

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Hosanna Filio David/ trad.
All Glory, Laud and Honor/ arr. D. Paxton*

WORDS OF GREETING

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.

People: **Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

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: A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:8-9 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS (Children's Choir dismissed to narthex)

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 SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Who Is That Man?/ D. Besig

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

I John 4:7-16a (NIV)

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

SERMON

The Sacrifice on the Cross
series: Living Sacrifices for Jesus
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **263**

Lift High the Cross

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Open the Gates of the Temple/ arr. J. Knapp