

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020 - GOOD FRIDAY



— *Gathering* —

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

For whom are you looking?

*We are seeking Jesus of Nazareth,
the Son of God, who was handed over to death.*

For whom are you looking?

*We are seeking the servant of the Lord,
the righteous one, who makes many righteous.*

Here is the man. Here is your king.

He will be exalted and lifted high.

HYMN #216 (92)

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Clephane, 1868

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Our confessional response: *We have prepared a cross for our Savior.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even at this—the darkest hour—when all seems lost,
we give thanks that God is near to us.

The rejected One does not reject us,
but carries our sin, and heals our brokenness.

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

The Passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ, from the gospel of John, beginning in chapter 18:1—19:42.

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

THREE MINUTES OF SILENCE WILL BE KEPT

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.**

HYMN #228 (102)

"Were You There"

African American Spiritual

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

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

Beloved people of God,
as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross
to offer life and salvation to all,
let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

As our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: ***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.***

— *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.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:

If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me. **Amen.**

HYMN #212 (78)

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Watts, 1707

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