

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, March 14, 2021
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

“Alabaré”

CHORUS: Alabaré, alabaré,
Alabaré a mi Señor (REPEAT)

Todos unidos siempre cantaremos
glorias y alabanzas al Señor:
Gloria al Padre, gloria al Hijo,
y gloria al Espíritu de amor.

CHORUS

Somos tus hijos, Dios Eterno,
Tú nos has creado por amor
Te adoramos, te bendecimos
y todos cantamos en tu honor

CHORUS

READING: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 107 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
and God's mercy endures forever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 You gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 19 They cried out to you in their trouble,
and you delivered them from their distress.
- 20 You sent forth your word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let us give thanks for God's mercy
and the wonders you do for your children.

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: John 3:14-21

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

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "Shine A Light" (The Rolling Stones)

CHORUS:

May the good Lord shine a light on you,
Make every song your favorite tune
May the good Lord shine a light on you,
Warm like the evening sun

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

A SIGN OF PEACE

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!



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