

PRELUDE

Ride On, O King, Ride On!! arr. G. Martin
Fanfare Prelude: All Glory, Laud and Honor! J. Southbridge

◇A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

Chuck Felak

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Psalm 118 (NIV)

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

People: **From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

People: **With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

People: **The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

People: **I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 24: 3-8, 10c (NIV)

Leader: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

People: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God his Savior.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. He is the King of glory.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound,
and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD,
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his truth.

Psalm 96: 11-13 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

PALMS OF PRAISE

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!
(Choir only vss. 1-3; All vss. 4 & 5)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *In the Shadow of the Palms/* L. Larson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12: 12-36 (NIV)

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while

the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

³⁴ The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

³⁵ Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. ³⁶ Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

SERMON

Noise and Signs on Palm Sunday
series: Jesus According to John
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

WORDS OF PEACE **263**

Lift High the Cross

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (2nd to 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Hosanna!! T. DuBois