

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, April 25, 2021

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: "Sheep, Sheep, Don't You Know the Road?"

Sheep, sheep, don't you know the road?

Yes, Lord, I know the road

Sheep, sheep, don't you know the road?

Yes my Lord, I know the road

Don't you know the road by the singing of the song?

Yes, Lord, I know the road

Don't you know the road by the clapping of the hands?

Yes, Lord, I know the road

... praying of the prayer?

... breaking of the bread?

... sharing of the smile?

... waving of the hands?

... making of a friend?

... loving in your heart?

READING: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 23 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 O God, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you
have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

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 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“Tenderhearted”

God bless the tenderhearted who love us face to face
Untempered and unguarded they see through our mistakes
They have lost and been broken more than we will ever know
But it's the tenderhearted who let life overflow

All the pain a world can bring, bruises more than we see
I couldn't take another hit, lights turned off inside of me
So I built a wall around my heart, keep it in to keep it out
And nothing, when surrounded survives but fear and doubt

God bless the tenderhearted who will love us face to face
And share the love and kindness they were given on the way
They have lost and been broken more than we will ever know
But it's the tenderhearted who let life overflow

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

“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! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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