



Grace Ev. Lutheran Church  
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 5 7 PM April 2, 2014

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**

**Oh, Come, My Soul**  
*Christian Worship #99*

**RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 31**

- [L] In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
[G] deliver me in your righteousness.  
[L] Be my rock of refuge,  
[G] a strong fortress to save me.  
[L] Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
[G] redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.  
[L] My times are in your hands;  
[G] save me in your unfailing love.  
[L] How great is your goodness,  
[G] which you have stored up for those who fear you.  
[L] You heard my cry for mercy  
[G] when I called to you for help.

**PSALM PRAYER**

- [L] God, our rock and fortress, protect your people, who confess your name,  
[G] and strengthen the hearts of those who trust your mercy so that they may proclaim your goodness and praise your unfailing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PASSION HISTORY**

**Matthew 27:1-26**

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they

replied. "That's your responsibility." So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the

prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. 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 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, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered. “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!” “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!” All the people answered, “Let his blood be on us and on our children!” Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## **HYMN**

**Upon the Cross Extended**  
*Christian Worship #113*

## **SERMON**

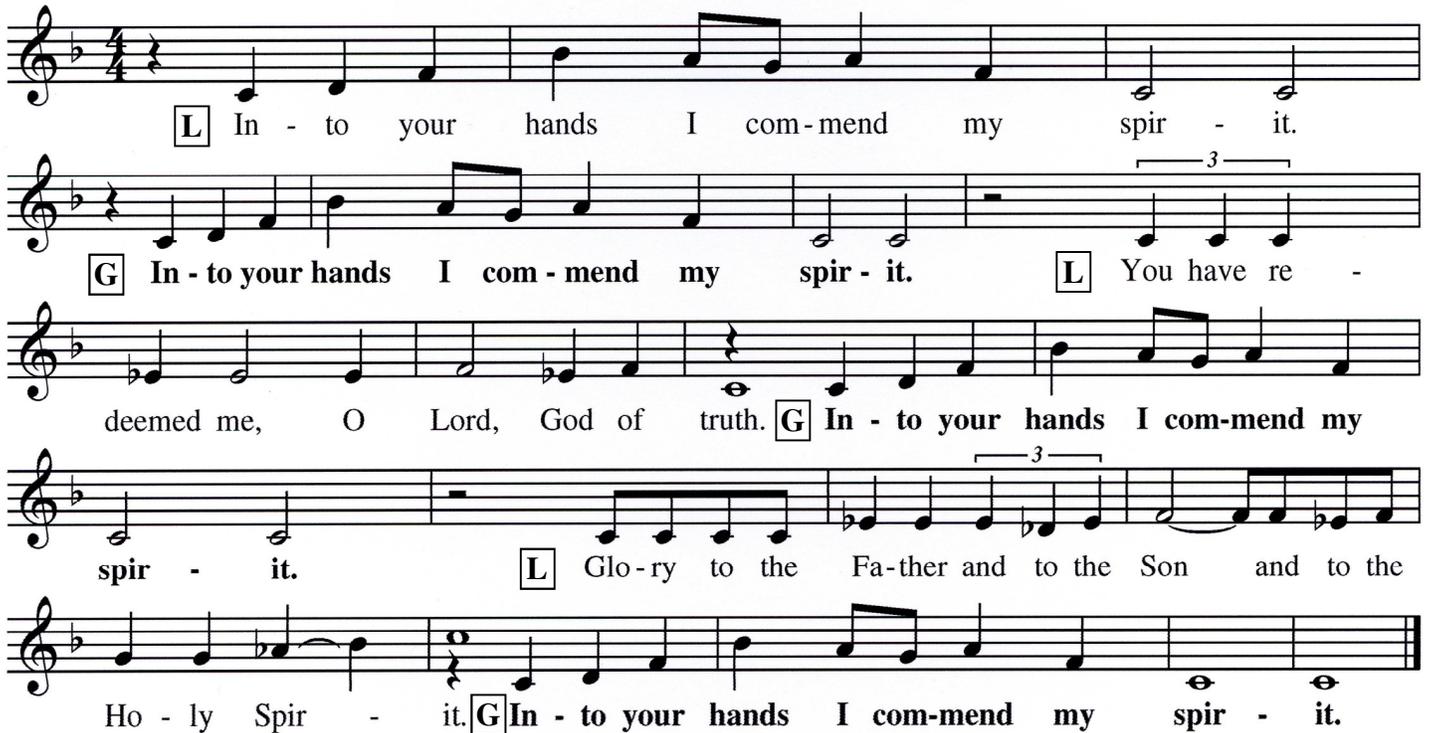
**John 19:38-42**  
**The Garden of Peace**

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## **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.*

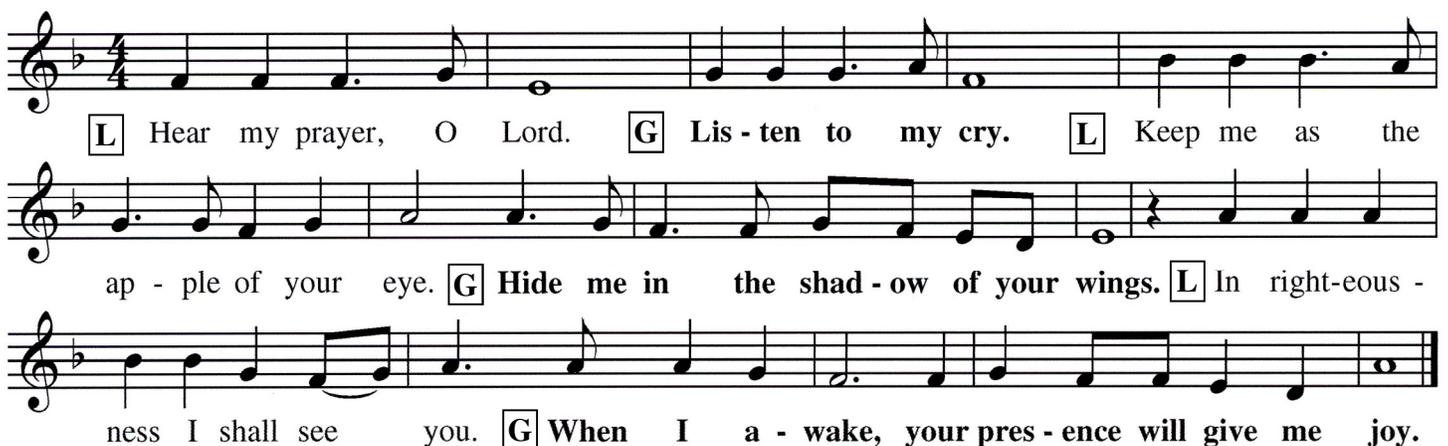
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*If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.*

## 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.



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 peo ple, 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

Who Knows When Death  
Christian Worship #210

## Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service .....Pastor Mark Hallemeier  
*Pastor Hallemeier is a member of Grace who retired in 2008 after serving as pastor here for 36 years.*  
 Organist ..... Teri Guenther  
 Sound and Recording Tech ..... Jeff Weinstein

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### Lenten Services and Suppers



Our Lenten theme this year is “From Garden to Glory.” We are considering scriptural gardens—from Eden to Gethsemane to Christ’s garden of glory and finally to paradise. Texts from Genesis, the gospels, and Revelation show the promise in each garden and how God’s plan for our salvation is in each glorious location.

April 9                      “The Garden of Paradise

Worship Times:            10:00 AM and 7:00 PM at Grace-University  
 Lenten Supper:            6:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday**  
 Thursday, April 17, 10 AM & 7 PM at Grace-University

**Good Friday**  
 Friday, April 18, 7 PM at Grace-University

**Tenebrae Service**  
 (Service of Darkness)

Worshippers are asked to leave this church service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.

**Easter Sunday**  
 Sunday, April 20 at Grace-University

**Sunrise Worship—7 AM**  
**Easter Breakfast—8 AM**  
**Easter Concert—9 AM**  
**Festival Worship—10 AM**

**Easter Sunday**  
 at Grace-Vail

**Easter Breakfast—9 AM**  
**Festival Worship—10 AM**

