

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, July 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:

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is over
I’ll fly away
To a home on God’s celestial shore
I’ll fly away

CHORUS:

I’ll fly away, O Glory, I’ll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye,
I’ll fly away

When the shadows of this life have flown
I’ll fly away
Like a bird thrown, driven by the storm
I’ll fly away
CHORUS

Just a few more weary days and then
I’ll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I’ll fly away
CHORUS

READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 145 (Read antiphonally by verse)

14 You, O God, are faithful in all your words
and merciful in all your deeds.

15 You uphold all those who fall;
you lift up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 You are righteous in your ways
and loving in all your works.

19 You are near to those who call upon you,
to all who call upon God faithfully.

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 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "God is God" (by Steve Earle)

I believe in prophecy/ Some folks see things not everybody can see
And, once in a while, they pass the secret along to you and me
& I believe in miracles/ Something sacred burning in every bush and tree
We can all learn to sing the songs the angels sing
Yeah, I believe in God, and God ain't me

I've traveled around the world
Stood on mighty mountains and gazed across the wilderness.
Never seen a line in the sand or a diamond in the dust
And as our fate unfurls
Every day that passes I'm sure about a little bit less
Even my money keeps telling me it's God I need to trust
And I believe in God, but God ain't us

God, in my little understanding, don't care what name I call
Just how much I believe doesn't matter at all
I receive the blessings
And every day on Earth's another chance to get it right
Let this little light of mine shine and rage against the night
Just another lesson/ Maybe someone's watching & wondering what I got
Maybe this is why I'm here on Earth, and maybe not
But I believe in God, and God is God

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

“Glory, Glory”

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down. (REPEAT)

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down. (REPEAT)

When I'm feeling tired and weary, help me lay my burden down (REPEAT)

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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