

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, February 5, 2023

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: Isaiah 58:1-9

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 112 (Read antiphonally by verse)

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will be kept
in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

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: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: “Bless The Lord My Soul”

SERMON

DIALOGUE

SONG

“Love Like There’s No Tomorrow” (by The War and Treaty)

Lovin' every night and day
Lovin' all our troubles away
We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow

Lovin' every minute and hour
Lovin' past our own power
We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow

CHORUS:

Love like there's no tomorrow
Love like there's no to—
Love like there's no tomorrow

Love it all down to the wire
Love burnin' like a wildfire
We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow

Love stomin' like a bluebird
Love givin' me a little more
We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow
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. If you would like only bread, please raise your left hand. 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

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna' let it shine
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna' let it shine
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna' let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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