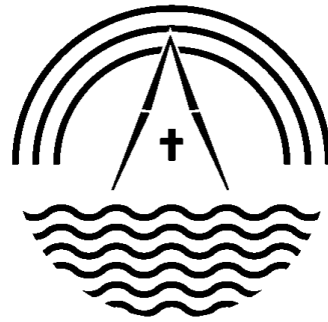


Welcome to  
**St. Michael's University Church**

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, October 29, 2023

*Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.*

*Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his  
salvation from day to day!*

*Psalm 96: 1-2*



## PRELUDE

### RINGING OF BELL

*Please stand if you are able.*

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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



*Whoever you are,  
whatever your story,  
wherever you are on your journey,  
you are welcome here.  
Come grow with us!*

### **SONG: Lift every voice and sing**

*Lift every voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won*

*Please sit for the Reading and Psalm.*

### **READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm

trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17** (read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is  
past and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works  
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

*Please stand if you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**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 22:34-46**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN**      *"Bless the Lord My Soul"*

**SERMON**



Dialogue & Mustard Seed

**SONG:**    ***Love Your Neighbor - Scott Claassen***

*Through the clang and clamor of my life  
Often I am strained to recognize  
The suffering of others at my side  
And all the sorrow in their eyes*

*Can you see the lives they left behind?*

*Love your neighbor, greet the stranger  
Tell them they are not alone  
Love your neighbor, meet the stranger  
Show them they have found a home*

*People looking for a better life  
People working hard to get by  
Some who have and some who come to find  
Live together side by side*

*Can you see the lives they left behind?*

*Love your neighbor, greet the stranger  
Tell them they are not alone  
Love your neighbor, meet the stranger  
Show them they have found a home*

*How can I be there for you?  
How can I compare my troubles  
to what you've been through?*

*Do you know how hard it's been?*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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



For all displaced people, victims of poverty, wars, and violence, for an end to all forms of oppression, suffering and discrimination, we pray.

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.**

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

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.**

For leaders and nurturers, decision-makers, and those with influence, that they may lead, and guide with integrity, justice, and compassion.

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.**

For healthy bodies, minds, and spirits, for calm when anxious, and quiet when fearful.

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.**

For all of us on our different paths, from different faiths, yet united by a common Source of Love.

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.**

For the hopes and intentions of this community.

For your healing presence here and beyond.

**Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.**

For what and for whom else would we like to pray today?(Pause)  
For all of these prayers and the prayers in our hearts, we pray to God.  
**God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.**  
**Amen**

## **PRAYER COLLECT**

## **THE PEACE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE OFFERTORY:** *Offerings are collected and all who are able stand, 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* God is with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to 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. By water and the Holy Spirit, 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 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 given 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

Recalling now Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, we gather at this table with bread and wine in celebration of life and love, work and rest, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and Her presence in our lives. Send your Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness. 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 kindom 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**

*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.**

"Everyone is welcome at God's table. Please join us in a circle on the other side of the altar. Our bread is gluten free. For bread only and not the wine, please raise your left hand. For a blessing rather than communion, place your arms across your chest. "

## **SILENCE**

[God's first language is Silence. Everything else is a translation. – Thomas Keating]

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand if you are able.*

*Celebrant* 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 Shall Not Be Moved**

*We shall not, we shall not be moved  
We shall not, we shall not be moved  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved*

*On the road to freedom, we shall not be moved  
On the road to freedom, we shall not be moved  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved*

*Everyone together, we shall not be moved  
Everyone together, we shall not be moved  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved*

## **SENDING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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You need Power, only when  
you want to do something  
harmful ,  
otherwise ,  
Love is enough to get  
everything done.

- Charlie Chaplin

*The Carmelite poet Jessica Powers offers insight into how to live, day by day, responsive to the Spirit.*

## **To Live with The Spirit**

"To live with the Spirit of God is to be a listener.

It is to keep the vigil of mystery,  
earthless and still.

One leans to catch the stirring of the Spirit,  
strange as the wind's will.

The soul that walks where the wind of the Spirit blows  
turns like a wandering weather-vane toward love.

It may lament like Job or Jeremiah,  
echo the wounded hart, the mateless dove.

It may rejoice in spaciousness of meadow  
that emulates the freedom of the sky.

Always it walks in waylessness, unknowing;  
it has cast down forever from its hand  
the compass of the whither and the why.

To live with the Spirit of God is to be a lover.

It is becoming love, and like to Him  
toward Whom we strain with metaphors of creatures:  
fire-sweep and water-rush and the wind's whim.

The soul is all activity, all silence;  
and though it surges Godward to its goal,  
it holds, as moving earth holds sleeping noonday,  
the peace that is the listening of the soul."

*"The poem is like a map, helpful as I try to chart my course through Ordinary Time alive in the Holy Spirit, noting the fruits of Spirit as they appear often unexpectedly. One has to lean — not be rigid — to catch the stirring. This is important to remember."*



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How did St. Francis of Assisi care for God's creation?

He took long walks through the countryside, studying plants, animals, and trees. Francis felt that all plants and animals were part of God's kingdom. He wrote songs and preached to both birds and people.

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