

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, September 13, 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: "Sheep, Sheep, Don't You Know the Road?"

Sheep, sheep, don't you know the road?

Yes, Lord, I know the road

Sheep, sheep, don't you know the road?

Yes my Lord, I know the road

Don't you know the road by the singing of the song?

Yes, Lord, I know the road

Don't you know the road by the clapping of the hands?

Yes, Lord, I know the road

... praying of the prayer?

... breaking of the bread?

... sharing of the smile?

... waving of the hands?

... making of a friend?

... loving in your heart?

READING: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 119 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.
- 8 You are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- 11 As far as the east is from the west,
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.
- 13 As a father cares for his children,
so do you care for those who fear you.

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 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come
It's grace that brought me safe this far,
And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun

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

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

“Alabaré”

CHORUS: Alabaré, alabaré,
Alabaré a mi Señor (REPEAT)

Todos unidos siempre cantaremos
glorias y alabanzas al Señor:
Gloria al Padre, gloria al Hijo,
y gloria al Espíritu de amor.
CHORUS

Somos tus hijos, Dios Eterno,
Tú nos has creado por amor
Te adoramos, te bendecimos
y todos cantamos en tu honor
CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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