

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

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: "This is the Day that the Lord Has Made"

This is the day (This is the day)
That the Lord has made (That the Lord has made)
We will rejoice (We will rejoice)
And be glad in it (And be glad in it!)

CHORUS:

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made.

READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up

together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 118 (Read antiphonally by verse)

9 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God, and you have given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

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: Mark 11:1-11

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

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“True Love Will Find You In The End”

True love will find you in the end
You'll find out who was your friend

CHORUS:

Don't be sad I know you will
But don't give up until
True love finds you in the end

This is a promise with a catch
Only if you're looking can it find you
'Cause true love is searching too
But how can it recognize you
Unless you step out into the light?

CHORUS

BREAK

CHORUS

True love will find you in the end
True love will find you in the end

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

“When The Saints Go Marching In”

When the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
Lord—I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When the sun begins to shine
When the sun begins to shine
Lord—I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine

When the trumpet sounds its call
When the trumpet sounds its call
Lord—I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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