

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, May 2, 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 “Love Like There’s No Tomorrow” (by The War and Treaty)

 Lovin' every night and day
 Lovin' all our troubles away
 We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow

 Lovin' every minute and hour
 Lovin' past our own power
 We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow

CHORUS:

 Love like there's no tomorrow
 Love like there's no to—
 Love like there's no tomorrow

 Love it all down to the wire
 Love burnin' like a wildfire
 We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow

 Love stormin' like a bluebird
 Love givin' me a little more
 We're gonna' love like there's no tomorrow
CHORUS

We're gonna' love, love, love
Love for my brother/ Love for my sister
Love for the nation/ Love for every occasion
Love, love, love/ love, love, love
CHORUS

READING: I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 22 (Read antiphonally by verse)

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise God:
"May your heart live forever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; God rules over the nations.
- 28 To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before God.
- 29 My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve the Lord;
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that God has done.

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 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
All else be nought to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Walking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true world
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee

High King of heaven, when victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun
Heart of my heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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 “Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”

Beloved, let us love one another
For love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God
 And knoweth God
S/h/we who loveth not, knoweth not God for God is love,
Beloved/let us love one another (First John 4:7&8)

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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