

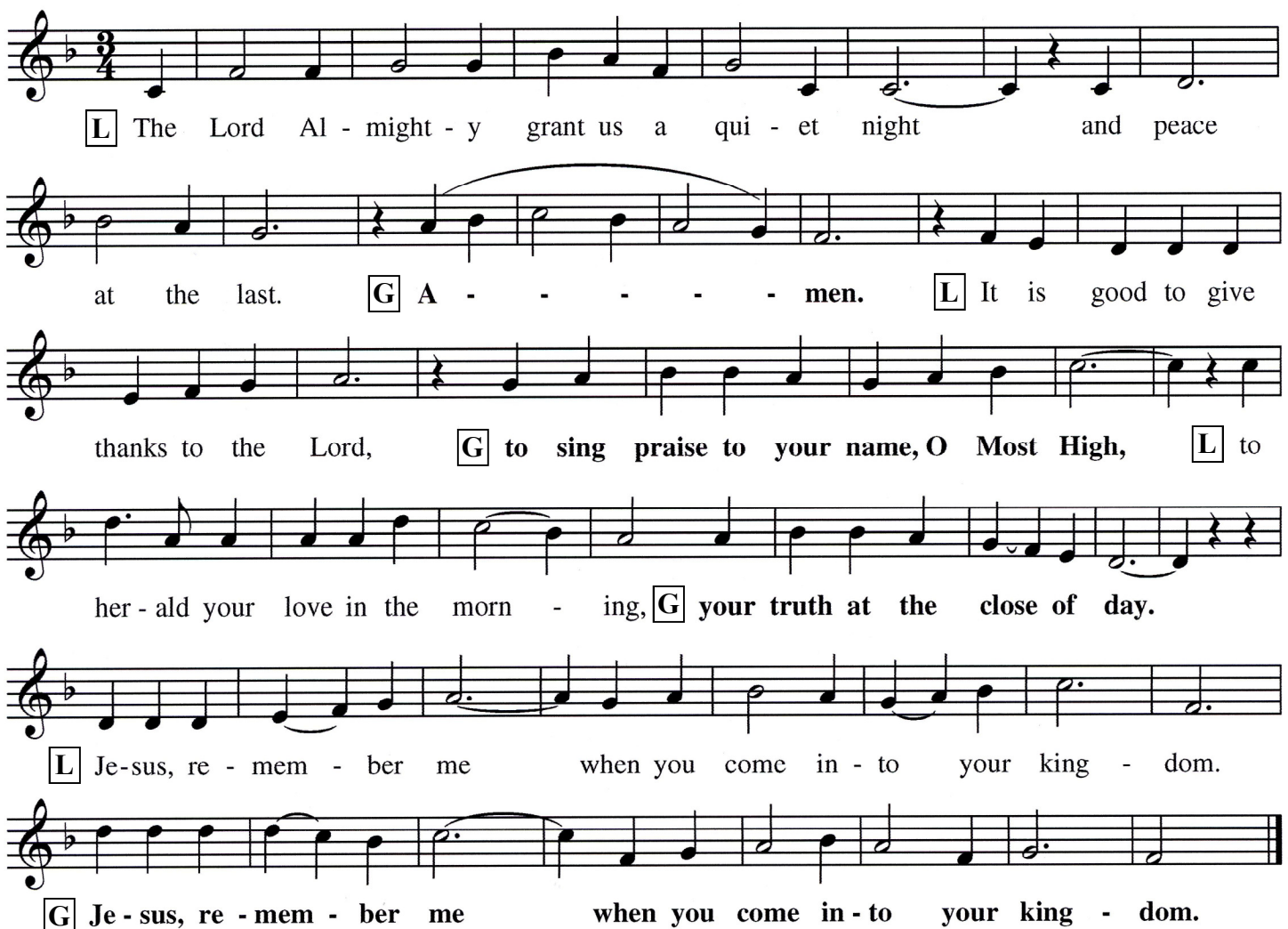
Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 4 7 PM March 2, 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



[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

He Stood before the Court
Christian Worship #115

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 3

They brought Jesus first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Then they took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the chief priests, elders, and teachers of the law had assembled. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was

known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there, and brought Peter in. It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

One of the servant girls of the high priest on duty at the door came by. When she saw Peter seated there in the firelight warming himself she looked closely at him and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus. Are you not one of this man's disciples?"

But he denied it before them all, "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. Then he went out to the gateway.

A little later, when the servant girl again saw him there, she said to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." Someone else saw him and said, "You are one of them."

Again he denied it, with an oath, "I don't know the man!"

About an hour later, others asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?"

Then Peter began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly."

The high priest Caiaphas questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

"I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

When Jesus had said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is that any way to answer the high priest?" he demanded.

"If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "speak up about it. But if I spoke the truth, why did you hit me?"

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not

find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

Finally, two came forward and declared, "We heard him say, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days. I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him, and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?" The men who were guarding Jesus began to mock and to beat him and to say many other insulting things to him.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. Then they bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

When Judas, who 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.

(Scripture Lesson continues on page 4)

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."

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Christian Worship #105

SERMON

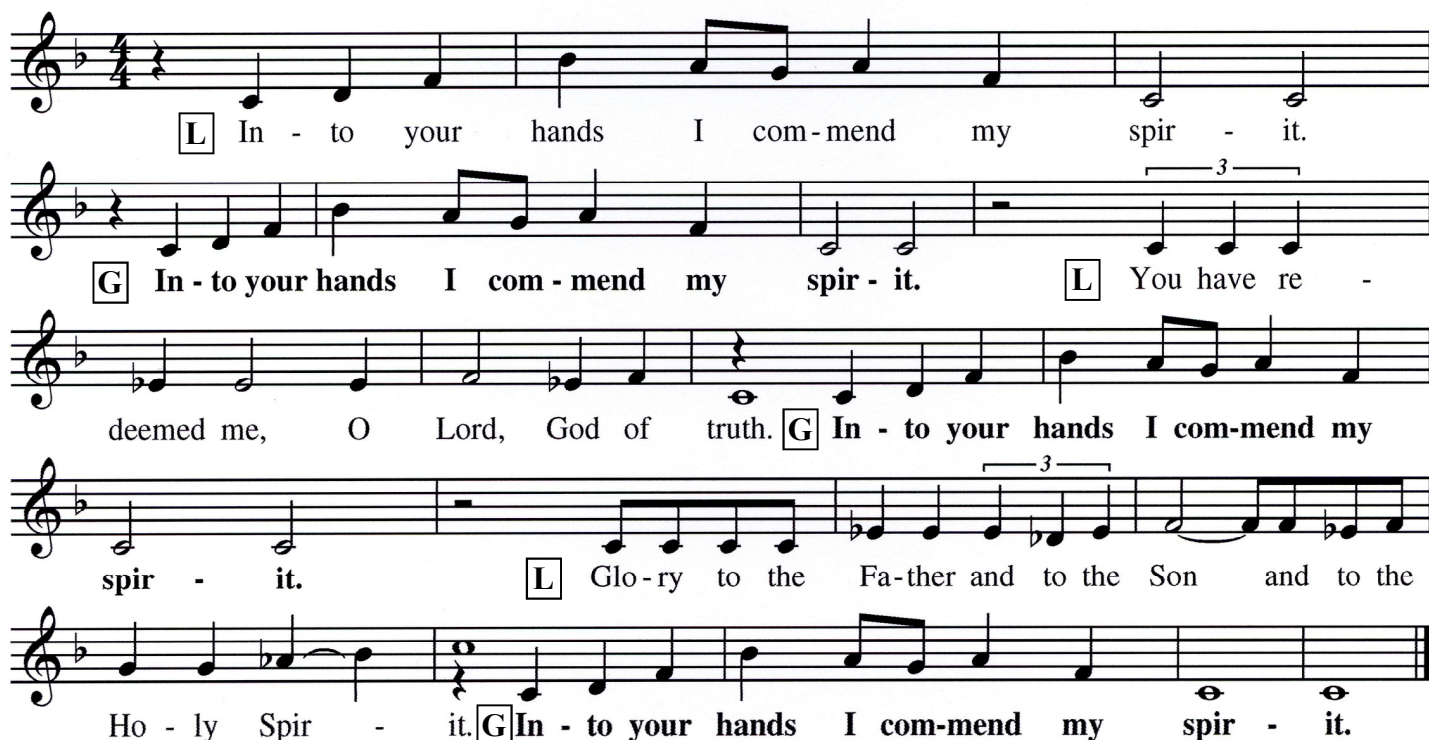
Luke 23:6-12 He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus

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 the 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.

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

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!



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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.

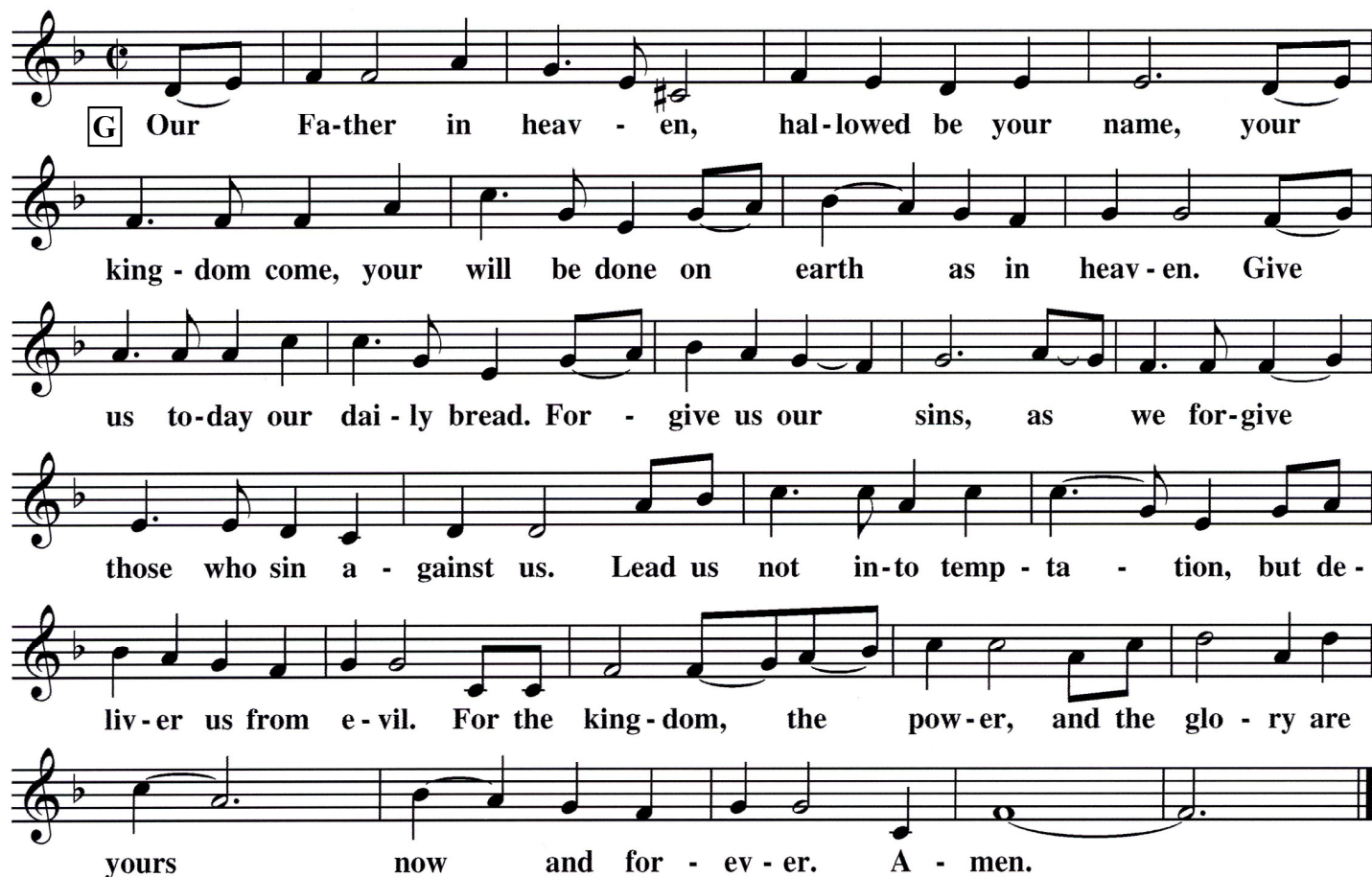
L Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep
this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

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



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



Guide us wak-ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - - - ing. that a-wake we may
watch with Christ and a - sleep we may rest in peace. 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

Glory Be to Jesus
Christian Worship #103

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

ServicePastor Mark Hallemeyer
Accompanist.....Beth Kassulke
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 9

Grace-Sahuarita	10 AM	Lenten Worship	“Don’t You Fear God?”
Grace-Benson	6 PM	Soup Supper	
	7 PM	Lenten Worship	“Don’t You Fear God?”
Grace-Tucson	10 AM & 7 PM	Lenten Worship	“We Have No King But Caesar!”
	6 PM	Soup Supper	

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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