

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT



## — Gathering —

WELCOME

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### OPENING SENTENCES

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

*Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

*Hosanna in the highest heaven!*

### SCRIPTURE:

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11. Hear the Word of the Lord.

Holy wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to the God.**

HYMN#196 (88)

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road.*

*It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger.*

*You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary.*

*But weariness and fear overtake us.*

*Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you.*

*Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead.*

*Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion.*

*As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace.*

The One we greet with shouts of "Hosanna," does, indeed, come to save us from sin and death—not with military might, but with the power of love.

*O give thanks to the Lord, who is good! God's steadfast love endures forever!*

## — Word —

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 27:11-54.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### THREE MINUTES OF SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED.

### ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying:  
Your kingdom come, *your will be done.*

— *The Lord's Supper* —

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Even though we tune in from many places, we are united in worship.  
We are gathered together, across time and space, at the Lord's Table.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we cry to you: Hosanna! Lord, save us!  
*Blessed is the one who comes in your name.*

## LORD'S PRAYER—UNISON

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

## BREAKING THE BREAD

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

## COMMUNION MUSIC #523 (521) "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Westendorf, 1976

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

— *Sending* —

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. *Amen.*

## HYMN #223 (101) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Watts, 1707

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