

42th Sunday Rite of the year

Nativity Day 4th Sunday Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
"Beautiful Stars in the Sky"
(Hymn 21, No.276)
Composed by H. Bornefest

- Greeting
- Hymn Nos.21-18
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 102 : 16~23

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
- ✦ Genesis 3:1~7 (Old Testament P.3)
- ✦ Luke 4:1~13 (New Testament p.107)
- Response Hymns 21-38
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"Three Temptations"
- 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. 21-455
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Nos. 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
"We Are the Lord's People"
(Hymn No. 534, Ode)
from the Arrangement of Japan
Anglican Church of Songs

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Cerver : Ritsuko Terada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Takako Matsumoto
- Reception Duty : Kotaro Hata

【Today's schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Hanae Kotubo
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning prayer
- Tuesday, January 21, 8 : 30 a.m.
- Friday, January 24, 9 a.m.
- ◇ English Conversation
- Closed.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Iwao Kurosawa
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
January 26 (10:30 a.m.)
- Scripture
- ✦ Leviticus 25:10~12
- ✦ Luke 4:14~30
Old Testament P.202,
New Testament P.107
- Lecture by Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"The Year of the Lord's Grace"
- Hymn 21 287, 38, 431
- Reading Psalms 103:1~13
- Assistant Cerver : Masato Sawada
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Donation Duty : Elizabeth P
- Reception duty : Akemi Hishida
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)

Scripture

「He was led through the wilderness by a "spirit" and tempted by the devil for 40 days.」

(Luke:1~2)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : 20 (Mon) 1:30 p.m. "Omiya Nursery School Noon Service", 21 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Study Session on Mental Illness", 23 (Thu) 6:30 p.m. "Unity Prayer Meeting", 24 (Fri) 2:30 p.m. "Sharon Senri Staff Interview"
- (2) 《Notice of events in January》
■ January 19 (Sun) 2 p.m. "Heart-Warming Association Public Lecture" (Osaka Fukushima Church) Participation fee 300 yen
■ January 21 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Study session on mental illness"
■ January 23 (Thursday) 6 : 30p.m. "Unity Prayer Meeting" (Catholic Tamatukuri Cathedral)
■ January 27 (Mon) 1:30 p.m. "Sharon Senri Worship"
- (3) Yumiko Tokui attended last week's worship service for the first time in a long time. I am grateful.
- (4) [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.
- (5) 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
12	Church school	—	1	5	6	¥1,155
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
12	Morning Service	7	17	4	28	¥16,700
14	Morning prayer	3	3	—	6	
17	Morning prayer	2	3	—	5	

【1/12donation report】 [monthly offering] Yoshiko Aizawa, Mayumi Sawada (14,500 yen in total) [Thanksgiving Day] Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Kimiko Kobuchi, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada, Kotaro Hata (6,500 yen in total) [Thanks] Yoshiko Aizawa, Seiko Yamachiyo, Nobuko Ueda (11,000 yen in total) [Mutual Aid] Mayumi Sawada (1,000 yen in total) [Architecture] Mayumi Sawada (5,000 yen in total)

^ water, and a new life of unity with Christ is born in her. Let us give thanks for the mystery of death and rebirth through the water and the Holy Spirit.

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

▽ Notice the words the Lord said, "worthy of us." It means that Jesus became a sinner even though He was sinless. Jesus didn't need to be baptized, but He dared to be baptized for our own sake, not for Him. Stains on clothes are transferred into the water by coming into contact with the water. In the same way, when we become one with Christ, the sinless Son of God, my sins are passed on to Him. That's why he needed to be baptized with us humans. A baptism ceremony is a ceremony to become one with Christ, and it can be called a wedding. John said that a new "baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire" (3:11) would begin, different from the "baptism of repentance with water" (3:11) that he was doing. Baptism was originally a Jewish initiation ceremony, but Jesus changed it into something new through His own experience. In other words, He buried the old man with water, and at the same time changed it into a ritual to create a new man with the Holy Spirit and fire (the Word). Cyril of Jerusalem preached to prospective baptismists in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 348: "He was bathed three times and then came out of the water, which implied the three-day burial of Christ. That water of salvation was your grave and your mother's womb." Pouring water on his head three times represents Christ's three-day burial, and rising out of the water represents his resurrection. Through baptism, the old self is buried in the water, and at the same time, a new person united to Christ is born in the old man. Paul also said, "The important thing is to be created again" (Galatians 6:15).
When you see Lucy's baptism, remember that you too have a new mystical body within you that is united to Christ. How humble is the baptism of a child! The child is left to be done. Passive. This is the true nature of man. Now Lucy is one with Christ, buried in the ^