

Welcome to  
**St. Michael's University Church**

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, August 9, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE ISAIAH 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

“Rivers of Babylon”

By the rivers of Babylon/ where we sat down  
and there we wept/ when we remembered Zion

Oh, how the wicked/ carried us away in captivity  
and required from us a song!

How can we sing our Lord's song in a strange land?

So let the words of our mouth  
and the meditation of our heart  
be acceptable in thy sight  
Adonai

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## **READING: I Kings 29:9-18**

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: 85** (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- 9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before you,  
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

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: Matthew 14:22-33**

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "Come and Go With Me"

Come and go with me to that land (REPEAT 2X)

Where I'm bound, where I'm bound!

Come and go with me to that land (REPEAT)

Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound

Peace and freedom in that land...

(REPEAT WHOLE SONG)

## **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 deliverance from all violence, oppression, and degradation.  
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

The Celebrant continues

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

SONG

“We Shall Not Be Moved”

We shall not, we shall not be moved (REPEAT)  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

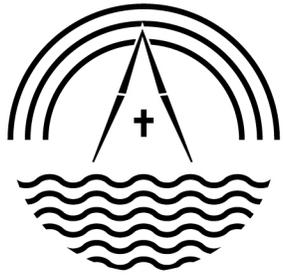
On the road to freedom, we shall not be moved (REPEAT)  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

Everyone together, we shall not be moved (REPEAT)  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!**



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