

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, November 7, 2021

PRELUDE

RINGING OF ISAIAH THE 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

“Rivers of Babylon”

By the rivers of Babylon/ where we sat down  
and there we wept/ when we remembered Zion

Oh, how the wicked/ carried us away in captivity  
and required from us a song!  
How can we sing our Lord's song in a strange land?

So let the words of our mouth  
and the meditation of our heart  
be acceptable in thy sight  
Adonai

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## READING: I Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 146 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- 5 You made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
you keep your promise for ever;
- 6 You give justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;  
God sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all  
generations. 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: Mark 12:38-44**

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: “Bless the Lord My Soul”

SERMON

SONG

“Give Me Strength”

Dear Lord, give me strength to carry on  
Dear Lord, give me strength to carry on  
My home may be out on the highway  
But I'm still singing your song  
Please give me strength to carry on

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With widening hearts, we turn to God in prayer.

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

SONG

“1612” (by Vulfpeck)

InterVals A Cappella Group

**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 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**

## **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 in 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:

“Glory, Glory”

Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Since I laid my burden down (REPEAT)

I feel better, so much better  
since I laid my burden down (REPEAT)

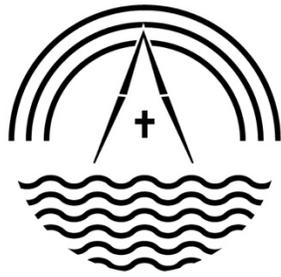
When I'm feeling tired and weary,  
help me lay my burden down (REPEAT)

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.**





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