

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, November 22, 2020  
The First Sunday of Advent  
Podcast Only

## READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

○ that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, ○ Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, ○ Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 80** (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

## **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 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

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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