

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ

Midweek 5 7 PM March 9, 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

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus
Christian Worship #351

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 2

- [L] Why do the nations conspire
 [G] and the peoples plot in vain?
 [L] The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD
 [G] and against his Anointed One.
 [L] The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
 [G] the Lord scoffs at them.
 [L] Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
 [G] "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."
 [L] I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:
 [G] He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Lord God, you anointed your Son to be king for the sake of your Church.
 [G] Help us, as members of his kingdom, to serve him faithfully and to come to the full knowledge of his grace and glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

Lesson 4

They led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace. They wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we

would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Then the chief priests and elders began to

accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposed payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king.”

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Do you think I am a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out to the Jews, and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

The chief priests and elders accused Jesus of many things. Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” Jesus gave no answer. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

The chief priests and elders insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.” 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 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.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. As you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them, “It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Which of the two do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, the King of the Jews, who is called Christ?” Pilate knew it was out of envy that the chief priests 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, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him.”

But the chief priests and the elders stirred up the crowds and persuaded them to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again, “What shall I do, then, with Jesus, who is called Christ, the one you call the king of the Jews?”

“Crucify him!” they shouted. “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

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For a third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him.”

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” and their shouts prevailed.

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace of the governor, the Praetorium, and called together the whole company of soldiers. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head, put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him worshiping. They spit on him, struck him in the face, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. They mocked him and began to call out to him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Once more Pilate came out and said to them “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you

realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You have no power over me that was not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar’s. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.” When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as The Stone Pavement, which in Aramaic is Gabbatha. It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, Pilate granted their demand, wanting to satisfy the crowd. 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 Pilate released Barabbas, the man who had been thrown in to prison for insurrection and murder. He then surrendered Jesus to their will to be crucified. The soldiers of the governor took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus
Christian Worship #117

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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.

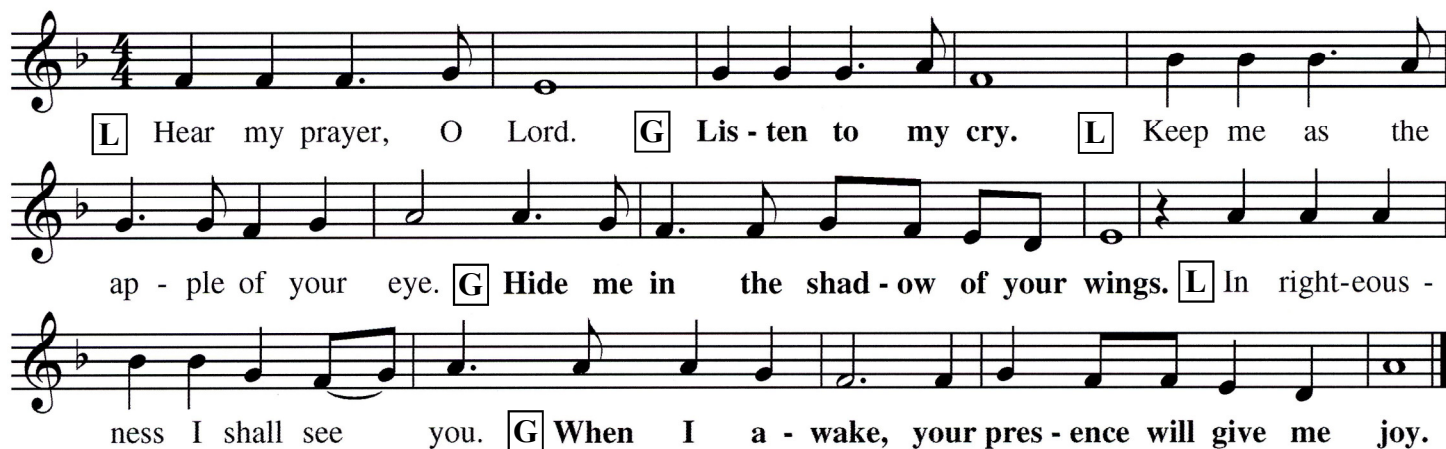
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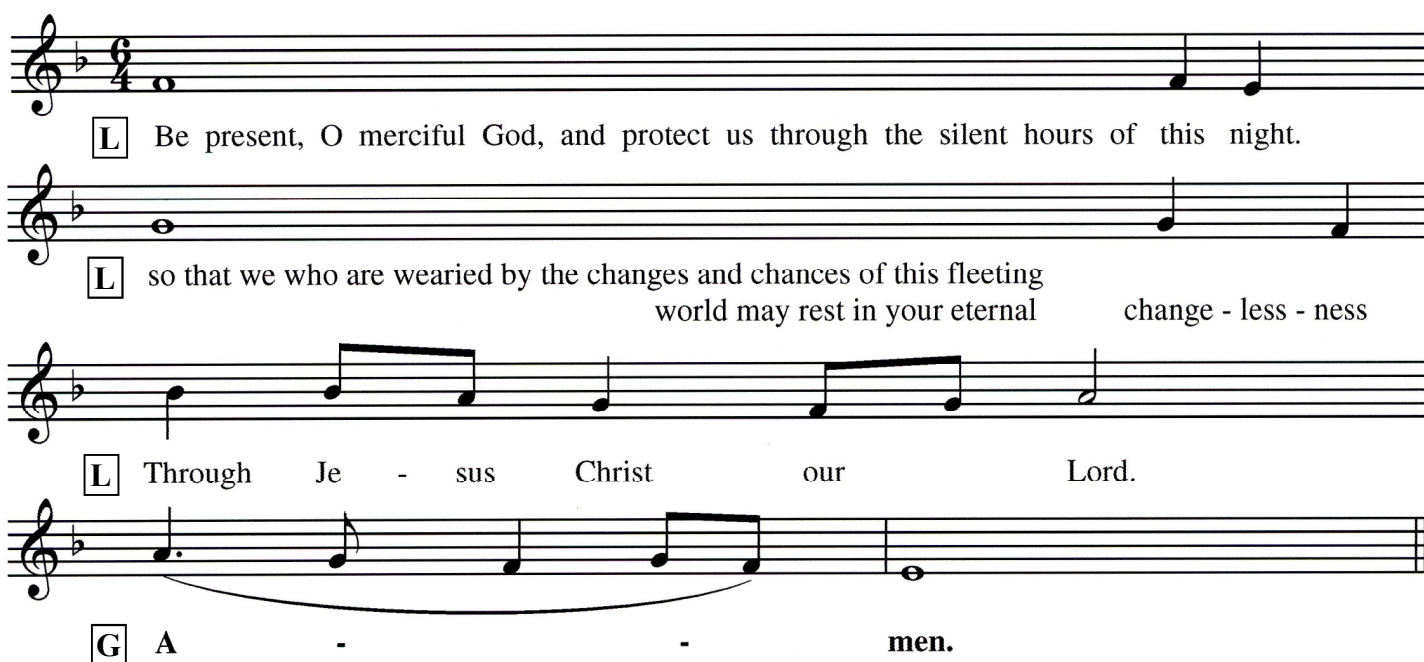
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Please stand

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] Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night.
[L] so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting
world may rest in your eternal change - less - ness
[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

[G] 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 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.

Please be seated

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

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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 16

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