

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Let It Be Said of Us (Greer) Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

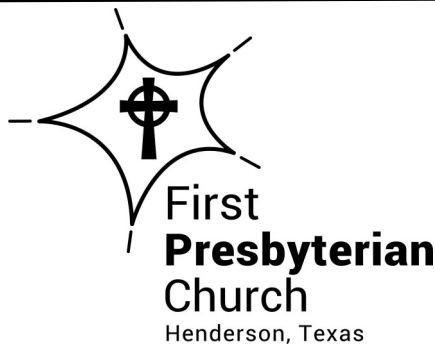
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***HYMN #820** Nothing Can Trouble (Taize)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taize) Ensemble

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



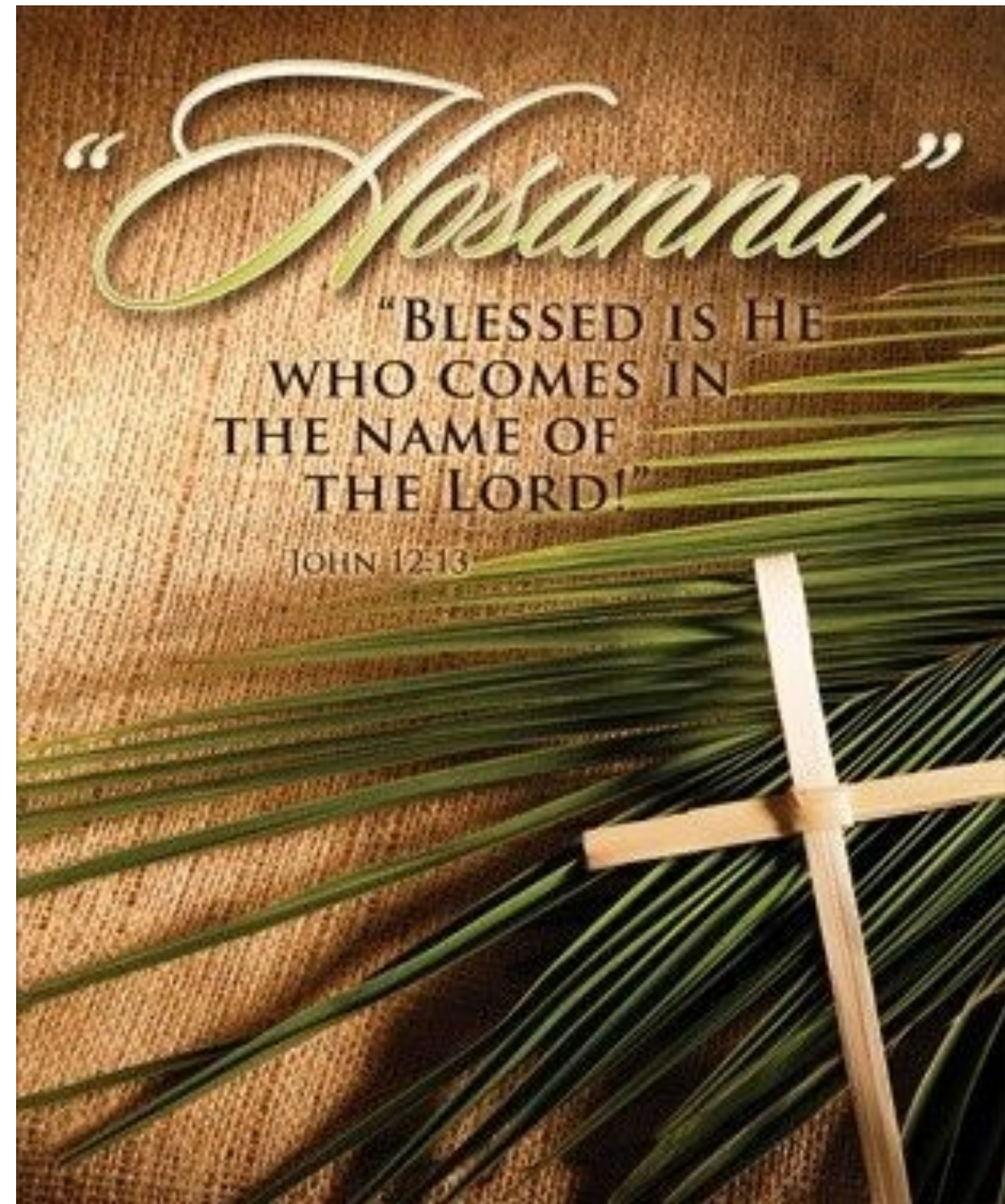
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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HENDERSON, TX

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Festival Prelude (Ashford) Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Suzanne Cross

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Let us worship the living God!

***HYMN #93** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem.

We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

KYRIE #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE (#471)** The Lord Is My Song

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise; God, the well-spring of life.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50: 4-9a Bible p. 640, LG p. 833

SECOND READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Bible p. 534-535, LG p. 694-696

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11 Bible p. 44-45, LG p. 57-58

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON One on a War Horse; Another on a Colt Dr. Sharon Templeman, CRE

—Response—

***HYMN #373**

O Day of Peace

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From the Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.