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Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

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VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Processional Liturgy

P: Hosanna to the Son of David!

C: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna in the highest!

C: Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our Father David!

P: Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord!

C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

P: The King of Israel comes!

C: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Holy Gospel John 12:12-16

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the Name of the Lord.

Cross Procession/Hymn: #442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(Wave Palm Branches on the Refrain)

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: We come into the presence of our King in need of peace and forgiveness.

(Silent reflection and personal confession)

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: I confess before You that I have failed to be at peace with You and with my neighbors. I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds. I have failed to live as You have commanded. I have not done the good You would have me do. I truly deserve the punishment You endured and the death that You died. I come to You with a repentant heart seeking forgiveness for my sins and the peace that only You can give. May I find in You the peace and pardon I so desperately need. Hosanna! Save now, O Lord. Save me from my sin. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day (spoken in unison)

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His holy city, grant that we may ever hail

Him as our King, and when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 32:36-39
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Prayer from Psalms 24 and 118, selected verses
(see worship insert)

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV)
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" #767 (*Sing twice*)

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:1-56
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.
(*The Gospel is read.*)
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Sermon: "The Colt and The Cross"
Offering
Prayer of the Church
P: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

Proper Preface

Sanctus (*words and music from Divine Service, Setting 4*)
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your
name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!**

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal
The Words of Institution

Peace
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

Distribution
(*Communion will be received by continuous line this morning*)
#343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"
#441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
#617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Blessing
Post-Communion Prayer
Acclamations and Blessing
P: Hosanna!
C: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #436, "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Silent Prayer/Chimes
Announcements and Meal Prayer