

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, October 18, 2020

## 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                                    “Witness”    (by Benjamin Booker)

CHORUS:

Am I, Am I

Gonna' be a witness? Gonna' be a witness?

Right now we could use a little pick-me-up  
Seems like the whole dang nation's trying to take us apart  
When your brother's dying, mother's crying, TV's lying  
All the reasons in the world don't mean much to me now

“See, we thought that we saw that he had a gun”

“Thought that it looked like he started to run”

“Thought that we saw that he had a gun”

“Thought that it looked like, well...”

CHORUS

Do you need another reason to get back up?  
See how fast they turn when you're not giving up  
They say your dangerous, cancerous, not to trust  
And everybody around can get down on the ground

“See, we thought that we saw that you had a gun”

“Thought that it looked like you started to run” (REPEAT)

CHORUS

## **READING: Isaiah 25:1-9**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: 96** (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
proclaim the good news of God's salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
God is more to be feared all else.
- 5 As for all the nations worship, they are but idols;  
but it is God who made the heavens.

## 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 22:15-22**

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

## SONG

“God is God” (by Steve Earle)

I believe in prophecy/ Some folks see things not everybody can see  
And, once in a while, they pass the secret along to you and me  
& I believe in miracles/ Something sacred burning in every bush and tree  
We can all learn to sing the songs the angels sing  
Yeah, I believe in God, and God ain't me

I've traveled around the world  
Stood on mighty mountains and gazed across the wilderness.  
Never seen a line in the sand or a diamond in the dust  
And as our fate unfurls  
Every day that passes I'm sure about a little bit less  
Even my money keeps telling me it's God I need to trust  
And I believe in God, but God ain't us

God, in my little understanding, don't care what name I call  
Just how much I believe doesn't matter at all  
I receive the blessings  
And every day on Earth's another chance to get it right  
Let this little light of mine shine and rage against the night  
Just another lesson/ Maybe someone's watching & wondering what I got  
Maybe this is why I'm here on Earth, and maybe not  
But I believe in God, and God is God

## **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.**

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 poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.  
**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 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

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

**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  
For ever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

SONG

“Glory, Glory”

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down. (REPEAT)

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down. (REPEAT)

When I'm feeling tired and weary, help me lay my burden down (REPEAT)

A SIGN OF PEACE

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!**



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