

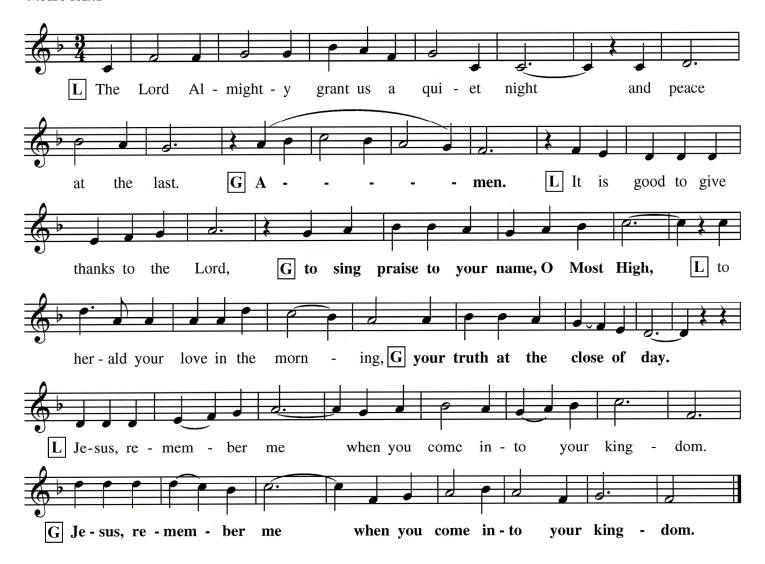
Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ

Midweek 5 • March 29, 2017

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.

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

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray Christian Worship #472

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 143

- [L] O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
- [G] in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.
- [L] Do not bring your servant into judgment,
- [G] for no one living is righteous before you.
- [L] My spirit grows faint within me;
- [G] my heart within me is dismayed.
- [L] Answer me quickly, O LORD;
- [G] do not hide your face from me.
- [L] Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
- [G] for I have put my trust in you.
- [L] Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;
- [G] may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Lord Jesus, you bring light to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them.
- [G] Enter not into judgment with your servants, but strengthen us in the saving faith and guide us into the land of perfect peace where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. 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?" governor. "Barabbas," asked the 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

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing Christian Worship #121

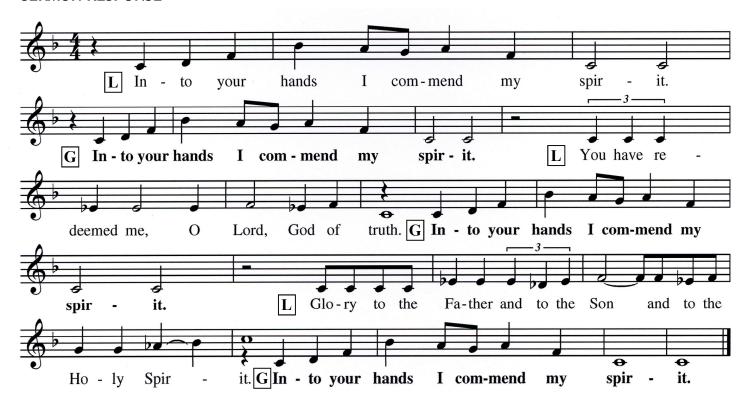
SERMON

Mark 14:32-38 Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to 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." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

SERMON RESPONSE



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.

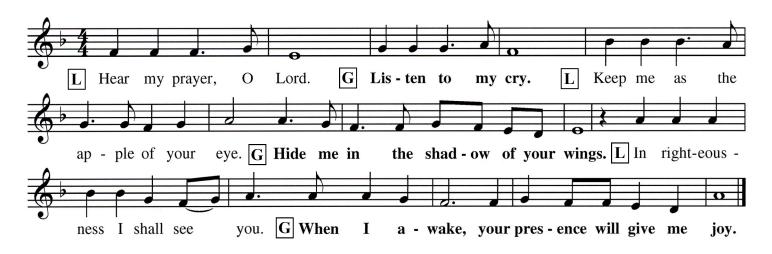
Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

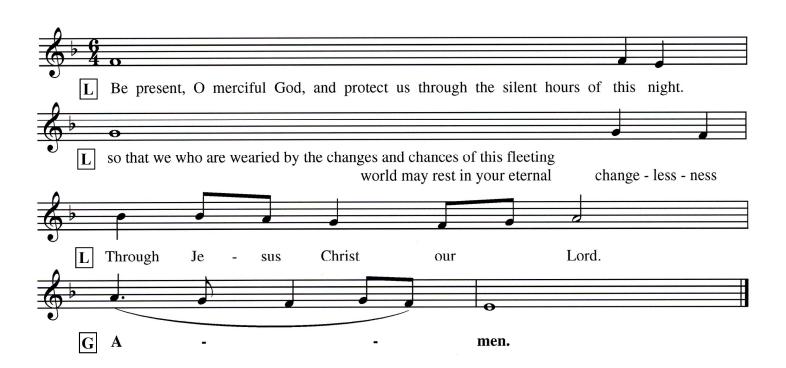


If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

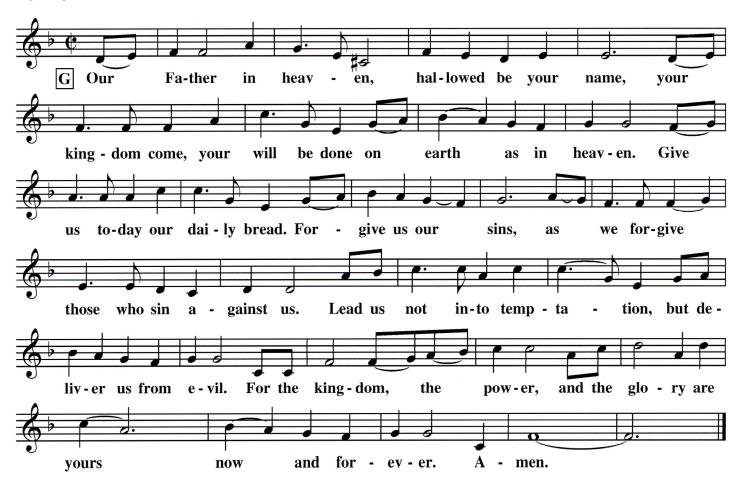
Please stand

PRAYER

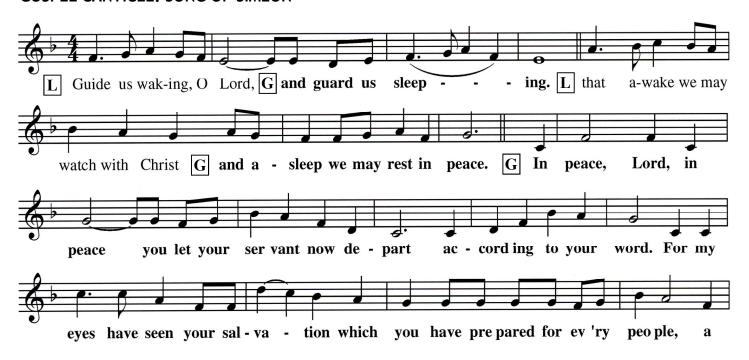


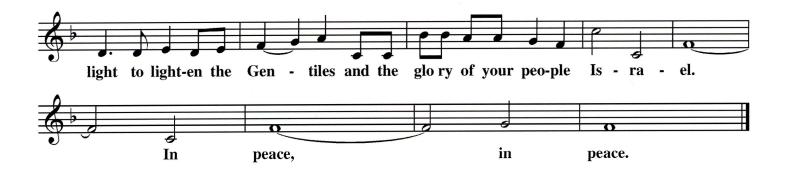


LORD'S PRAYER



GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON





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

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary Christian Worship #108

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist	
Sound and Recording Tech	

Copyright Information:

Prayer at the Close of Day © 2002 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710199.

Grace-Tucson

Office: 520-623-6633

 ${\bf Email:\ office@gracelutheransaz.org}$

www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org

Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through April 5. The theme for our services is "Repent: Turn to Jesus." The sermons and service themes will rotate among the various sites, so worshipers who attend more than one site could hear a sermon repeated. See the schedule below for next week.



April 5

Grace-Benson	6 PM 7 PM	Supper Lenten Worship	"Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation"
Grace-Sahuarita	6 PM 7 PM	Supper Lenten Worship	"Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You"
Grace-Tucson	10 AM 6 PM 7 PM	Lenten Worship Supper Lenten Worship	"Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life" "Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life"

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13

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

Good Friday

Friday, April 14

7:00 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, April 16

Grace-Benson
Festival Worship—8:00 AM
Easter Breakfast—9:00 AM

Grace-Sahuarita
Outdoor Festival Worship—9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast—10:00 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 Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net