

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, January 8, 2023
The Baptism of Our Lord

PRELUDE

RINGING OF ISAIAH THE BELL

COLLECT

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. (The celebrant says the collect, to which the people respond **Amen.**)

WELCOME

SONG

“Wade in the Water”

CHORUS:

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna' trouble the water

See that host all dressed in white
God's gonna' trouble the water
The leader looks like the Israelite
God's gonna' trouble the water
CHORUS

See that band all dressed in red
God's gonna' trouble the water
Looks like the band that Moses led
God's gonna' trouble the water
CHORUS

If you don't believe I've been redeemed
God's gonna' trouble the water
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream
God's gonna' trouble the water
CHORUS

READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 29 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 3 The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 11 You shall give strength to your people;
You shall give your people the blessing of peace.

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless The Lord My Soul"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless The Lord My Soul"

SERMON

DIALOGUE

SONG

“Bear Witness” (by Dawes)

You can put them on the counter
There with all the other flowers
And help me figure out how to turn off this TV
I'm glad you made the visit
And if you think you have a minute
You should sit and talk until it's time to leave

Is my granddaughter Ruthie
Still working at the movies?
Does she still let all her boyfriends in for free?
Does she still stare out of the front door
As she's serving people popcorn
And talk about how nice today was supposed to be?

CHORUS:

Oh, That's the love that I came to bear witness to
Oh, And the love I'm taking with me when I go

Did you notice walking over
At the house down at the corner
There's a dog behind a window that doesn't move
I've seen him staring in the mornings
I've seen him staring in the evenings
As if time stops 'til his master's in the room

CHORUS

Some nights get worse than others
And I start thinking about your mother
And she's here with me as far as I can tell
As if the world revealed its secret
And it's asking me to keep it
Like a kid that hears the ocean in a shell

CHORUS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With trust and hope, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, & bring them the joy of your salvation.
God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

Guide the people of this land and of all the nations in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For the good earth and for the wisdom to live into our interdependence with all of God's creation.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For the good work of this community.

May our roles be uplifted by one another,
as we do healing work in Isla Vista and beyond.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For what and for whom else would we like to pray today?

(Pause)

For all of these, we pray to God,

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

Prayer Collect

The Peace

Announcements

The Offertory: *After the offering, all who are able stand and sing:*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Loving God. You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Miriam, Hannah, and Mary, with every nameless and unremembered child of God, and with all the company of heaven, singing:

Celebrant and People sing "Santo, Santo, Santo"

Santo, santo, santo
Mi corazón te adora
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
"Santo eres, Señor"

Holy and gracious God:

You made us in your infinite love, and when we turned away from that love, you sent Jesus Christ to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, and to draw us near to you.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as Christ has taught us, we pray:

Our God, 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

For ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

SILENCE

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome at God's table.

Holy Eucharist

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. **Amen.**

If you want to receive communion, please join us in a circle. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest. If you would like only bread, please raise your left hand. Our communion bread is gluten free.

SILENCE

Following communion, there will be a period of silence marked by the ringing of a bell.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand if you are able.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SONG

“We Are All Children of the Lord”

We are all children here in God's kingdom
We are all children of the Lord
Some are small winners
Some are big losers
We are all just children of the Lord

As we grow older, as we live younger
We are all children of the Lord
Some are fast movers
Some are slow changers
We are all just children of the Lord

We are all children here in God's kingdom
We are all children of the Lord
Some are cold turkeys
Some are hot doggies
We are all just children of the Lord

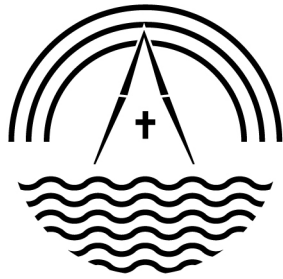
We are all children here in God's kingdom
We are all children of the Lord
Some are hard hitters
Some are soft servers
We are all just children of the Lord

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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