



Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 2 6:30 PM February 25, 2015

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

Please 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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Christian Worship #98

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 37

- [L] Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;
 [G] for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
 [L] Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
 [G] Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.
 [L] Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:
 [G] He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
 [L] I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
 [G] Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.
 [L] For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.
 [G] The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Gracious Father, you have been the light and salvation of your people in every age.
 [G] Bring us, we pray, through the troubles of this present life that we may see your goodness in eternity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

Lesson 1

The Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, "You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him. But they said, "Not during the feast, or else there might be a riot among the people."

Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve. He went and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He made a promise and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them when the crowd was not present.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare so that you may eat the

Passover?” Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Then a dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’ But not so with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. And I grant to you a kingdom, even as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

By the time the supper took place, the devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him.

Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going back to God. So he got up from supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter who asked him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand.” Peter told him, “You will never - ever - wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.” “Lord, not just my feet,” Simon Peter replied, “but also my hands and my head!”

Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath does not need to wash anything except his feet to be completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you.” For he knew who was betraying him. This is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” He asked them. “You call me, ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord.’ You are right because I am. Now if I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. Yes, I have given you an example, so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen, I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

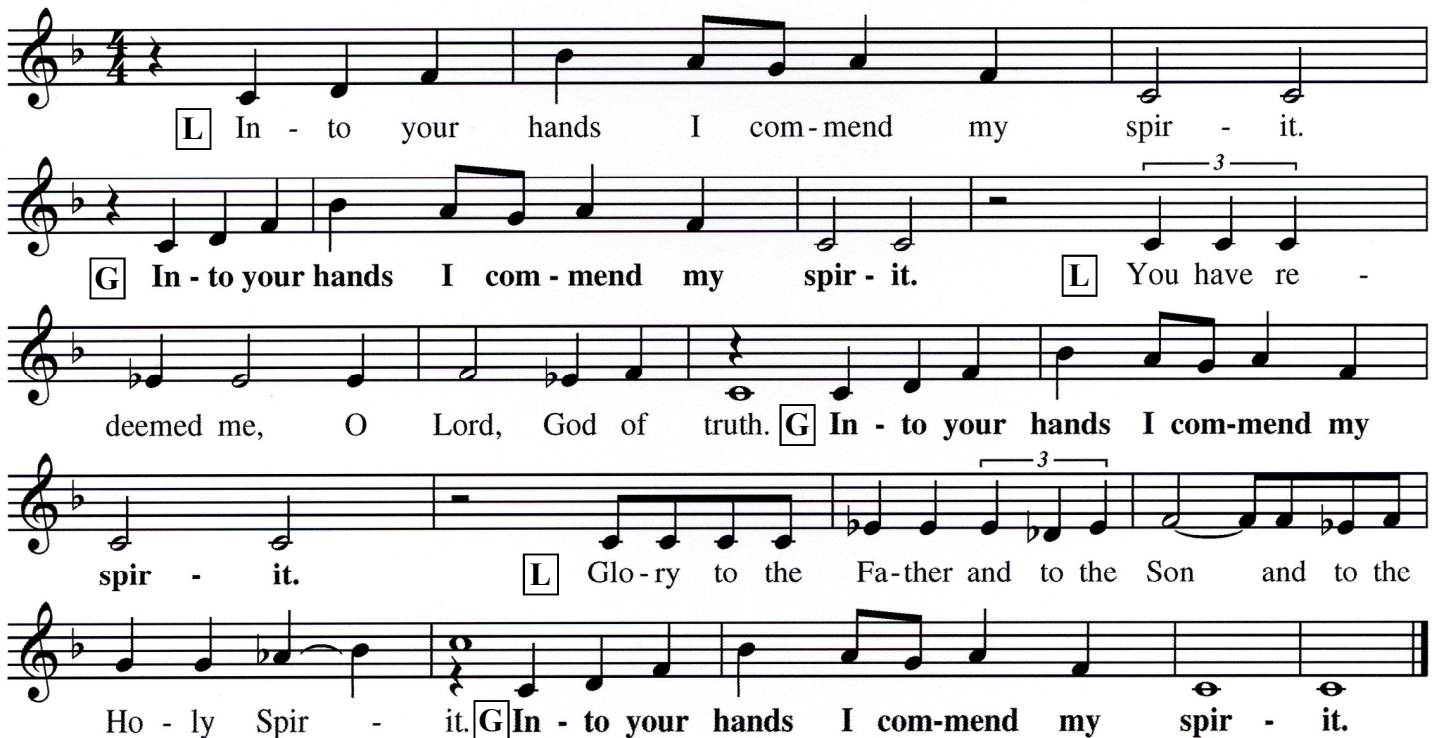
He took a cup, gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered. When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree

wither so quickly?" they asked. Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Please 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.

Please be seated

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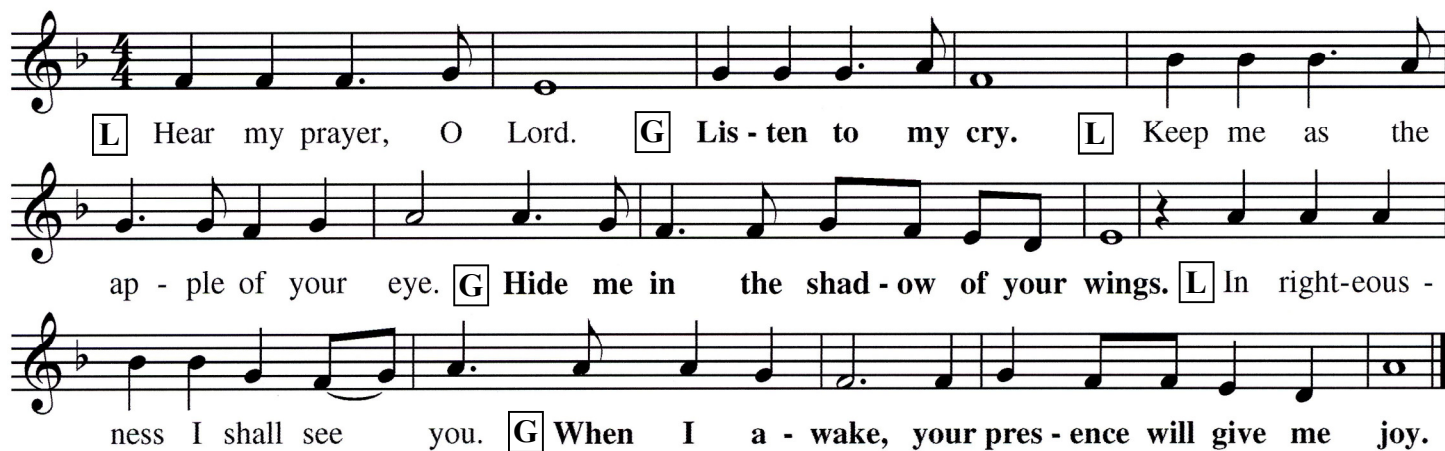


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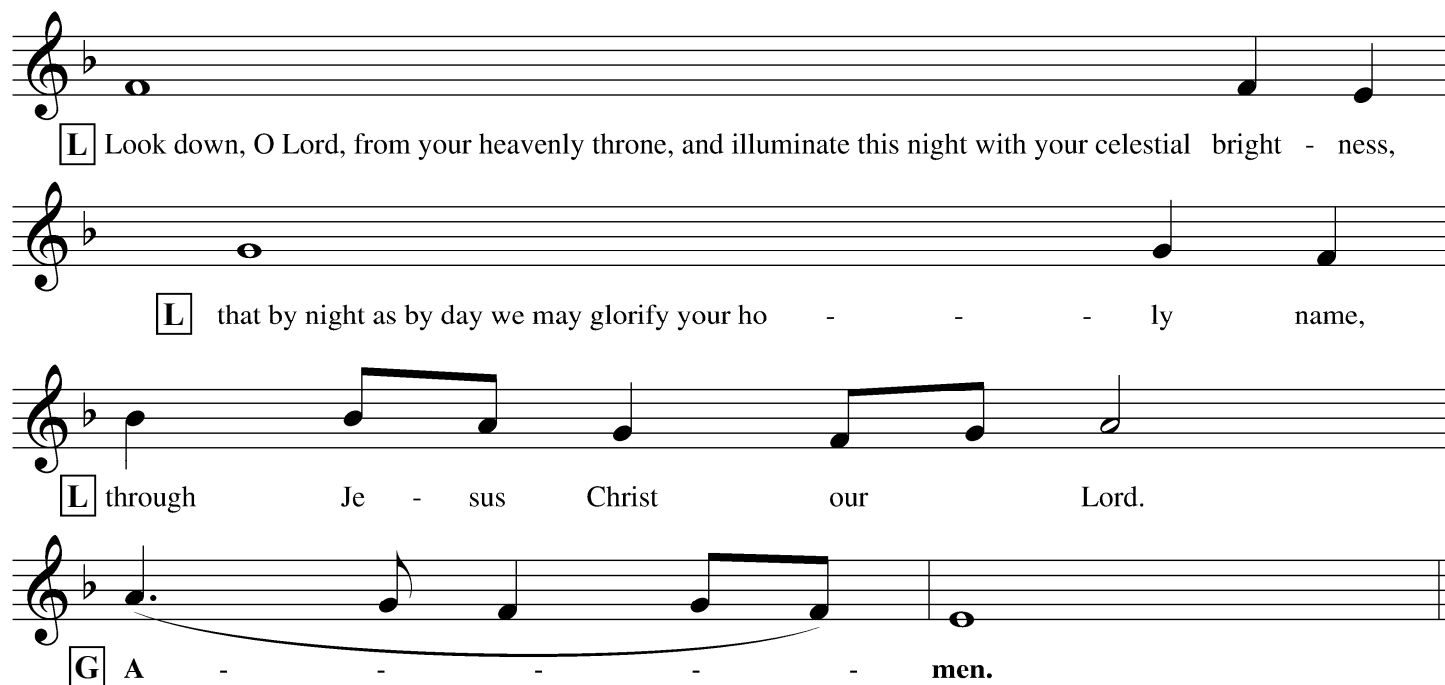
Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

Please 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.



[L] Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial bright - ness,
[L] that by night as by day we may glorify your ho - - - ly name,
[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.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright
Christian Worship #412

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

ServicePastor Mark Hallemeyer
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For more information visit <http://wartburgproject.org>

Lenten Services

Our Lenten theme this year is “I Tell You the Truth,” based on several teachings of Jesus highlighted by that phrase.

Feb 25	“Faith Can Move Mountains”
March 4	“Fruits of Faith Will Be Remembered”
March 11	“One of You Will Betray Me”
March 18	“You Will Disown Me”
March 25	“If One Dies, It Produces Life For Many”



Worship Times: 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM at Grace-Tucson

Lenten Suppers

Lenten suppers are served each Wednesday at Grace-Tucson beginning at 5:30 PM. There is no charge for the meal but donations are accepted to offset costs. We need volunteers to host the meal March 4 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals. You may also contact the church office (623-6633) if you're interested in helping.



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