

Palm Sunday
Divine Service Setting Three
April 5, 2020

Hymn: #441 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" *Verses 1, 2 & 5*

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

The Word of Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day

Dear everlasting God , Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, for those who, 50 years ago, had the vision to found this congregation, for those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future as we share the love, joy and peace of Jesus.

Amen

The Gospel Reading – John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶His 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.

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.

¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: #442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Verses 1, 3 & 5

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*

3. The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *Refrain*

5. As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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Sermon - "Who's the Enemy? Who's the King" *John 12:12-19*

I. The crowds motivation to come to the parade. Vs. 13,18

- A. They perceived Jesus to be the King of Israel. Vs.13. Rome was the enemy they thought.
- B. They heard He had done a sign. Vs. 18
 1. The scriptures remind us that Jews seek signs.
 2. The raising of Lazarus was a preview to a greater rising.

II. The misidentification of the enemy

- A. Israel perceived their arch enemy to be Rome.
 1. Hoped Jesus would bring them back to the glory days of King David.
 2. Hoped they would be free and secure from oppression.
- B. The real enemy was much more threatening.
 1. Jesus' own people, religious leaders, Pharisees and chief priest.
 2. Greatest enemy is death. *Illustration St. Louis Post Cartoon 2010 "The Inevitable Navigation System"*
 3. Death is punishment for greed, jealousy, anger, hatred, fear and all sins.

III. Jesus battles the enemy in an unusual way.

- A. Odd symbols of Royalty.
 1. On a donkey
 2. With a crown of thorns
 3. A scarlet robe
 4. Given staff, mocked and struck
 5. Hung on a cross.
- B. Gained victory with odd end.
 1. Let enemies do their worst to Him.
 2. Willingly went to the Cross.
 3. Took pain and rejection for our sins.

Prayer of the day

Prayers for the Corona Virus situation

Thanksgiving for birth of Vicki Aden's great-grandson, Dax Lee Nivens, born April 1st.

Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church and its congregation

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Hymn: #443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Verses 1 & 3

1. 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.
3. "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!

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