

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, December 4, 2022  
The Second 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 O Come Emmanuel”

O come, o come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

CHORUS:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel

O, come, our dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
CHORUS

O, come, our wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in her ways to go  
CHORUS

## **READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 72** (Read antiphonally by verse)

1 Give your righteousness to the King's child;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 God shall defend the needy among the people;  
God shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 God shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

6 God shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.

7 In God's time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

## 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 3:1-12**

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON

DIALOGUE

SONG "Small Axe" (by Bob Marley)

Why boast of thyself, oh, evil men  
Playing smart and not being clever  
You're working iniquity to achieve vanity  
But the goodness of Jah endureth forever

CHORUS:

If you are the big tree, we are the small axe  
Ready to cut you down, to cut you down

These are the words of my master  
Telling me that no weak heart shall prosper  
And whosoever diggeth the pit shall fall in it  
Whosoever diggeth the pit shall bury in it, bury in it

CHORUS

## **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.**

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 "Freedom Highway" (by the Staples Singers)

CHORUS:

March down freedom highway  
Marchin' each and every day (REPEAT)

Made up my mind that I won't turn around  
(REPEAT LINE)

There is just one thing  
I can't understand, my friend  
Why some folks think freedom  
Is not designed for all men  
There are so many people  
Living their lives perplexed  
Wonderin' in their minds  
What's gonna' happen next?  
CHORUS

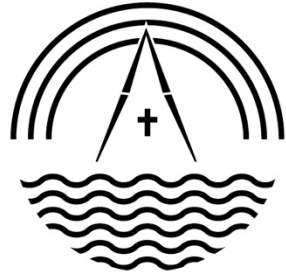
Children in the desert  
Their parents taken away  
The whole world is wonderin'  
What's wrong with the United States?  
Yes, we want peace  
If it can be found  
We're marching freedom highway  
And we're not gonna' turn around  
CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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# IN THE NAME OF THESE REFUGEES

