

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

April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday** 

8:30 am

Congregation responses in Bold.

- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David.
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

## PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

Entrance into the final days

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Raise your palm branches.

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Verse 1

Praise is rising Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You We long for You

#### **Pre-Chorus**

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away (Washed away)

#### Chorus

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us Worthy of all our praises Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

#### Verse 2

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You

We turn to You In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

## **Ending**

Hosanna hosanna

## **W**ELCOME

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

# **READING Philippians 2:5-11**

L A reading from the second chapter of Philippians.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

et the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Pastor John Futterer



## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

- A The peace of Christ be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

# **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 INTERCESSION

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

As able, you are invited to kneel or be seated for the prayers. Prayer petitions will conclude: "God, in your mercy,"

The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

- P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
- C Amen.

#### **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.

- P 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.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

- P Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- 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.

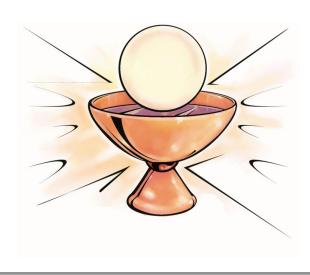
#### Invitation

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

#### Receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.



#### Verse 1

Lord from Your hand I take the bread And from Your cup I drink the wine You serve forgiveness For my need You serve Your holy Life for mine

#### Verse 2

Now from Your lips I hear the words This is My body And My blood I see the mercy In Your eyes I see the pain I see the love

#### Verse 3

I see the cross I see Your face My God what agony and grief I see You suffer As You die I hear You pray It is for Me

#### Verse 4

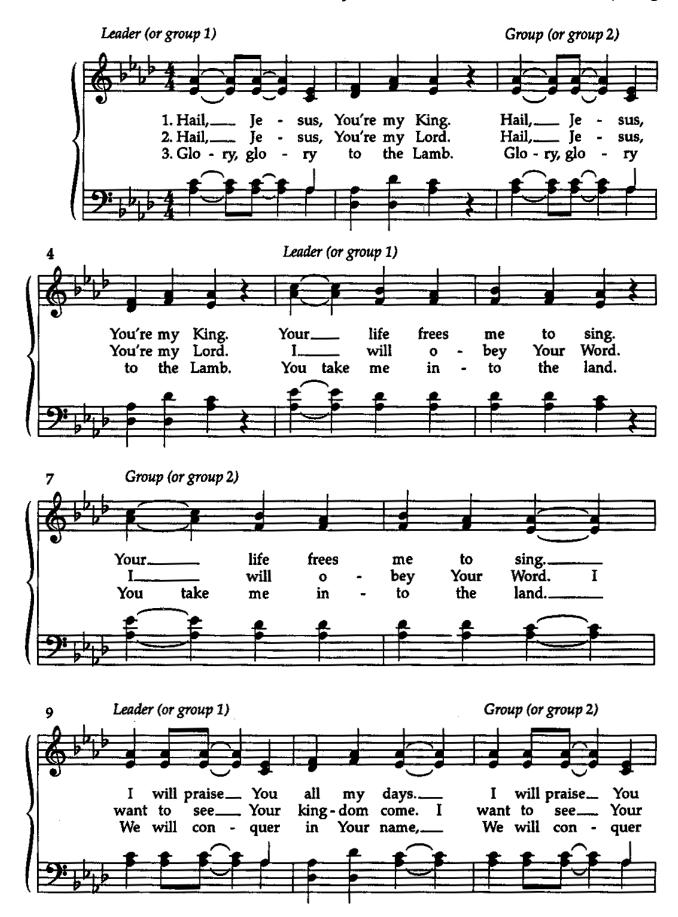
O Jesus Savior Holy God I live and breathe In Your embrace Lord every moment Draw my heart To love and serve You face to face

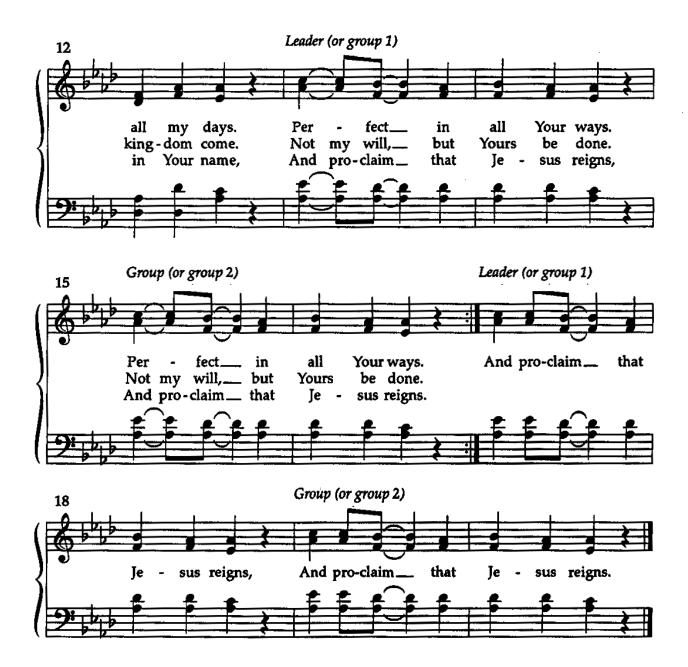
# POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## **BENEDICTION**

- P God our tender parent,
  God the crucified one,
  God the reconciling Spirit,
  + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.





## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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