

**KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081**

*October 15, 2023*

*Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost*

*11:00 am*

*P: Pastor*

*A: Assisting Minister*

*C: Congregation*

**PRELUDE**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

*arr. M. Bober*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**C** **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

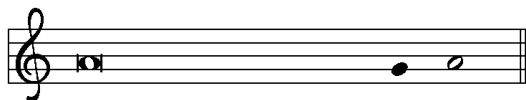
*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

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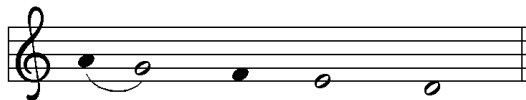
**THE GREETING**

**A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



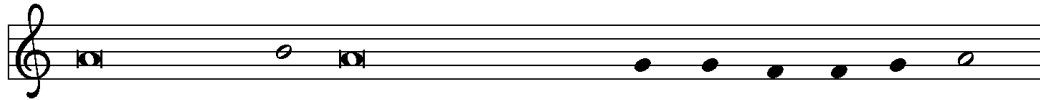
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated*

## LET'S TALK

## READING Psalm 23

*Please stand as able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

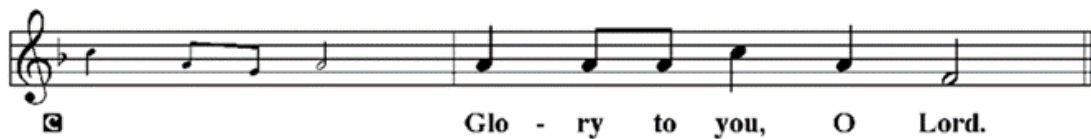
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## THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C



## READING Matthew 22:1-14

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C



## SERMON

*Deacon Liz Fisher*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *The Apostles Creed*

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

A Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Please kneel or be seated, as able, for the prayers.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,*

*The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."*

P Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

*Especially greet the children and youth.*

**C**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C **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.**

## INVITATION

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

**You may receive the Elements as the words are said:**  
*The Body of Christ given for You; The Blood of Christ shed for You.*

## ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

*Come to the Feast*

*M. Beall*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

**P** The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*This Is My Father's World*

**ELW 824**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*This Is My Father's World*

*arr. E. Page*

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