

NOTES

April 2, 2023 — Palm Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

ALL: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

ALL: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

ALL: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

ALL: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: 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.

ALL: Almighty God, while we boast of our faithfulness and devotion, in our thoughts, words and actions we often follow our own desires, turning away 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.

P: God has shown his grace to us. He sent his Son to die on the cross, taking onto himself the sins of the world and suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. You are forgiven and restored, called to serve others in the name of Jesus our King and Savior.

ALL: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and everlasting God,

ALL: You have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**MEAL OF OUR LORD**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Emma Wollan

**CHILDREN’S DISMISSAL** (Preschool- 6th Grade)

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**FIRST READING** Zechariah 9:9-12  
P: The Word of the Lord...  
ALL: Thanks be to God!

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 1:13-21  
P: The Word of the Lord...  
ALL: Thanks be to God!

**GOSPEL** Luke 22:31-34  
P: The Word of the Lord...  
ALL: Thanks be to God!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**SERMON** “Grace for the Fearful” Pastor Mark Neumann

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**PRESENTING OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS**

P: ... Gracious Lord,

ALL: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

P: 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.

ALL: 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 lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**THE SENDING**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.