

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, March 27, 2022  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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            “We Are Children of the Lord”

We are all children here in God's kingdom  
We are all children of the Lord  
Some are small winners  
Some are big losers  
We are all just children of the Lord

As we grow older, as we live younger  
We are all children of the Lord  
Some are fast movers  
Some are slow changers  
We are all just children of the Lord

We are all children here in God's kingdom  
We are all children of the Lord  
Some are cold turkeys  
Some are hot doggies  
We are all just children of the Lord

We are all children here in God's kingdom  
We are all children of the Lord  
Some are hard hitters  
Some are soft servers  
We are all just children of the Lord

## READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 32 (Read antiphonally by verse)

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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

○ Lord hear my prayer, ○ Lord hear my prayer  
When I call answer me

○ Lord hear my prayer, ○ Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me

## **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice,

because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

SERMON

DIALOGUE

SONG "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come  
It's grace that brought me safe this far,  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

## **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.**

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.**

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**

**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 bid us to cleanse our hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast, that we may come to the fullness of grace. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Sarah, 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 of faith:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

Recalling now Christ's suffering, death, and new life, we gather at this table with bread and wine in celebration of life and love, work and rest, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and Her presence in our lives. Send your Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness. 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 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**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

SILENCE

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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 to receive gluten free communion, please stand next to the altar.*

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

“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

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



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