

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, February 7, 2021

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE ISAIAH 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

“Woke Up This Morning”

Woke up this morning with my mind standing on Jesus
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Hallelu- Hallelu- Hallelu- u- jah

Singing and praying with my mind set on freedom
Singing and praying with my mind set on freedom
Singing and praying with my mind set on freedom
Hallelu- Hallelu- Hallelu- u- jah

Walking and talking with my mind set on freedom
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READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 147 (Read antiphonally by verse)

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

3 You heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds.

4 You count the number of the stars and call them all by their names.

6 You lift up the lowly, but cast the wicked to the ground.

9 You make grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 You provide food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry. Hallelujah!

GOSPEL HYMN: "Laudate Dominum"

Laudate dominum, Laudate dominum
Omnes gentes alleluja (REPEAT)

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Laudate Dominum"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“I Shall Be Released”

They say everything can be replaced
Yet every distance is not near
So I remember every face
Of every man who put me here

CHORUS:

I see my light come shining
From the west unto the east
Any day now, any day now
I shall be released

They say everyone needs protection
They say everyone must fall
Yet I swear I see my reflection
Some place so high above this wall
CHORUS

Standing next to me in this lonely crowd
Is a man who swears he's not to blame
All day long I hear him shout so loud
Crying out that he was framed
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.

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

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)

A SIGN OF PEACE

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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