

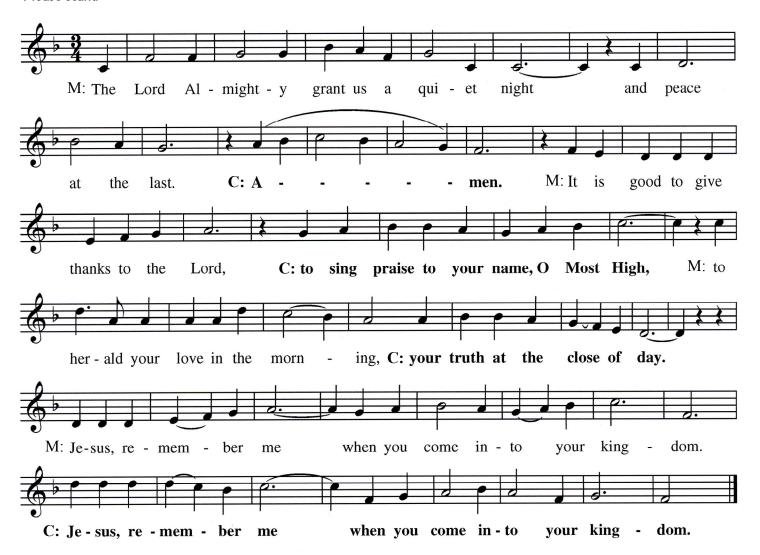
Grace Lutheran Church Tucson, AZ

Midweek 2 • February 18, 2018

Parts of the service designated "M" are for the Minister. The Congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "C."

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please stand



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: 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.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary Christian Worship #108

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 119

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: I have more understanding than the elders,

C: for I obey your precepts.

M: I have kept my feet from every evil path

C: so that I might obey your Word.

M: I have not departed from your laws,

C: for you yourself have taught me.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

PSALM PRAYER

M: O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PASSION HISTORY

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, "You know that after two days it will be the Passover, 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. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful

way and kill him. But they said, "Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people." Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to

betray Jesus to them away from the crowd. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn't it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end. By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand." Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!" Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean." After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. understand what I have done for vou?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I, Lord?" He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me." The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant. One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about. So leaning back against Jesus' side, he asked, "Lord, who is

it?" Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish." Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do more quickly." None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because

Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the Festival," or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

HYMN

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing Christian Worship #121

SERMON

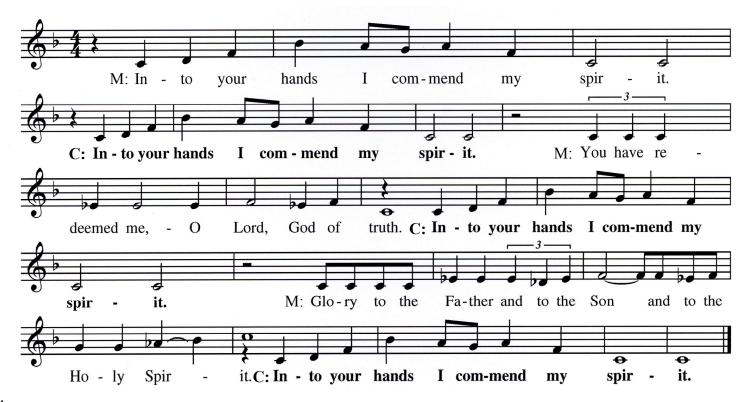
Hebrews 5:7-9
Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his

reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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.

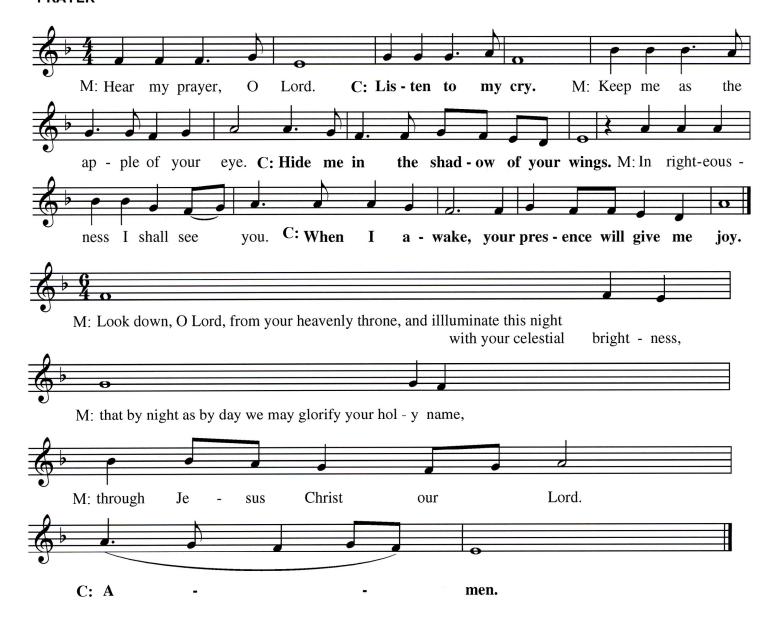
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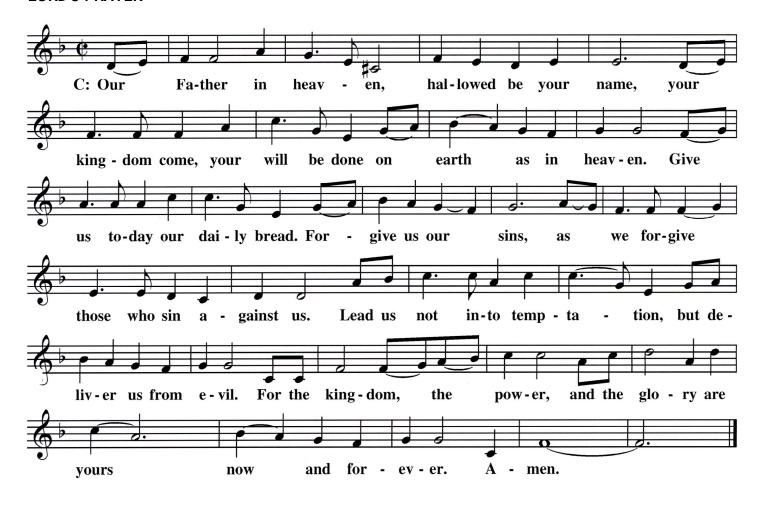
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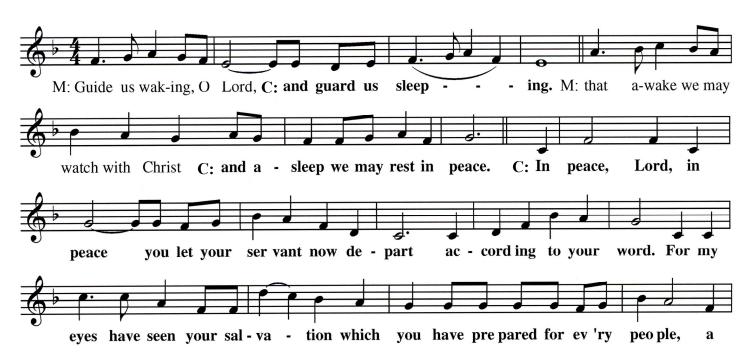
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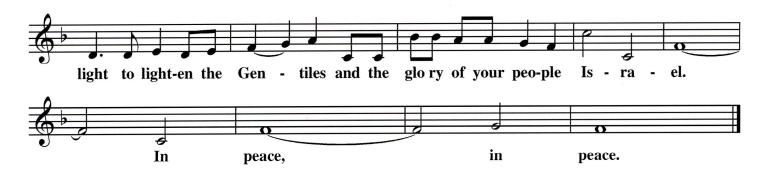


LORD'S PRAYER



GOSPEL CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON





BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, (†) and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus Christian Worship #103

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service	Pastor David Parsons, Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Evangelical Heritage Version

The Passion History readings we are using in our Lenten services this year are taken from a harmony (combination) of the four Gospels in the Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV). This Bible translation is the work of a group of pastors and professors from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). An edition of the EHV including the full New Testament and the book of Psalms has been published and is available from Northwestern Publishing House (www.nph.net) or in the Kindle version from Amazon.com. More information about the EHV may be found at www.wartburgproject.org.

Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through March 21. The theme for our services is "Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest." 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.



February 28

Grace-Benson: Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest	6 PM 7 PM	Supper Worship
Grace-Sahuarita: Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar	10 AM 6 PM 7 PM	Worship Supper Worship
Grace-Tucson: Jesus Is Our Compassionate High Priest	10 AM 6 PM 7 PM	Worship Supper Worship



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