



Welcome to

St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



**“Why are you frightened,
and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF BELL

Please stand if you are able.

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

(The celebrant says the collect, to which the people respond **Amen.**)



***Whoever you are, whatever your story,
wherever you are on your journey,
you are welcome here.***

SONG: 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*

*We are all children here in God's Kingdom
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*

Please sit for the Reading and Psalm.

READING: ACTS 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 4 (read antiphonally by whole verse)

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon God, God will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Please stand if you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord"

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life..*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and

still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: “ Bless the Lord”

SERMON: Re. Toni Stuart

SONG: CHANGE - BIG THIEF

Please stand if you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With wonder and compassion, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

For all displaced people, victims of poverty, wars, and violence, for an end to all forms of oppression, suffering and discrimination, we pray.

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

For the expansive beauty of your creation and our renewed care for this planet, for the defenders of sacred lands and territories, we pray.

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

For leaders and nurturers, decision-makers, and those with influence, that they may lead, and guide with integrity, justice, and compassion.

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

For healthy bodies, minds, and spirits, for calm when anxious, and quiet when fearful.

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

For all of us on our different paths, from different faiths, yet united by a common Source of Love.

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

For the hopes and intentions of this community.

For our healing presence here and beyond.

Come Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.

For what and for whom else would we like to pray today?
(Pause)

For all of these prayers and the silent prayers in our hearts, we pray.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people. Amen.

PRAYER COLLECT

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY: *Offerings are collected and all who are able stand, 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 God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to 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. By water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices 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 given 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues:

Recalling now Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, we gather at this table with bread and wine in celebration of life and love, work, play 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 God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
Thy kindom 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

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

"Everyone is welcome at God's table. Please join us in a circle on the other side of the altar. Our bread is gluten free. For bread only and not the wine, please raise your left hand. For a blessing rather than communion, place your arms across your chest. "

SILENCE

[God's first language is Silence. Everything else is a translation. – Thomas Keating]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand if you are able.

Celebrant 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 and your people with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SONG: *DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE*

*I'm gonna' lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
I'm gonna' lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside*

CHORUS:

*I ain't gonna study war no more,
Study war no more, study war no more
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Study war no more, study war no more*

Well, I'm gonna meet all of my family...

CHORUS

Well, I'm gonna shake hands with everyone...

CHORUS

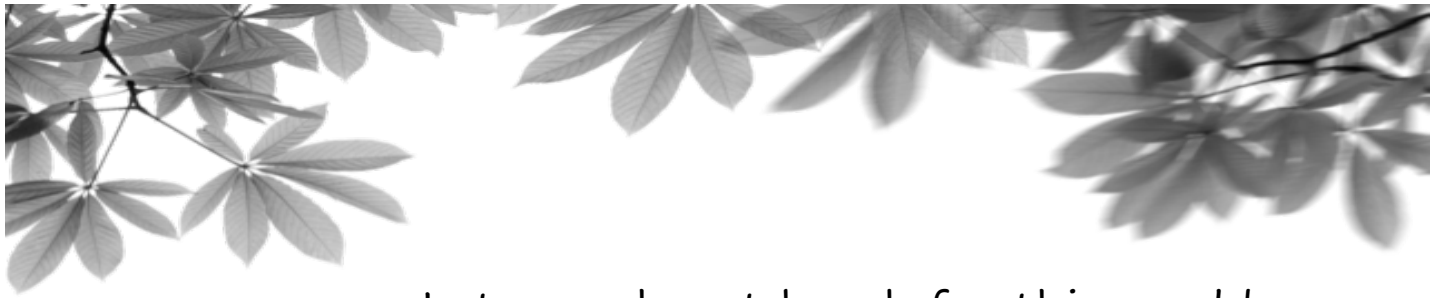
SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve God and all God's people.

Alleluia Alleluia

Thanks be to God! Alleluia Alleluia

PRELUDE



Let your heart break for this world.
Do not be afraid to stay there at the wound of the world,
weeping with those who weep.

There is infinite strength and blessing there.

But bear your sorrow gently;

it is held by the One who weeps for us.

Into hearts broken open the light of love shines

Look clearly on the world's injustice,

but look with eyes of mercy.

Take courage. Do not despair at the oppressors,
who are captive to the spirit of pride and violence.

Bear your outrage lightly; do not cling to it.

Let it lead you toward compassion, not anger.

Let every breath be an offering.

We have been sent to make gentle this wounded world,
to dwell as healers among fearful souls,
to shine light in this darkness.

Don't despair that you are unable.

It is not you who does this work: it is God in you.

When you touch the world's pain God enters you.

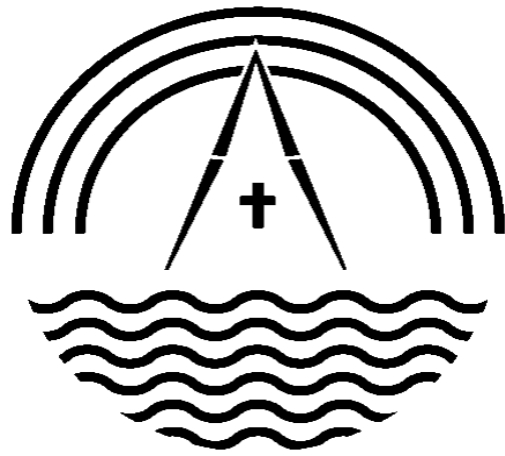
Let your tears be healing rains that bring life.

You breathe gentleness into the air that all others
breathe,

in the earth we all share you sow peace.

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot overcome it. Amen

- Steve Garnaas-Holmes



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