

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, June 6, 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

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

CHORUS:

Swing low, sweet chariot

Coming for to carry me home (REPEAT)

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see

Coming for to carry me home

A band of angels coming after me

Coming for to carry me home

CHORUS

If you get there before I do

Coming for to carry me home

Tell all my friends I'm coming, too

Coming for to carry me home

CHORUS

The brightest day that ever I saw

Coming for to carry me home

When Jesus washed my sins away

Coming for to carry me home

CHORUS

READING: I Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 130 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for you;
in your word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

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 3:20-35

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

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: “Bless the Lord My Soul”

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "If You Got A Problem" (by Joy Oladokun)

When the light is gone and you're on your own
You've been trying but the fight never goes away
And you don't know when the sun will shine again
All you gotta' do is look my way

CHORUS:

If you got a problem, I got a problem too
If you're standing at the bottom, I'll reach out for you
If you need someone to lean on, baby, I can be strong
I will carry you through
If you got a problem, I got a problem too

Everybody needs something to believe
If you want you can always put your faith in me.
I don't know it all, but I know how it feels to fall,
with a helping hand you'll find your feet.

CHORUS

BRIDGE:

If your lonely, If you're down and out/ holding out for a better day
Call up on me/ I'll come running/ And we'll find a better way

CHORUS

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 "Freedom Highway" (by the Staples Singers)

CHORUS:

March down freedom highway
Marchin' each and every day (REPEAT)
Made up my mind that I won't turn around
(REPEAT LINE)

There is just one thing
That makes me come undone
Why some folks think freedom
Is not for everyone
There are so many people
Living their lives perplexed
Wonderin' in their minds
What's gonna' happen next?

CHORUS

Children in the desert
Their parents taken away
The whole world is wonderin'
What's wrong with the United States?
Yes, we want peace
If it can be found
We're marching freedom highway
And we're not gonna' turn around

CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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