



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

**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunrise Service**

**7:00 am**



Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

✝ *Please stand as you are able. Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

*As the sun rises, we gather to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection that ushers in new life for the creation. We gather to celebrate!*

## **WELCOME**

### ✝ **PREFACE**

P "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. Again, on this first day of the week God indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia, God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days as we begin the fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth as the Easter People to share the good news that "Christ is risen!"

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P In the name of God, our Creator, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we come to worship. Amen.

**C We are the Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim that it is empty. He is risen!**

P He is risen, indeed!

**C We are the Easter people who have met him by the roadside and recognized him as the Son of God—risen from the dead—and living in this world and the next. He is risen!**

P He is risen, indeed!

**C We are the Easter people who have placed our hands in his side and felt his wounds. He was once dead but now is alive. He has been raised by the triumphant power of the Almighty God. He is risen!**

P He is risen indeed! We worship a risen God.

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## ✠ GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

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

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

*Pastor John Futterer*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**A** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

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

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

**P** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**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.

## PRAYER

**P** God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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: This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and 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.

## LORDS 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** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**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 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C Amen.

P Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

C Amen.

P God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C Amen.

## RESPONSE

P The empty cross announces God's victory!

**C Alleluia! Praise God!**

P The empty tomb testifies that Jesus Christ is our risen Lord.

**C Alleluia! Praise God!**

P May our discipleship proclaim the living Christ and God's love for all people!

**C Alleluia! Amen!**

P Go in peace. The Spirit send us forth to serve. Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## SENDING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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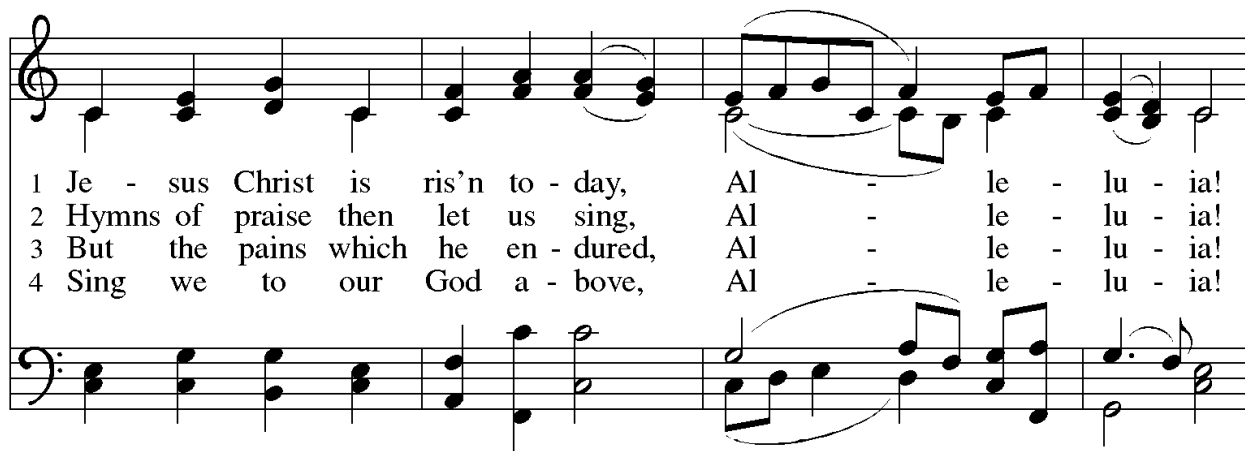
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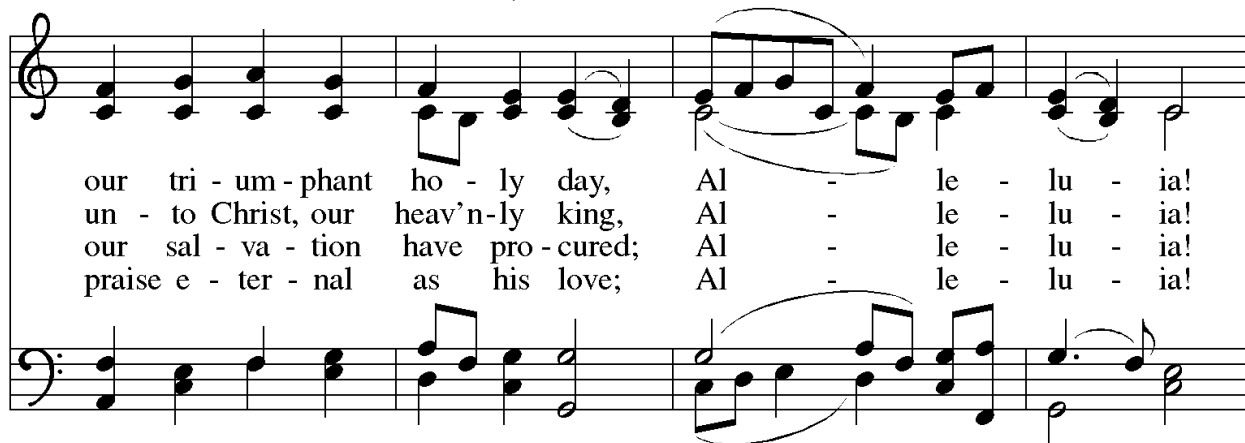
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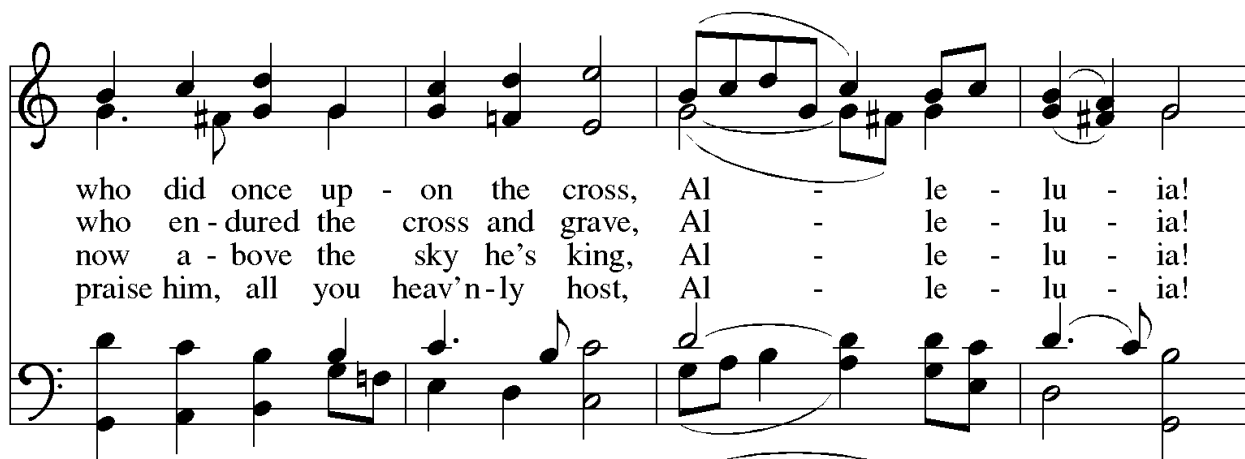
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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!



# Easter Lilies and Memorial Gifts 2024

*Given to the Glory of God and in*

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