

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

“Solo le Pido a Dios” (by Mercedes Sosa)

Solo le pido a Dios/ que el dolor no me sea indiferente
que la reseca muerte no me encuentre
vacía y sola sin haber hecho lo suficiente

Solo le pido a Dios/ que lo injusto no me sea indiferente
que no me abofetean la otra mejilla
después que una garra me arañe esta suerte

Solo le pido a Dios/ que la guerra no me sea indiferente
es un monstruo grande y pisa fuerte
toda la pobre inocencia de la gente (REPEAT LAST 2 LINES)
(BREAK)

Solo le pido a Dios/ que el engaño no me sea indiferente
si un traidor puede más que unos cuantos
que esos cuantos no lo olviden fácilmente

Solo le pido a Dios/ que el futuro no me sea indiferente
desgraciado es el que tiene que marchar
para vivir una cultura diferente

Solo le pido a Dios/ que la guerra no me sea indiferente
es un monstruo grande y pisa fuerte
toda la pobre inocencia de la gente (REPEAT LAST 2 LINES)

READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 146 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps a promise forever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
God sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

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: Mark 7:24-37

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

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG

“If You Got A Problem” (by Joy Oladokun)

When the light is gone and you're on your own
You've been trying but the fight never goes away
And you don't know when the sun will shine again
All you gotta' do is look my way

CHORUS:

If you got a problem, I got a problem too
If you're standing at the bottom, I'll reach out for you
If you need someone to lean on, baby, I can be strong
I will carry you through
If you got a problem, I got a problem too

Everybody needs something to believe
If you want you can always put your faith in me.
I don't know it all, but I know how it feels to fall,
with a helping hand you'll find your feet.

CHORUS

BRIDGE:

If your lonely, if you're down and out/ holding out for a better day
Call up on me/ I'll come running/ And we'll find a better way

CHORUS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With trust and hope, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

For all who are suffering in their bodies, minds, and in hearts.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For the courage to love others as we would like to be loved and the
space to receive their love in return.

God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

For leaders and nurturers of many kinds, that they may lead with character, kindness, and compassion.

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.

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:

“I Saw the Light”

CHORUS:

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I wandered so aimless--life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my Dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

CHORUS

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

CHORUS

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

CHORUS

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SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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