

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, January 9, 2022
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 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Sheba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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 the Lord 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;

11 The Lord shall give strength to God's people;
the Lord shall give us 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: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you 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 "Down to the River to Pray"

CHORUS:

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way and who should wear
The starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way

Oh Brothers, let's go down
Come on down don't you wanna' go down
Oh Brothers, let's go down
Down to the river to pray
CHORUS

Oh Sisters, let's go down
Come on down don't you wanna' go down
Oh Sisters, let's go down
Down to the river to pray
CHORUS

Oh Fathers, let's go down
Come on down don't you wanna' go down
Oh Fathers, let's go down
Down to the river to pray
CHORUS

Oh Mothers, let's go down
Come on down don't you wanna' go down
Oh Mothers, let's go down
Down to the river to pray
CHORUS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With wonder and compassion, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

Anyone who feels inspired may read one of the following prayers.

For all victims of poverty, violence, desperation, and other forms of suffering, we pray.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For leaders and nurturers of many kinds, that they may lead with character, kindness, and compassion.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For the expansive beauty of your creation and our renewed care for this planet, we pray.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For the good work of this community.

May we bring God's healing to 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 are the source of light and life, and you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ. 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 of faith:
Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 to receive gluten free communion, please stand next to the altar.

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 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

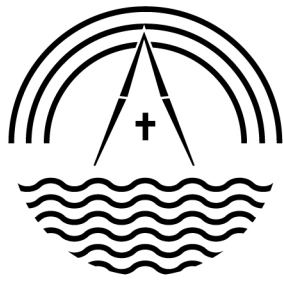
We are all children here in God's kingdom
We are all children of the Lord
Some are hard hitters
Some are soft servers
We are all just children of the Lord

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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