

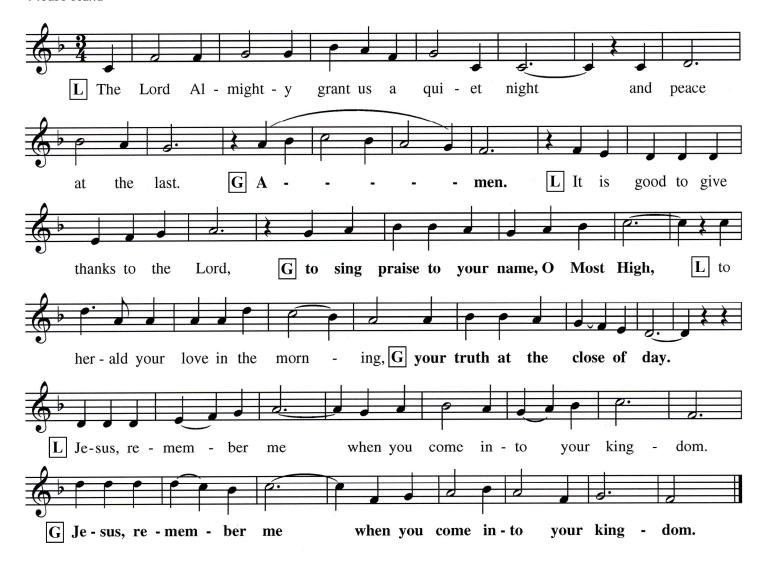
## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ

Midweek 2 • March 8, 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** 

Savior, When in Dust to You Christian Worship #124

#### **RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 32**

- [L] Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
- [G] whose sins are covered.
- [L] When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;
- [G] my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- [L] Then I acknowledged my sin to you
- [G] and did not cover up my iniquity.
- [L] I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- [G] and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- [L] You are my hiding place;
- [G] you will protect me from trouble.
- [L] Many are the woes of the wicked,
- [G] but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

#### **PSALM PRAYER**

- [L] Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin.
- [G] Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION HISTORY Matthew 26:1-35

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." While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the

poor." Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her." Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house." So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?" Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl

with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 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 declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

**HYMN** 

What Wondrous Love Is This Christian Worship #120

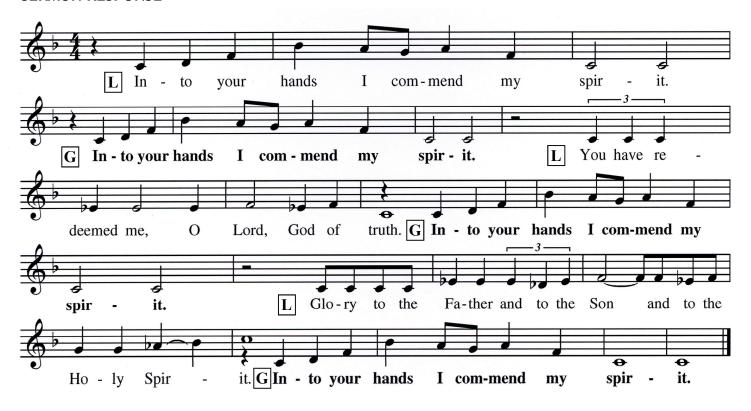
#### SERMON

Luke 23:35-43 Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you

the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

#### **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.

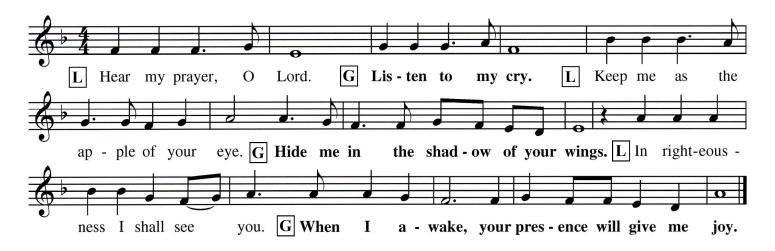
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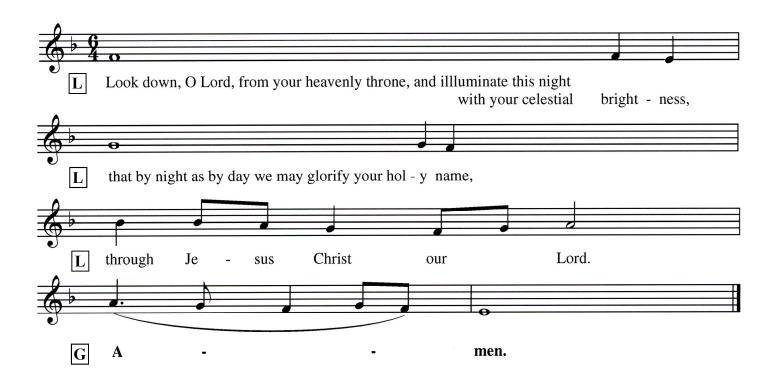


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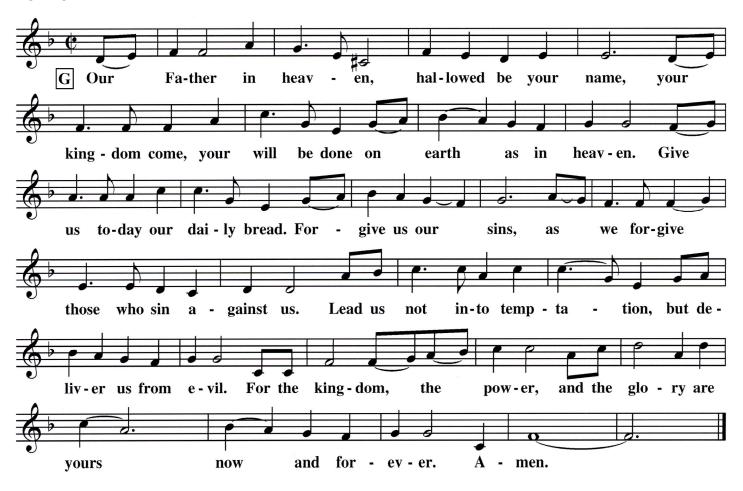
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## **PRAYER**

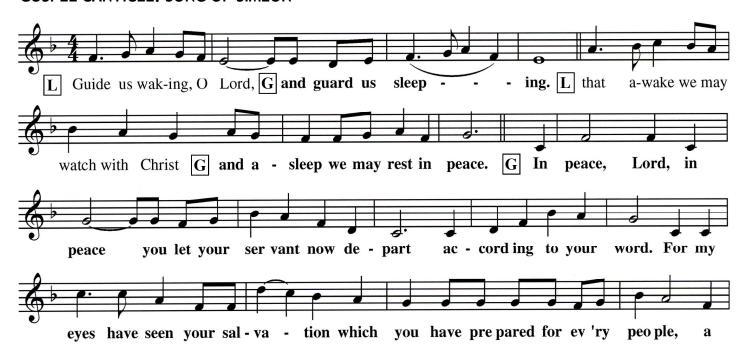


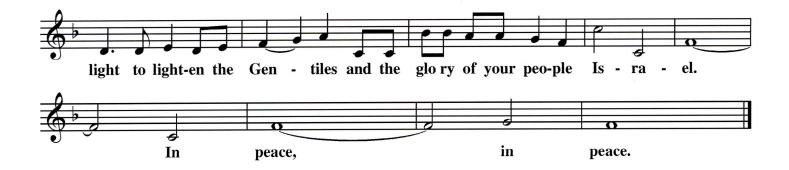


### LORD'S PRAYER



### **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**

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing Christian Worship #111

# Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service	Pastor Ryan Heiman
Accompanist	Elaine Goldie
Handbell Choir Director	Melissa Newbrey
Sound and Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely

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## **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 here at Grace-Tucson.



## March 15

Grace-Tucson 10 AM Lenten Worship

6 PM Supper

7 PM Lenten Worship

"Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself"

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## **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—7:30 AM
Easter Breakfast—8:30 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



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