

# ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Service for The LORD'S Day

## PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text: All** | Regular text: Leader | †: *Please stand in body or spirit.*



### GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*The service begins outside on the plaza in front of the church.*

#### PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good

Psalm 118:1, 19-20, 26

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD; let all come and worship God.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM: Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible, NT, pg. 47

†PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH – HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

See insert

#### OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these palms be signs of his victory, and may we who carry them follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our LORD who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Ride On, Jesus, Ride*

African-American Spiritual

Children's Choir & Choristers

*Ride on, Jesus, ride. Ride on, Jesus ride.*

*Ride on, Jesus, conquering King, Ride on, Jesus, ride.*

*King Jesus rides on a milk white horse. Ride on, Jesus, ride.*

*The river Jordan he did cross. Ride on, Jesus, ride.*

*The children of Jerusalem, Ride on, Jesus, ride,*

*strewed their branches on his way. Ride on, Jesus, ride.*

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Valerie Garcia

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, OT, p. 681

This is the Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible, NT, p. 197

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*All children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited into the center of the sanctuary to surround the Gospeler during the Gospel Processional Hymn.*

*Afterward, the children will be led out of the sanctuary to the Chapel for Godly Play, and will return during the hymn that follows the sermon.*

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†GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 160 *A Stable Lamp Is Lighted*, stanzas 1-2 | 3-4

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†GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 15:6-15, 22-39

Pew Bible, NT, p. 53

This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "God's Covenantal Grace"

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth J. Callender, *Interim Pastor*

TIME OF REFLECTION

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN: 833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostles' Creed*

Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Hosanna to the King!* (2006)

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!*

*Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.*

†DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The LORD's Supper is open to all who seek to know God through Jesus Christ, regardless of religious background. It is served by intinction, coming forward to the servers and dipping the bread into the chalice of wine, held by the inside servers, or the chalice of grape juice, held by the outside servers. Gluten-free bread is available by speaking to the minister. If you wish to be served in your seat, let the usher know when your row is released to come forward. The server will say "The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation for you" or the like, to which you may respond, "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

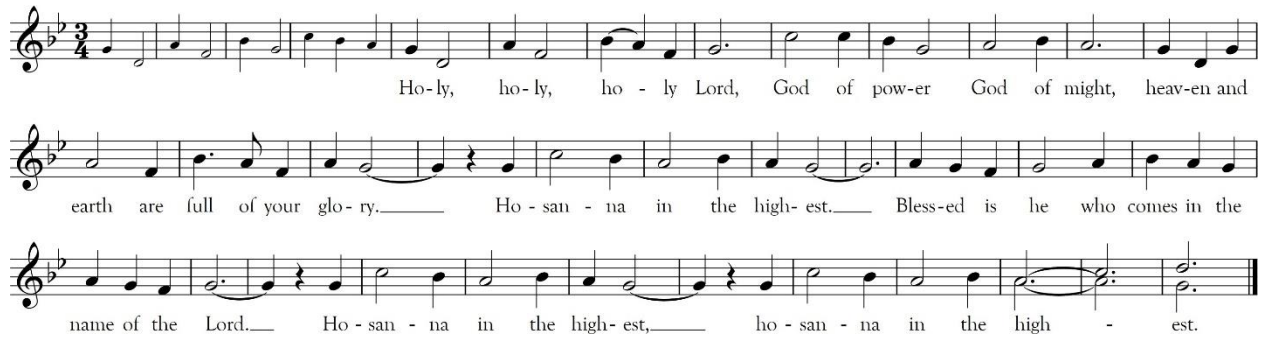
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the LORD.**

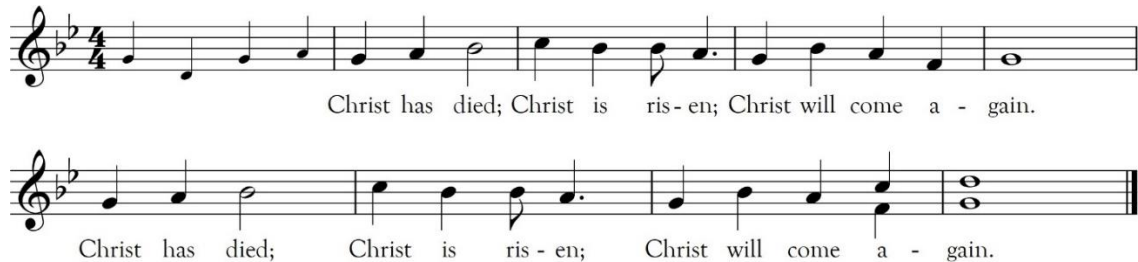
Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.** (*Prayer continues*)

### SANCTUS



### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD (*kneeling or bowing down*)

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*kneeling or bowing down*)

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMNS

202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*  
521 *In Remembrance of Me*

O WALY WALY  
RED

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Everlasting God, we thank you for your tender love for all people, demonstrated in sending your beloved Son to take our nature and to suffer death upon the cross for us and for our salvation. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN: 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

POSTLUDE: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* (1997)

David Paxton

The palm adornment today is given to the Glory of God in celebration of Palm Sunday  
by the Chancel Guild.



Think. Serve. Worship. Belong.

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