

Advent Third Sunday Worship

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

• Prelude (Silent Prayer)
"I've been waiting for you for a long time, Jesus, come"

(Hymn 21, No. 235) composed by C.S. Lang

- Greeting
- Hymn Nos.21-241
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms Psalm99 : 1~5

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
- ✦ Isaiah 9:1~6 (Old Testament P.1073)
- ✦ Matthew 1:18 ~ 24 (New Testament P.1)

- Response Hymns 21-85
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"His name is Immanuel"
- Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

- Consecration Hymns Nos. 21-81
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Peace Greetings
- Hymns Nos. 21-83
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymns Nos. 21-240
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Nos. 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
"The Darkness Deepens"
(Hymn 21, No. 243)
composed by J. Mundsickic

【Today's Worship Service】

- AssistantCerver : Hitoshi Katsumi
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Akemi Hishida
- Reception Duty : Yoshiko Aizawa

【Today's schedule】

- ◇Church school (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Hanae kotubo
- ◇Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇Children's Christmas Party 2 p.m.

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇Morning prayer
- December17(Tues)8:30 a.m.
- December20 (Fri) 9 a.m.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Hanae kotubo
- ◇Sunday Morning Service
December15 (10:30 a.m.)
- Scripture
- ✦ Isaiah 11:1~5 (Old Testament p.1078)
- ✦ Luke 2:8~20 (New Testament p.103)
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"The Sign of the Manger"
- Hymn 21 257, 38, 247
- Reading Psalms 87 : 1~7
- AssistantCerver : Masato Sawada
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Donation Duty : Naomi Kurosawa
- Reception duty : Mariko Inoue
- ◇Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇Christmas Party(after service)

Scripture

Behold, a virgin conceives and gives birth to a son. His name is Immanuel.]

(Matthew1:23)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : 17 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Study Group on Mental Illness", 18 (Wed) 11 a.m. "Osaka YWCA Welfare Association Personnel Committee and Board of Directors", 19 (Thu) 5:30 p.m. "Unity Prayer Meeting Preparatory Committee" (Catholic Tamatsukuri Cathedral)
- 《Notice of events in November》
■December15 (Sun) 2 p.m.
"Children's Christmas Party"
■December 17 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Mental Illness Study Session"
■December 22 (Sun) "Christmas Service" and "Love Party" Meals will be potlucked.
■December 24 (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m. "Christmas Eve Service"
- 【Today's prayer task】 ● To take a religious corporation and build a large chapel. ●So that Miyakojima Church will become a church that evangelizes outwardly. ●For the salvation of Gaza and Ukrainian refugees
- 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
8	Church school	—	1	5	6	¥2,750
8	Morning Service	8	13	4	25	¥18,323
10	Morning prayer	2	3	—	5	
13	Morning prayer	4	3	—	7	

- 【12/8donation report】
[monthly offering] Naomi Kurosawa,Sachie Shikano(30,000 yen in total) [Christmas Thanks] Yoshiko Aizawa, Keiko Toki (13,000 yen in total) [Special Winter Thanks] Ritsuko Terada (10,000 yen in total) [Thanks] Sawako Nakamoto (1,000 yen in total)[Architecture] (13,000 yen in total)



【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

person in the city. ... Think of how she was despised in the inns along the way." All those who are made to do the work of salvation, those who are made to do God's work, are all the protagonists of the stage, and all human beings are supporting characters. However, the lives of those who have served God in this way are all filled with the glory of God. A woman with a husband with a personality disorder and domestic violence came to a study session on mental illness. It was a hellish life, but her husband eventually died. She said, "After studying about my illness, I used to think that my husband was all bad, but now I know that I was also bad, and now I forgive him. However, the children grew up watching her husband's domestic violence and did not forgive him. I still have homework to do for the rest of my life, which is to teach my children to forgive others." I was told. It means that people who have experienced great suffering have abundance. The suffering does not end there, and the kindness and resilience are evident in their faces. He has a good face, like a "monk".

When I see them silently bearing the cross that God has made them bear, trying to live righteously, loving others, and forgiving others, no matter how unreasonable, I feel as if I am looking at Christ. It is the mystery of suffering. Mary conceived Christ in her womb, but even after giving birth, there was no Christ in her body, but I think that the inner Christ grew larger and larger through faith and obedience. We would like to seek the Lord's will and continue to follow it.