

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, December 11, 2022
The Third 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: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

○ come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant
○ come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps a promise forever;
- 6 Who gives 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;
the Lord 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: “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: Matthew 11:2-11

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

SERMON

DIALOGUE

SONG

“Clandestino” (by Manu Chao)

Solo voy con mi pena/ Sola va mi condena
Correr es mi destino/ para burlar la ley

Perdido en el corazón/ De la grande Babylon
Me dicen "el clandestino"/ por no llevar papel

Para una ciudad del norte/ Yo me fui a trabajar
Mi vida la dejé/ entre Ceuta y Gibraltar

Soy una raya en el mar/ Fantasma en la ciudad
Mi vida va prohibida/ dice la autoridad

Solo voy con mi pena/ Sola va mi condena
Correr es mi destino/ por no llevar papel

Perdido en el corazón/ de la grande Babylon
Me dicen "el clandestino"/ yo soy el quebra ley

Mano Negra clandestino/ Peruano clandestino/
Africano clandestino/ El vecino: ilegal

Solo voy con mi pena/ Sola va mi condena
Correr es mi destino/ Para burlar la ley
Perdido en el corazón/ De la grande Babylon
Me dicen "el clandestino"/ Por no llevar papel

Argelino clandestino/ Nigeriano clandestine/
Boliviano clandestine/ La vecina: ilegal

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.

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.

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 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 serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
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

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. 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 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 in a circle. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest. Our communion bread is gluten free.

SILENCE

*Following communion, there will be a period of silence
marked by the ringing of a bell.*

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

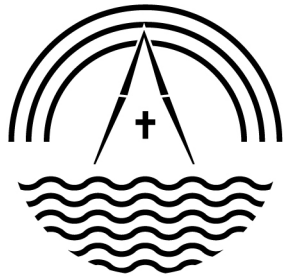
We will all be there, we are going to see the king
We will all be there, we are going to see the king
We will all be there, we are going to see the king
Hallelujah, Hallelujah—we are going to see the king

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



**ST. MICHAEL'S
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Lord's Prayer from The Open Door Community

Our beloved Friend
Outside the Domination System
May your Holy Name be honored
By the way we live our lives.
Your Beloved Community come.

Guide us to:
Walk your walk
Talk your talk
Sit your silence

Inside the courtroom, on the streets, in the jailhouses
As they are on the margins of resistance.

Give us this day everything we need.

Forgive us our wrongs

As we forgive those who have wronged us.

Do not bring us to hard testing,
But keep us safe from the Evil One.

For Thine is:

The Beloved Community,
The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

IN THE NAME OF THESE REFUGEES

