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Theme: The Arranged Marriage

A man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

AS WE GATHER

“They shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24b). These timeless words of God speak of the “arranged marriage” we have received as a gift from our Creator. Man and woman are not the same; we are different. Yet our differences are part of the Maker’s design for us to find completion in each other. So it is with Christ. Only in Christ will we find our true identity! Our marriages this side of eternity are arranged by God to reflect the “marriage” He has established with us for eternity! Christ, our Bridegroom, has cleansed us and made us His own through His blood, shed on the cross. When we are drawn to Him by His Spirit and receive Him through faith, we become the very Bride of Christ. Living as one in this relationship with our Bridegroom and Savior, we then open our eyes to see the blessing He gives to us in the union of Christian marriage. May our Bridegroom bless His Bride as we meet Him at His altar today!

PRELUDE *“Voluntary on Rhosymedre”, arr. By Krapf*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Father Welcomes” #605

Please stand.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In a time of silence and prayer, let us approach the Father’s throne of grace.

(We take a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession of our sins.)

Pastor: Most merciful Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have drifted from Your commands, choosing to go our own separate ways. We have not honored You as our Creator, nor have we honored one another in love. By the cleansing work of our Redeemer, remove from us our sins of thought, word, and deed so that we worship You in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Only in Christ Jesus are we made complete—complete as God’s creation and completely cleansed of our guilt and sin. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead

and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

INTROIT

♪ **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

KYRIE

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♪ **Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou
that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.**

**For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray
Merciful Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we acknowledge the sacred nature of the gift of marriage, living

always as the faithful Bride of Him who has made us His own;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **A-men.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 2:18-25

(The Lord designs man and woman to find completion in each other.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)

(All things exist for Jesus, who is crowned with glory and honor.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand.

ALLELUIA

♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

(Jesus affirms God's gift of marriage and blesses the children who are brought to Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED *(Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.)*

Please be seated.

HYMN: “Our Father, by Whose Name” #863

SERMON “Family Ties” *Pastor Mark Wenger*

OFFERING AND ORGAN OFFERTORY

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”, arr. by Smith

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs.

For the growth of God’s kingdom of grace, that we live out
our identities as sons and daughters of our heavenly
Father, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we are Your family, created to be Your own.

Pastor: For the Christian Church, both here at Immanuel and
assembled in congregations throughout the world, that we
be one as our God is one, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, redeemed and restored in
Christ.**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and
other servants of the Church, that they find joy in their
callings, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, blessed by those who
serve and lead.**

Pastor: For all husbands and wives, moms and dads, daughters
and sons, and every member of every Christian family,
that we live out our unique vocations in joy and peace, let
us pray to the Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, set apart to bless one
another in Christ’s love.**

Pastor: For all public servants, including those who serve in the
government and in our armed forces, that they would find
refuge in the strong arms of our Savior, let us pray to the
Lord.

**People: Father, we are Your family, guarded and shielded by
Your presence.**

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, especially Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Alice Vogt and Bill Hepting, that they find restoration in Christ, and also for Leah Moore in her final weeks of pregnancy let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, we are Your family, ever in need of Your healing mercy.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that our gracious Father would answer the petitions of His people, the Bride of Christ, for the sake of Him who is our Bridegroom, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Father, we are Your family. Grant that our lives reflect who You are and what You have done to make us Your own. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all Your people. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. He Himself has arranged marriage to give the world a picture of the communion between Him and His Bride, the Church, which now gathers to receive His goodness and grace. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

People: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(spoken by the Pastor)*

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: ♪ A---men.

AGNUS DEI

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A---men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRUBTION HYMN

"Your Table I Approach"	#628
"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"	#632

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacred gift of our Savior's body and blood. Married to Christ by grace through faith, and strengthened by His Word and Spirit, grant that we go forth to reflect who He is to the world He died to save; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **A-men.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with Thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #922

POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony Chorale" from Brahms' variations on a theme by Haydn, arr. by Johnson

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