



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

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am

*P: Pastor*

*A: Assisting Minister*

*C: Congregation*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Good, Good Father*

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**LET'S TALK**

*Children's Time*

**Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

**L** A reading from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

**T**he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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## GOSPEL John 12:20-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

**N**ow among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*Pastor John Futterer*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**BOB 130**

**VERSE**

Je - sus, lov - er of my soul,

3 Je - sus, I will nev - er let You go;

5 You've tak - en me from the mir - y clay,

7

You've set my feet up - on the rock and now I know.

9 **CHORUS**

I love You, I need You,

11

though my world will fall, I'll nev - er let You go;

13

My Sav - ior, my clos - est Friend,

15 1.

I will wor - ship You un - til the ver - y end.

17 2. *Fine*

I will wor - ship You un - til the ver - y end.

## 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

*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 God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."*

*The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."*

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, 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.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**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.***

**Refrain**

Seed, scattered and sown; wheat, gathered and grown; bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

1. Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord? Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? **Refrain**

2. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die. The seed within good ground will flower and have life. **Refrain**

3. As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown, so may the church of God be gathered into one. **Refrain**

**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.

**THE DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**SENDING SONG**

Jesus, Jesus

BOB 132

VERSE 1

1. Je - sus, — Je

4 sus, one touch of Your Hand, — I am

6 healed and I — am whole;

9  
Je - sus, — Je -

12  
sus, one glimpse of Your face — brings

14  
fire to — my soul. And

17 CHORUS  
Je - sus, — I come, —

20  
be - hold - ing Your face, — I am changed from glo - ry to

23  
glo - ry; — And now — I see,

26  
and now — I — know, one

29  
touch of Your life, — brings glo - ry to — my soul. —

31

Musical notation for measures 31-32, featuring a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

33 **VERSE 2**

2. Je - sus, Je -

Musical notation for measures 33-35. The lyrics "2. Je - sus, Je -" are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system.

36

sus, from dark - ness to light — my

Musical notation for measures 36-37. The lyrics "sus, from dark - ness to light — my" are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system.

38

life o - ver - flows; —

Musical notation for measures 38-40. The lyrics "life o - ver - flows; —" are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system.

41

Je - sus, Je -

Musical notation for measures 41-43. The lyrics "Je - sus, Je -" are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system.

44

sus, Your mer - cy and grace — like a riv - er flow - ing down...

Musical notation for measures 44-46. The lyrics "sus, Your mer - cy and grace — like a riv - er flow - ing down..." are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system.

47

1. 2.

And

Musical notation for measures 47-49. The lyrics "And" are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system. There are first and second endings indicated by "1." and "2." above the treble clef.

50

repeat & fade as desired

Je - sus, Je - sus!

Musical notation for measures 50-52. The lyrics "Je - sus, Je - sus!" are written below the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar pattern to the previous system. The instruction "repeat & fade as desired" is written above the treble clef.