



Welcome to

St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista

Sunday, November 5, 2023

A warm welcome to Rev. Laura Siriani,
Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.



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: *In My Hour of Darkness/Every Grain of Sand*

CHORUS

In my hour of darkness

In my time of need

Oh, Lord—grant me vision

Oh, Lord—grant me speed

*At the time of my confession, in the hour of my deepest need
When the pool of tears beneath my feet floods every newborn seed
There's a dying voice within me reaching out somewhere
Toiling in the danger and darkness of despair*

CHORUS

*Oh, the flowers of indulgence and the weeds of yesteryear
Like criminals, they have choked the breath of conscience and good
cheer*

In the fury of the moment I can see the Master's hand

In every leaf that trembles and in every grain of sand

CHORUS

*The Sun beat down upon the steps of time to light the way
To ease the pain of idleness and the memory of decay
Then onward in my journey I come to understand
That every hair is numbered like every grain of sand*

CHORUS

Please sit for the Reading and Psalm.

READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 34:1-10,22 (read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

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 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *"Bless the Lord My Soul"*

SERMON



Dialogue & Mustard Seed

SONG: *Tenderhearted*

*God bless the tenderhearted who love us face to face
Untempered and unguarded they see through our mistakes
They have lost and been broken more than we will ever know
But it's the tenderhearted who let life overflow*

*All the pain a world can bring, bruises more than we see
I couldn't take another hit, lights turned off inside of me
So I built a wall around my heart, keep it in to keep it out
And nothing, when surrounded survives but fear and doubt*

*God bless the tenderhearted who love us face to face
And share the love and kindness they were given on the way
They have lost and been broken more than we will ever know
But it's the tenderhearted who let life overflow*

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: *When The Saints Go Marching In*

*Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
Oh when the saints go marching in*

*Oh when the sun begins to shine
Oh when the sun begins to shine
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
Oh when the sun begins to shine*

*Oh when the trumpets sounds its call
Oh when the trumpets sounds its call
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
Oh when the trumpets sounds its call*

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

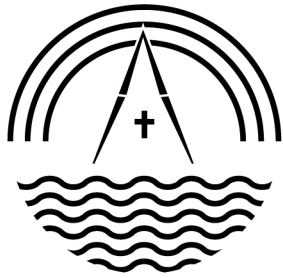


Blessed are you who bear the light

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow
and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,
in whom
the brightness blazes—
your heart
a chapel,
an altar where
in the deepest night
can be seen
the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines
every broken thing
it finds.





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