

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, April 11, 2021

PRELUDE

RINGING OF ISAIAH THE BELL

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 133 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when we live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

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 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“Behind That Locked Door” (by George Harrison)

The love you are blessed with
This world's waiting for
So let out your heart please, please
From behind that locked door

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: "My Sweet Lord" (by George Harrison)

My Sweet Lord, O my Lord (repeat)

I really want to be with you

I really want to see you, Lord

I really want to feel you, Lord

But it takes so long, my Lord

My Lord, O my Lord (repeat)

I really want to know you

I really want to go with you

I want to show you Lord that it won't take long, my Lord

My Sweet Lord, O my Lord (repeat; with Hallelujahs)

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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