

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, September 20, 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

“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: Jonah 3:10-4:11**

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: 145** (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 I will exalt you, O God,  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

8 God is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

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 20:1-16**

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "We're All In This Together"

Well my friend, well I see your face so clearly  
Little bit tired, little bit worn through the years  
You sound nervous, you seem lonely  
I hardly recognize your voice on the telephone

CHORUS:

We're all in this thing together  
Walkin' the line between faith and fear  
This life don't last forever  
When you cry I taste the salt in your tears

Well my friend, let's put this thing together  
And walk the path that worn out feet have trod  
If you wanted we can go home forever  
Give up your jaded ways, spell your name to God  
CHORUS

All we are is a picture in a mirror  
Fancy shoes to grace our feet  
All that there is is a slow road to freedom  
Heaven above and the darkness beneath  
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

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

“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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