

**NO ANNOUNCEMENTS – Procession begins at the back of the Church.**

**INVOCATION**

**L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.**

**(Children process passing out palm branches waving them in praise to God's Messiah)**

**OPENING HYMN No. 444 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:7-10. (read responsively)**

**L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
C: Amen.**

**L: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

**L: Who is this King of glory?  
C: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

**L: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
C: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

- L: Who is this King of glory?**  
**C: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**PALM SUNDAY READING    John 12:12-19            (read responsively)**

- L: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,**  
**C: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**
- L: And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,**  
**C: “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”**
- L: His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”**

**CONFESSION**

- L: Peter boasted of his devotion but then denied his Lord. The crowds on Palm Sunday shouted glad hosannas to the King, but by the end of the week, their acclaim fell silent as Jesus, crowned with thorns, went to the cross. We, too, by our sins, turn away from our Lord. Let us confess our sins to him and ask his forgiveness.**

**(moment of silence for personal confession)**

- L: Almighty God,**  
**C: while we boast of our faithfulness and devotion, in our thoughts, words and actions, we often follow our own desires, turning away from your will and your ways. Instead of following the commands and guidance of your holy Word, we listen to the temptations of the world around us. When we have opportunities to witness for our Lord, we fall silent. As you showed grace to Simon Peter, turn to us in grace and forgive our sins.**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

## PRAYER

**L:** Almighty God, Simon Peter proudly boasted of his faithfulness and his willingness to die for Jesus. Then, when the time came, he denied the Lord and swore that he never even knew him. We, too, are often less than loyal. When others question our faith, we remain silent and have no answers for them. We do not always live in a way that reflects Jesus' love. Yet you have forgiven us, as you forgave Peter and restored him to service. You have called us to serve others in your name and to be witnesses for our Savior. Help us to live in humble service as Jesus did, the humble King, who entered Jerusalem to take up his cross for us. Hear our prayer in his name. Amen.

**HYMN No.** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Refrain:

**All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)

**OLD TESTAMENT** Zechariah 9:9-12

**L:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**EPISTLE      1 Peter 1:13-21**

**L:    Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.**

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL      Luke 22:31-34**

**L:    The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.**

**C:    Glory to You, O Lord.**

**L:    Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”**

**L:    This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**C:    Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN      “Amazing Grace”**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.**

**SERMON**

**"Grace for the Fearful"**

**Pastor Vern**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose  
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**(response at the end of each petition)**

**L: Gracious Lord,**

**C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for not only revealing to us what pleases You, but also You have sent Your only-begotten Son to live a perfect life in our place. Then, by Your grace, You have united us to Him in Holy Baptism so that You may look on us through His sacrifice for us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. We pray that You gather us together with all who call Jesus Lord to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (LSB 161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**P:** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All:** 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**DISTRIBUTION**      "Give Me Jesus" Fernando Ortega (video)  
LSB 625 – Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of sins forgiven in this Sacrament. Grant us to know Your accompanying presence as we leave, so that, strong in faith, our thoughts, words, and deeds will reflect Your great love and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE LORD**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**C:** Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord smile upon you and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN No. 813**

**“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” (vss. 1 & 7)**

**Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

**Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

**SENDING**

**L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**