

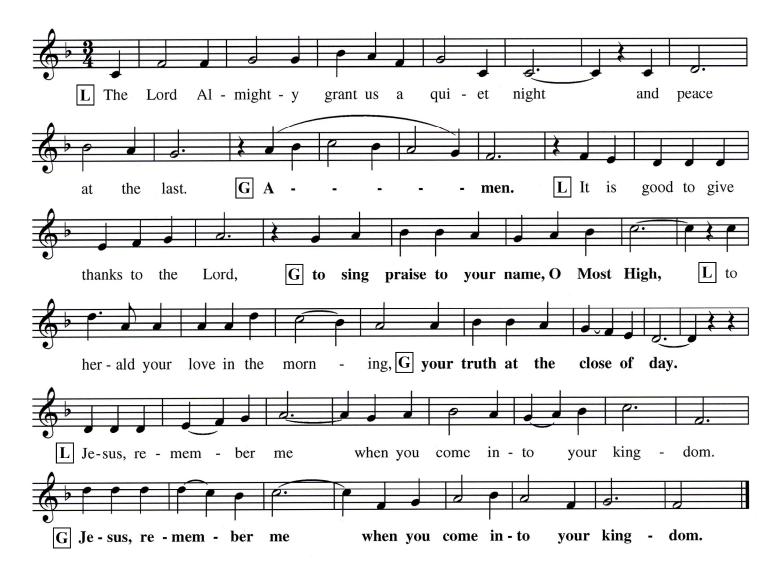
Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ

Midweek 3 7 PM February 24, 2016

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



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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now Christian Worship #98

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 38

- [L] O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
- [G] or discipline me in your wrath.
- [L] For your arrows have pierced me,
- [G] and your hand has come down upon me.
- [L] My guilt has overwhelmed me
- [G] like a burden too heavy to bear.
- [L] All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;
- [G] my sighing is not hidden from you.
- [L] I wait for you, O LORD;
- [G] you will answer, O Lord my God.
- [L] Come quickly to help me,
- [G] O Lord my Savior.

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 Lesson 2

When they had sung a hymn, Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account

of you, I never will."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night before the rooster crows you will disown me three times."

But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

Then Jesus went with his disciples and crossed

the Kidron Valley. On the other side, there was an olive grove, a place called Gethsemane. Jesus and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. On reaching the place, Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, along with him and began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." He withdrew about a stone's throw, knelt down, and fell on the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will. Not my will, but yours be done."

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Returning to the disciples the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and elders of the people. Judas was leading them.

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said.

Judas the traitor was standing there with them. When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them. "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas approached Jesus to kiss him and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" One of Jesus' companions, Simon Peter, reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

"No more of this! Put your sword back into its sheath." Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me? Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how, then, would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

(Scripture Lesson continues on page 4)

At that time Jesus said to the crowd, the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns! This has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might

be fulfilled." All the disciples deserted him and fled.

A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and took him away.

HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle Christian Worship #122

SERMON

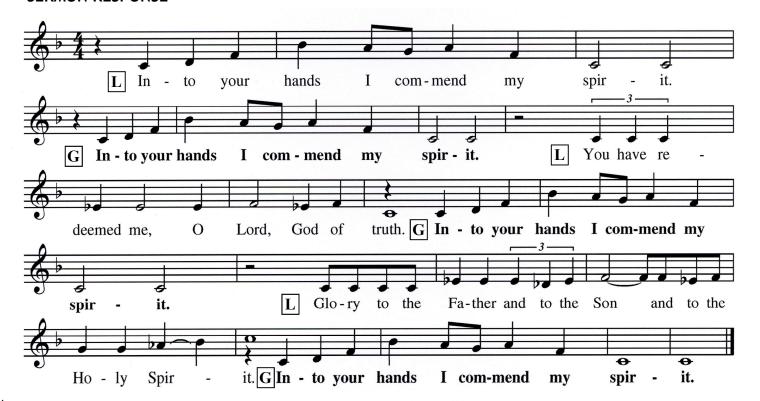
Matthew 26:1-5 Not During the Feast

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "As you know, the Passover is two days away—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, and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

Please stand

SERMON RESPONSE



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.

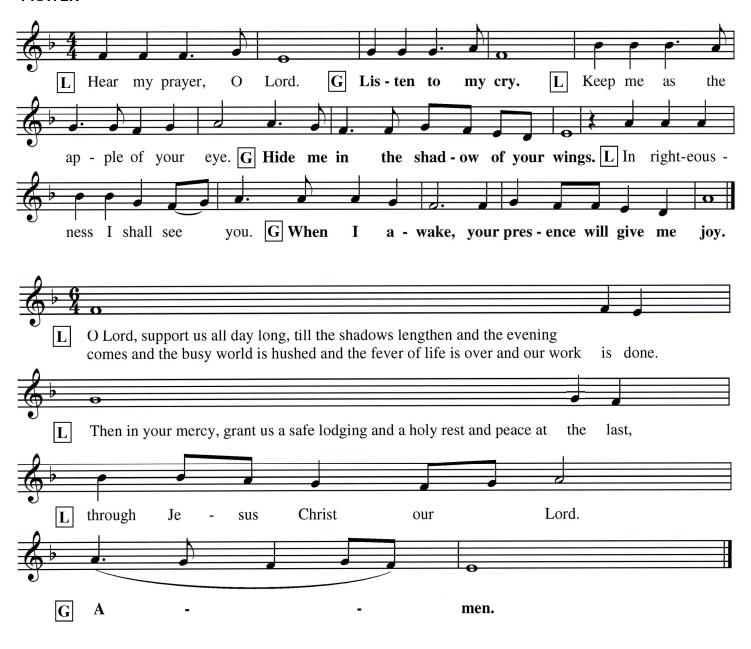
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Please stand

PRAYER





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

Not All the Blood of Beasts Christian Worship #128

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service	Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist	Elaine Goldie
Sound and Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein

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Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through March 16. The theme for our services is "Ironies of the Passion."

Wednesday, March 2

Grace-Sahuarita 10 AM Lenten Worship "Not During the Feast"

Grace-Benson 6 PM Soup Supper

7 PM Lenten Worship "Not During the Feast"

Grace-Tucson 10 AM & 7 PM Lenten Worship "He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus"

6 PM Soup Supper

We are still looking for a host for next Wednesday, March 2. Please see the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall or speak to Pastor Kassulke or Cora in the Church Office.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24

10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita 10 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson 7:00 PM at Grace-Benson

Good Friday

Friday, March 25

4:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita

Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness) 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

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, March 27

Grace-Benson
Festival Worship—7:30 AM
Easter Breakfast—8:30 AM

Grace-Sahuarita Festival Worship—9:45 AM Easter Brunch—10:45 AM

Grace-Tucson
Sunrise Worship—7 AM
Easter Breakfast—8 AM
Easter Concert—9 AM
Festival Worship—10 AM

Grace-Vail
Easter Breakfast—9 AM
Festival Worship—10 AM

Grace-Tucson

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