

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, October 3, 2021

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                    “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

## READING: Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 8 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What are we that you should be mindful of us?  
the children of humans that you should seek us out?
- 6 You have made us but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn us with glory and honor;
- 7 You give us mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things in our care
- 10 How exalted is your Name in all the world!

## 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: Mark 10:2-16**

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

## SONG

## “True Love Will Find You In The End”

True love will find you in the end  
You'll find out who was your friend  
Don't be sad I know you will  
But don't give up until  
True love finds you in the end

This is a promise with a catch  
Only if you're looking can it find you  
'Cause true love is searching too  
But how can it recognize you  
Unless you step out into the light?  
Don't be sad I know you will  
But don't give up until  
True love finds you in the end

Don't be sad I know you will  
But don't give up until  
True love finds you in the end  
True love will find you in the end  
True love will find you in the end

## **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 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**

BLESSING

A SIGN OF PEACE

SONG:

“Do Lord”

Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,  
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,  
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,  
Way beyond the blue

I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.  
I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.  
I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.  
Way beyond the blue

When I'm in trouble, Lord, do remember me  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, do remember me  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, do remember me  
Way beyond the blue

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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