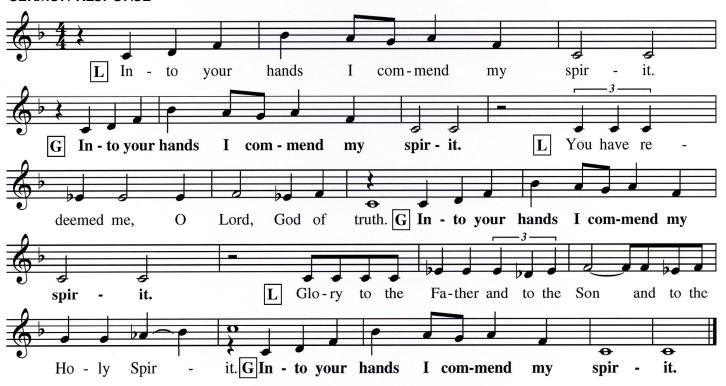
#### SERMON

Luke 23:39-43 Names of Wondrous Love: The Way

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what

our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

#### **SERMON RESPONSE**



#### **BE SEATED**

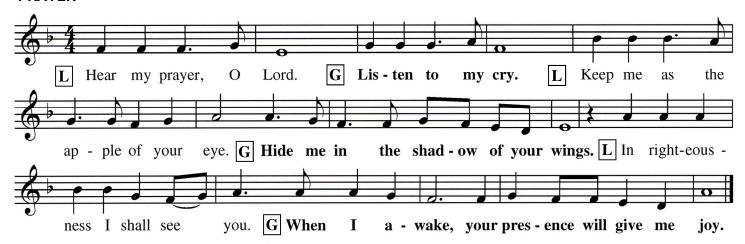
**OFFERING** Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest tonight, please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

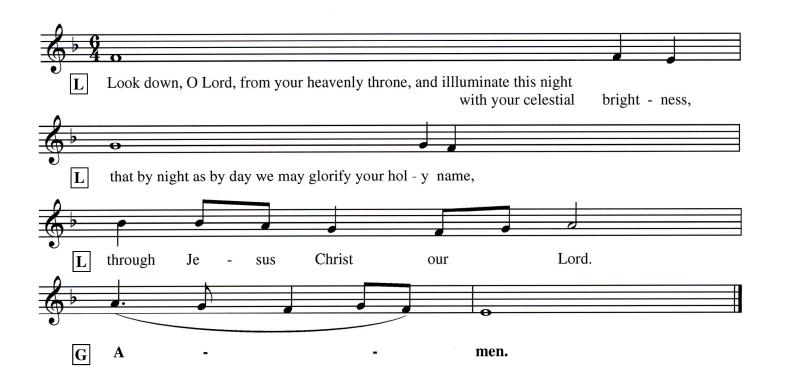
Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

STAND

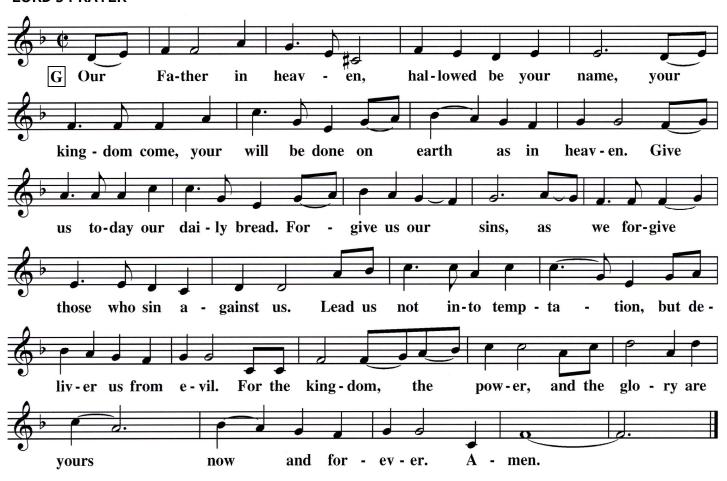
If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

#### **PRAYER**

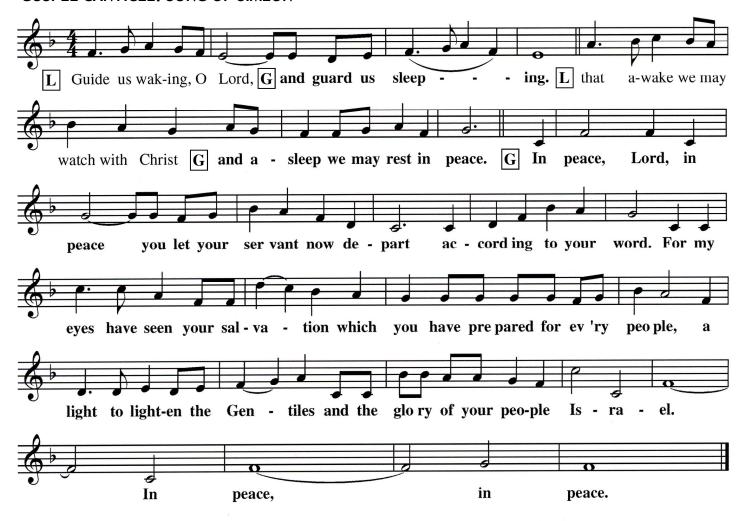




#### **LORD'S PRAYER**



#### **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** 

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood Christian Worship #112

## Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Organist	Beth Kassulke
Sound and Recording Tech	

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

### Copyright Information:

Prayer at the Close of Day © 2002 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710199.