



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE AVE. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Martin Smith

BOB 103

How Can I Keep From Singing

Chris Tomlin, Matt Redmon

O 38

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

²The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner

¹¹but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love. ^{20c}Praise the Lord!

Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

L A reading from the ninth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

L Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

VERSE

Unison

1. Wor - thy is the Lamb Who was slain;

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly is He. Sing a new song

6 to Him who sits on heav-en's mer - cy

CHORUS

9 3-part Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al-might - y;

11 Who was and is and is to come.

13 With all cre-a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings;

15

You are my ev-'ry-thing and I will a-dore You.

17

2nd time to Coda ◊

21

VERSE *Unison*

2. Clothed in rain - bows of liv - ing col - or,

23

flash - es of light - ning, rolls of thun - der...

25

Bless - ing and hon - or, strength and glo - ry and pow - er be

27

D.S. al Coda ◊

to You the on - ly wise King.

29

◊ CODA
VERSE

3. Filled with won - der, awe - struck won - der,

31

at the men - tion of Your name;

33

Je - sus, Your name is pow - er, breath and liv - ing wa - ter,

35

such a mar - v'lous mys - ter - y.

37 CHORUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y;

39

Who was and is and is to come.

41

With all cre - a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings;

43

You are my ev - ry - thing and I will a - dore You.

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.

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 As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each prayer petition will conclude: "God of grace,"
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

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.

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.





1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



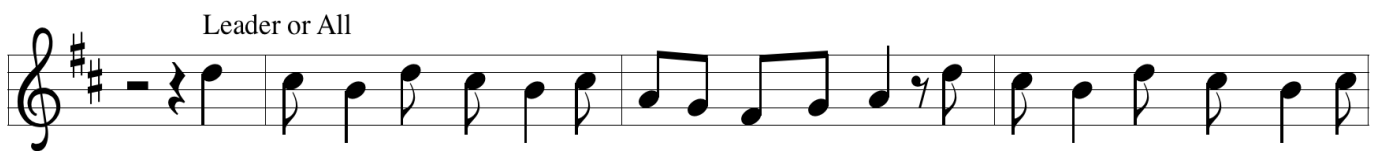
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



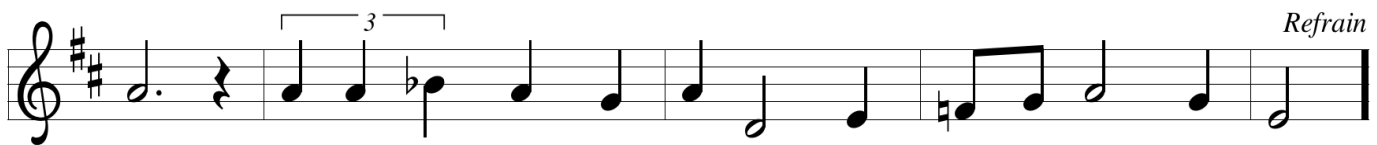
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



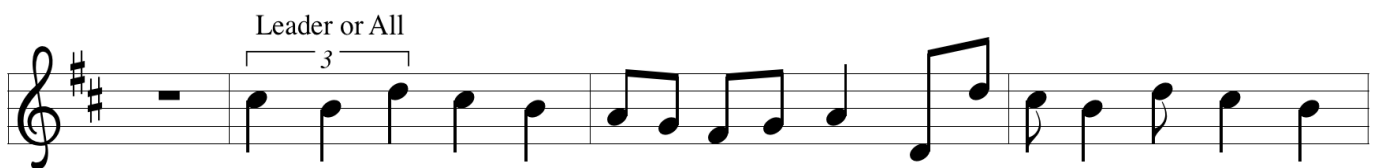
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

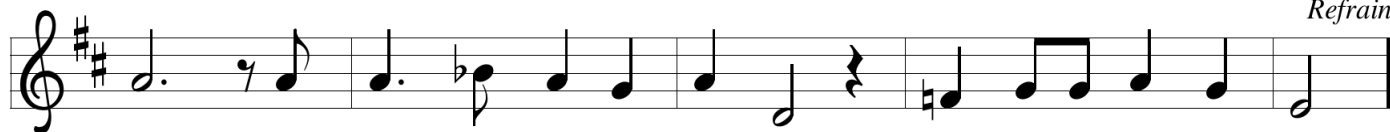


fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

Refrain



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All



And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

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 SONG

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

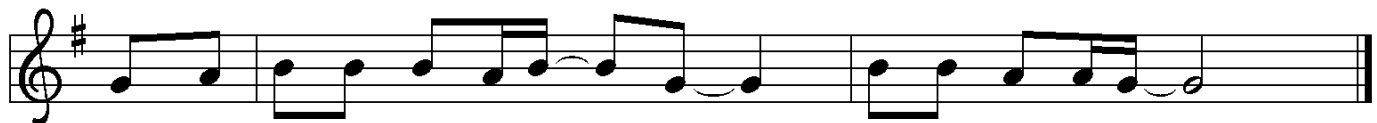
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1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



But they that
Wait
upon the
LORD
shall

Renew their Strength;
they shall mount up with
Wings as Eagles
Isaiah 40:31

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