

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, October 4, 2020  
St. Francis Day

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

“Cornerstone” (by Bob Marley)

CHORUS:

The stone that the builder refused

Will always be the head cornerstone (REPEAT)

**READING: Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 148**

REFRAIN: Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!

3 Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

4 Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.

Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!

10 Wild animals, insects and birds!

11 Royals of the earth and all peoples—all leaders of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!

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 21:33-46**

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time

had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "Jah Work/ Canticle of the Sun" (Ben Harper/ St. Francis of Assisi)

CHORUS:

God's work

God's work

God's work is never done

Praise to you my Lord/ and all your creatures bright  
Brother Sun to light the day/ And Sister Moon at night  
Brothers Wind and Air/ and all their stormy moods  
Sister Water, Brother Fire/ They all lead back to you  
CHORUS

Praise to you my Lord/ Through precious Mother Earth  
Who bears our illness on her breast/ And suffers through our birth  
Praise to you through all the stars/ In the distant sky  
Praise to you through Sister Death/ Who leads us to your side  
CHORUS

Praise to you through all who work/ To set the captive free  
Praise to you through sick and blind/ Who many never see  
Praise to you through hands that pick/ The food that gives us life  
Praise to you through all who serve/ And bring your work to light  
CHORUS

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With widening hearts, we turn to God in prayer.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation;  
For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;  
**We thank you, God.**

For what is gracious in the lives of your children of all genders;  
For all creatures that have life;  
**We thank you, God.**

For the songs of birds and the beauty of flowers and trees;  
That each animal here and in our homes may be treasured with care;  
**We thank you, God.**

For your healing embrace of all who are sick, despairing, or alone;  
**We thank you, God.**

For trusting us to live into our interdependence with the earth,  
We thank you, God.

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;  
We thank you, God.

We pray for the UCSB community as a new quarter begins, that genuine  
friendship and the pursuit of wisdom will flourish here.  
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

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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

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

I am weak but thou art strong  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to thee

Through this world of toils and snares  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**PREACH THE GOSPEL AT ALL TIMES.  
WHEN NECESSARY, USE WORDS.**

**-ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



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