


Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ


Midweek 3 7 PM March 23, 2011


The order of service we are using for evenings in Lent is called "Prayer at the Close of Day." It is based on the historic rite called Compline and is adapted for Lent. 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


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] Because of God's mercy we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let his peace rest upon us as we serve him with newness of life.
 [G] **Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Christian Worship #98 stanzas 1-4

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 77:1-3, 10-20

- [L] I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.
 [G] **When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.**
 [L] I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused, and my spirit grew faint.
 [G] **Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High.”**
 [L] I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
 [G] **I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.**
 [L] Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?
 [G] **You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.**
 [L] With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
 [G] **The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.**
 [L] The clouds poured down water, the skies resounded with thunder, your arrows flashed back and forth.
 [G] **Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.**
 [L] Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.
 [G] **You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

PSALM PRAYER

- [L] Dearest Lord, helper of all who are distressed, remind us of your mighty deeds and your power to save,
 [G] **That we might find comfort for our souls; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:25-29

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more”

indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

THE PASSION HISTORY

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Matthew 26:36-56

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown
Christian Worship #110

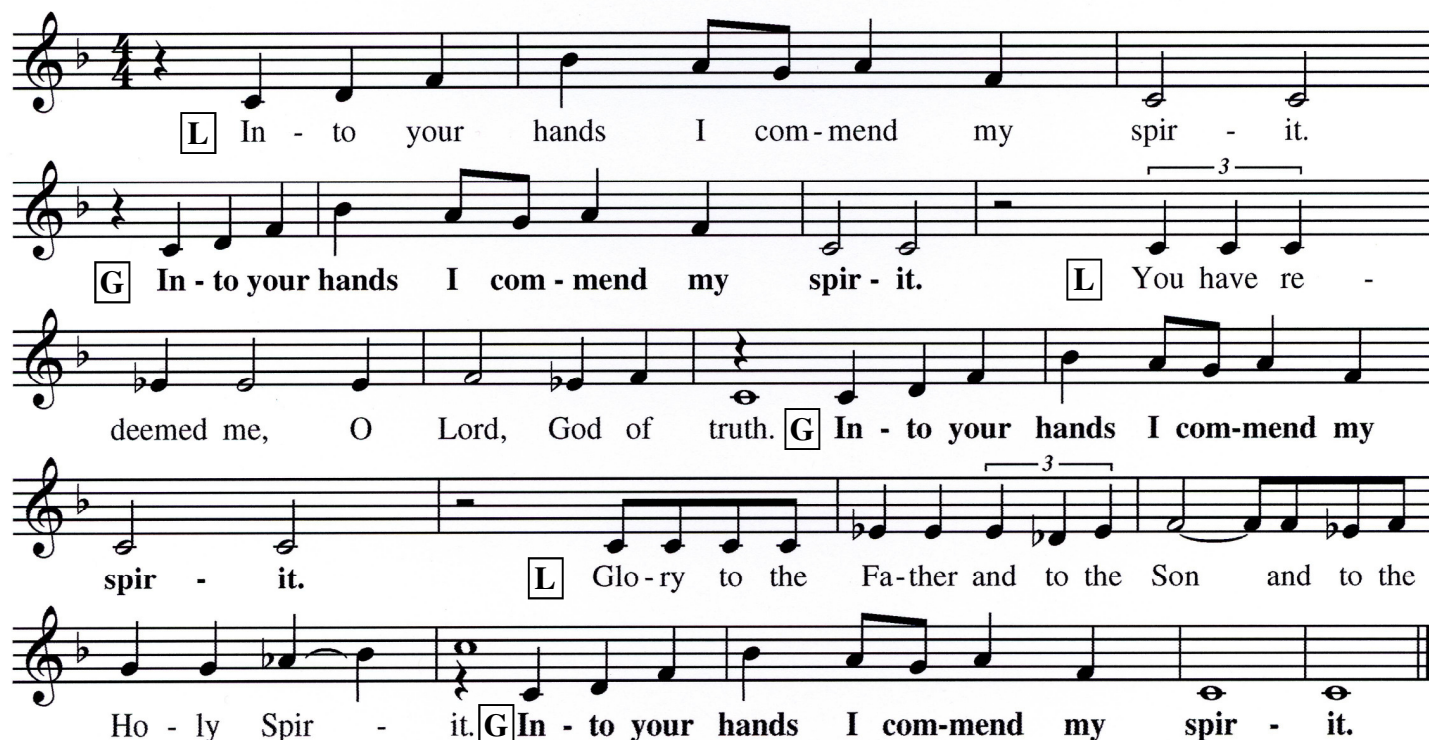
SERMON

Matthew 27:51b
The Miraculous Earthquake

“The earth shook...”

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE



Music notation for the Sermon Response. The score is written on five staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It includes lyrics and musical directions. The lyrics are: [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.

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.*

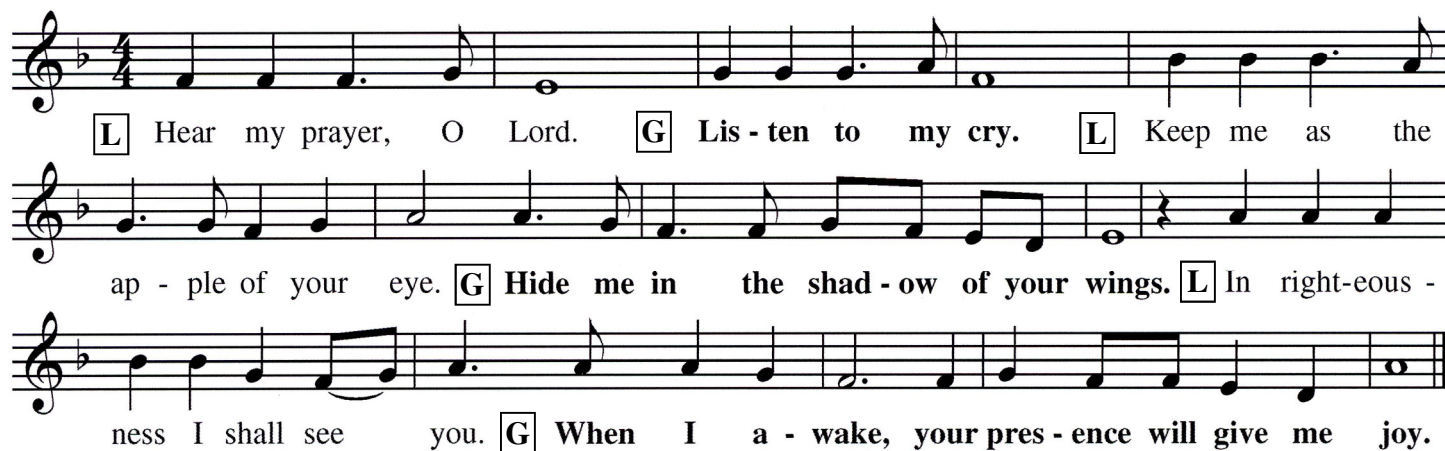
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OFFERTORY

The Lamb
Christian Worship Supplement #714
Played by Maya & Kathy Parra

STAND

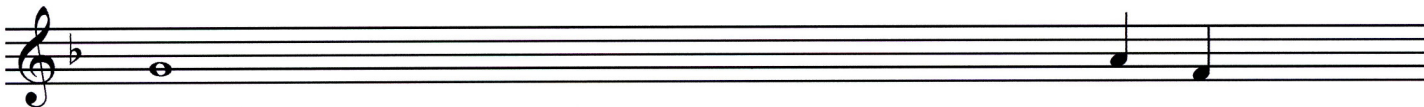
PRAYER



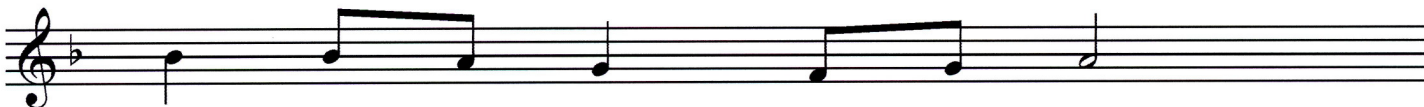
Music notation for the Prayer. The score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It includes lyrics and musical directions. The lyrics are: [L] Hear my prayer, O Lord. [G] Lis - ten to my cry. [L] Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. [G] Hide me in the shad - ow of your wings. [L] In right - eous - ness I shall see you. [G] When I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.



L O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done.



L Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last,



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



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 prepared 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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus
Christian Worship #103

Those Assisting in Worship this Evening

Service Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Organist Elaine Goldie
Offertory Music..... Maya Parra, Kathy Parra
Sound and Recording Tech..... Chris Stuhr

Miracles *of* LENT

Wednesday Lenten Services

March 30	The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks
April 6	The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death
April 13	The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers

Holy Week Services

April 21	The Miraculous in Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday)
April 22	The Miraculous Love of God (Good Friday)
April 24	The Miracle of Easter (Easter Festival Service)

