

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, November 28, 2021  
The First Sunday of Advent

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF ISAIAH THE BELL

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*After the bells ring, the congregation stands and sings the following as an appointed person lights the Advent Wreath:*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

## 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: "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 & 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  
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### **READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM 25** (Read antiphonally by verse)

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes

.  
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

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## GOSPEL HYMN: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer/ O Lord, hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me  
O Lord, hear my prayer/ O Lord, hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me

## **GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25–36**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

SERMON

DIALOGUE

SONG                    “A Change is Gonna’ Come” (by Sam Cooke)

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With hope and expectation, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

*Anyone who feels inspired may read one of the following prayers.*

For all victims of poverty, violence, desperation, and other forms of suffering, we pray.

**God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For leaders and nurturers of many kinds, that they may lead with character, kindness, and compassion.

**God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.**

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

**God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the good work of this community.

May we bring God’s healing to 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

## The Peace

## Announcements

**The Offertory:** *After the offering, all who are able stand and 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** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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 our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Miriam, Hannah, and Mary, 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 handed 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace. 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 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**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

SILENCE

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.**

*If you want to receive communion, please join us as we form a circle.  
If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest.  
Please note that we use gluten free bread for communion.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand if you are able.

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

“Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah—we are going to see the king

No more crying there, we are going to see the king  
No more crying there, we are going to see the king  
No more crying there, we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah—we are going to see the king

We will all be there, we are going to see the king  
We will all be there, we are going to see the king  
We will all be there, we are going to see the king  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah—we are going to see the king

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



# IN THE NAME OF THESE REFUGEES

