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"Immanuel" Congregations

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

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PREPARATION & MUSICAL PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Elder Dearly beloved congregation, Good Afternoon.

On behalf of the Immanuel Church Council, we would like to say " Welcome" to all of you in English worship service. Let us come into The Lord presence with assurance, knowing that His love and grace is for everyone fully. The Minister for this service is the **Rev. Dr. Rommi Matheos.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Elder Brothers and sisters,
Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

(instrument)

LITURGY OF ENTRANCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Please **rise**!
"Awake from your sleep: salvation is near! The night is far gone; the day is at hand." (Rom.13:11-12)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O come, O come, Immanuel," (KJ 81)

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God appear.
Refr. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel,
shall come to you, O Israel.

(instrument - processional)

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. *Refr.*

ADORATION

Minister Our help is in the Name of The Lord, Who made heaven and earth!

People *(sung)* **A – men** *(KJ 476a)*

OPENING SENTENCES

Minister **Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** (John 1:16-17)

GREETING

Minister The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People **And also with you.**

HYMN

"O come, O come, Immanuel," (KJ 81)

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe .
Refr. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel,
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light. *Refr.*

(seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder Let us pray!
Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do

not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

People **Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.**

HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour" (KJ 457)

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
Refr. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. *Refr*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Minister . . . . . .

SCRIPTURE READING
Minister Please **rise!** Let's welcome the Word of God! Maranatha!
People *(sung)* **Maranatha! Maranatha! Maranatha!** *(KJ 473a)*
Elder The Scripture reading is taken from **Isaiah 56:1-8** (NIV),

1 This is what the LORD says:

"Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
2 Blessed is the one who does this—
the person who holds it fast,

who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,
and keeps their hands from doing any evil."
3 Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say,
"The LORD will surely exclude me from his people."
And let no eunuch complain,
"I am only a dry tree."
4 For this is what the LORD says:

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose what pleases me
and hold fast to my covenant—
5 to them I will give within my temple and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.
6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations."
8 The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
"I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered."

This is the Word of The Lord!

Minister Blessed be the name of the Lord forever; may the glory of God fill the earth!

People *(sung) KJ 303a*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

(seated)

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"What God Does, Ever Well is Done" (KJ 378)

What God does, ever well is done! His will is just and holy;
As He directs my sands to run, My spirit shall keep lowly.
He is my God; Though sore the rod,
His care doth e'er enfold me:
Then may He guide and hold me.

What God does, ever well is done! In need He will not quit me.
In rightful path He still leads me on; To Him then I submit me.
I'll walk His ways, And trust His grace
To lift what doth oppress me:
It rests with Him to bless me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(standing)*

Minister Please **rise**!

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say together:

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(seated)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Minister Let us pray! . . . . . .

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

CHOIR etc.

OFFERING

Deacon Let us magnify of the Lord, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things. *(Luke 1:46-47,51-52)* Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth!

HYMN

"O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (KJ 294)

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of His grace!

(instrumental – people give the offering)

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
the honors of Thy name.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon Please **rise** and let us pray**!**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty.

Deacon **All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, and you rule over all.**

Deacon Therefore, Lord, receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude.

Deacon **Transform them into a source of life for many, so that your kingdom may grow in the hearts of all. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

(seated)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon . . . .

SENDING

Minister Please **rise!**

Go in peace and prepare the way of the Lord!

FINAL HYMN

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (KJ 76)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

BENEDICTION

Minister "May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forevermore! Amen."

People ♬ *(sung)* **Amen, Amen, Amen** (KJ 478c)

POSTLUDE

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