

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, August 8, 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 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 34 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
your praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice..
- 4 I sought you, Lord, and you answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in God!

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 6:35, 41-51

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“The Maker”

Oh, oh deep water
Black and cold like the night
I stand with arms wide open,
I've run a twisted line
I'm a stranger in the eyes of the Maker

I could not see for the fog in my eyes
I could not feel for the fear in my life
And from across the great divide
In the distance I saw a light
Jean Baptiste's walking to me with the Maker

My body is bent and broken by long and dangerous sleep
I can't work the fields of Abraham and turn my head away
I'm not a stranger in the hands of the Maker

Brother John, have you seen the homeless daughters
Standing there with broken wings
I have seen the flaming swords
There over east of Eden
Burning in the eyes of the Maker

Oh, river (Oh, river) rise from your sleep ://

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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