

Welcome to  
**St. Michael's University Church**

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, October 16, 2022

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE ISAIAH 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: "Jesus On That Main Line"

Jesus is on that mainline, tell him what you want (REPEAT 2X)  
Call him up and tell him what you want

That line ain't ever busy, tell him what you want (REPEAT 2X)  
Call him up and tell him what you want

If you're sick & you want to get well, tell him what you want (REPEAT 2X)  
Call him up, Call him up, Call him up, Call him up  
Call him up and tell him what you want

If you're feeling down and out, tell him what you want (REPEAT 2X)  
Call him up and tell him what you want

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## READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as she passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 121 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved  
and the one who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the one who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord God watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## 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 18:1-8**

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN "Bless The Lord My Soul"

SERMON

DIALOGUE

## SONG

“Hold On (Keep Your Hands on that Plow)”

Paul and Silas bound in jail  
Had no one to pay their bail  
Keep your hands on that plow, hold on

CHORUS:

Hold on, hold on  
Keep your hands on that plow and hold on

Paul and Silas thought they were lost  
Dungeon shook and the chains came off  
Keep your hands on that plow, hold on  
CHORUS

Freedom's name is mighty sweet  
Soon one day, we're going to meet  
Keep your hands on that plow, hold on  
CHORUS

The journey's rough and the wait is slow  
And we've still so far to go  
Keep your hands on that plow, hold on  
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. 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

“Freedom Highway” (by the Staples Singers)

CHORUS:

March down freedom highway  
Marchin' each and every day (REPEAT)

Made up my mind that I won't turn around  
(REPEAT LINE)

There is just one thing  
I can't understand, my friend  
Why some folks think freedom  
Is not designed for all men  
There are so many people  
Living their lives perplexed  
Wonderin' in their minds  
What's gonna' happen next?

CHORUS

Children in the desert  
Their parents taken away  
The whole world is wonderin'  
What's wrong with the United States?  
Yes, we want peace  
If it can be found  
We're marching freedom highway  
And we're not gonna' turn around

CHORUS

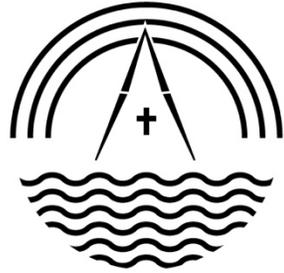
SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE





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