



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

Easter Sunrise Service April 20, 2024 7:00 am



“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Senior Pastor, *John Futterer*
Deacon, *Liz Fisher*
Organist/Director, *Brian Sevison*

✠ *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!

Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

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

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor John Futterer

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"
The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."*

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

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,

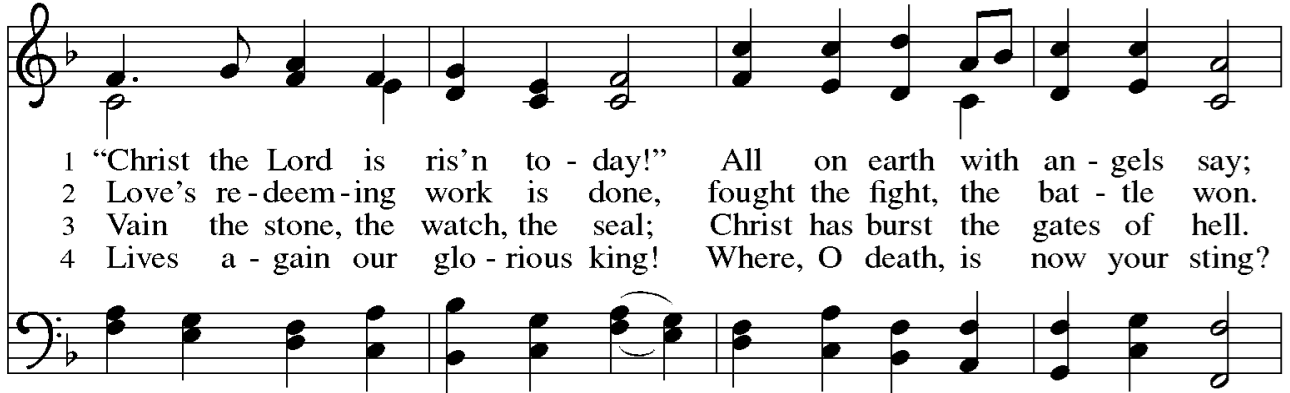
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

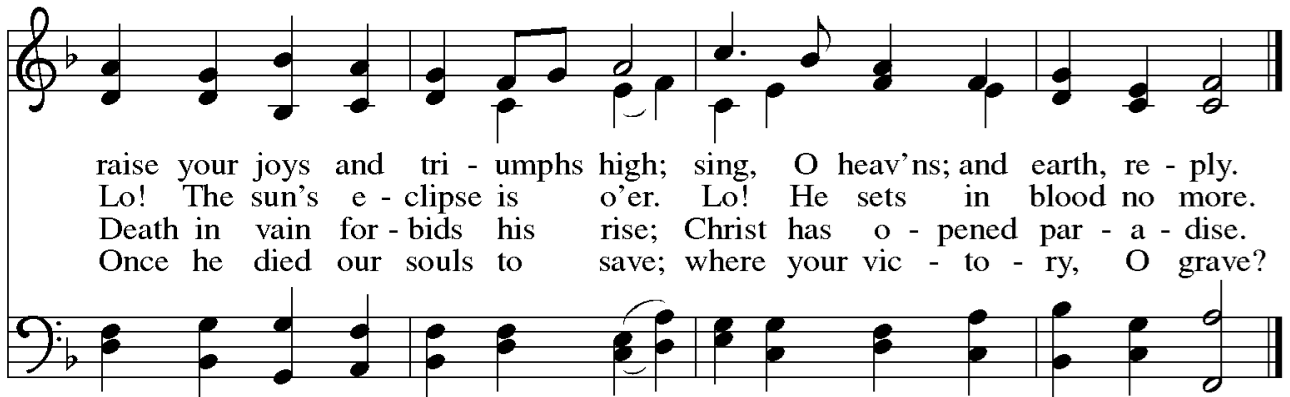
P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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

COMMUNION HYMN *ELW 369* Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! LILANFAIR



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hallelujah
Nicholas Bronson, soloist

arr. James F. Rickley

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

Remember and Proclaim



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

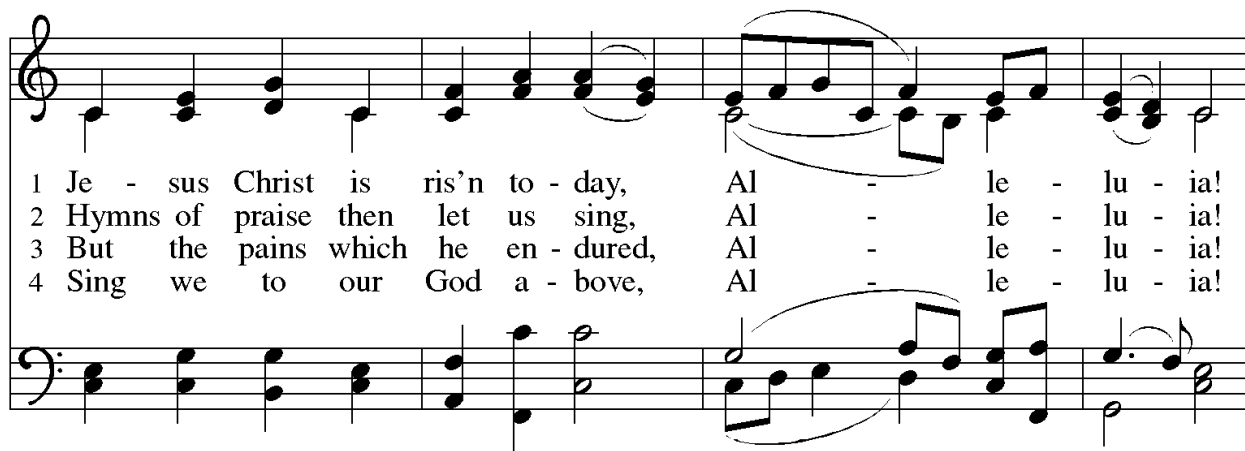
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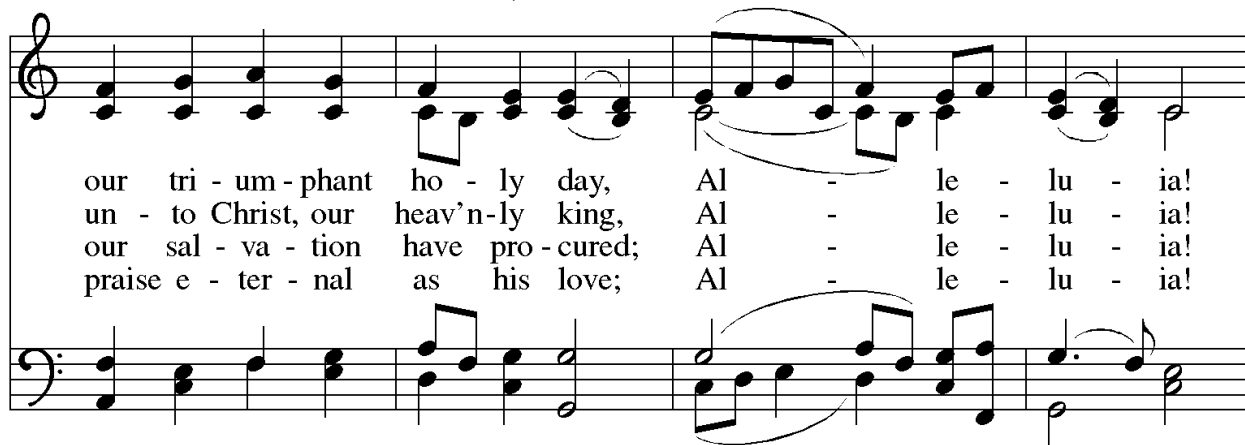
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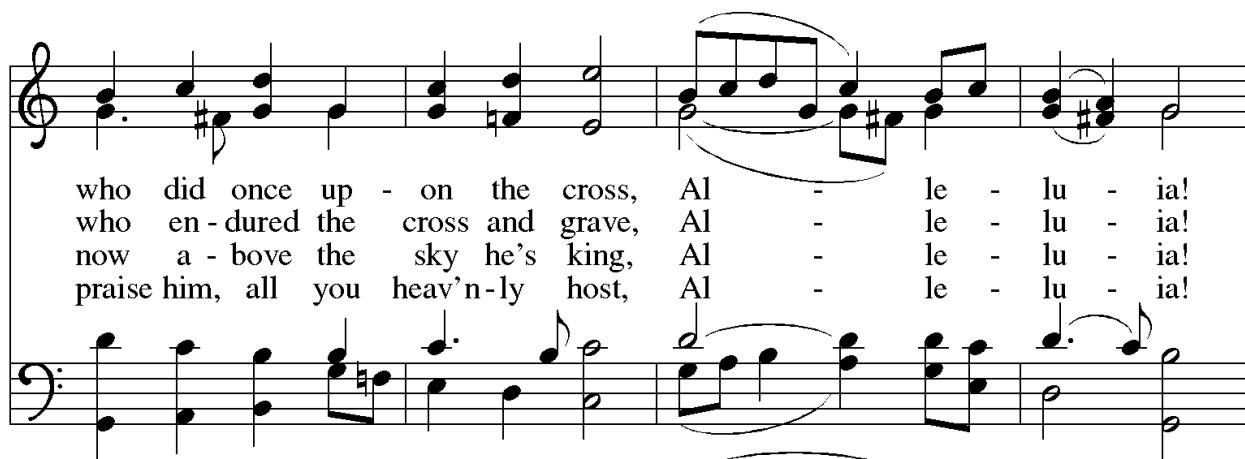
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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!