

52th Sunday Rite of the year

Great Lent 4th Sunday Service

«Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy»

【Entrance Part】

• Prelude (Silent Prayer)
 "To the deep wound and the flowing blood" (Hymn 21, No.103)
 Arranged by D. Bussard.

- Greeting
- Hymn Nos.21-315
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 112 : 1~10

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
- ✦ Isaiah 52:13~53:6 (Old Testament p.1149)
- ✦ Luke 23:32~43 (New Testament P. 158)

- Response Hymns 21-32
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue "The Three Crosses"
- 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. 21-314
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Nos. 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
 "Rent"
 Composed by Johann C.H. Link

【Today's Worship Service】

- AssistantCerver : Ritsuko Terada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Kishiko Hata
- Reception Duty : Takako Matsumoto

【Today's schedule】

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

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇Morning prayer
- According to the prayer schedule
- ◇English Conversation
- Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
- Talk : Masato Sawada
- ◇Sunday Morning Service
 April 6 (10:30 a.m.)

- Scripture
- ✦ Psalm 22:1~9, 15~22 (Old Testament p.852)
- ✦ Matthew 27:45~56 (New Testament p.58)
- Lecture by Pastor Takaaki Inoue "The Death of Jesus"

- Hymn 21 311, 32, 312
- Reading Psalms 113:1~9
- AssistantCerver : Hideo Okumiya
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Donation Duty : Mayumi Sawada
- Reception duty : Seiko Yamachiyo
- ◇Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇Regular board meeting (1 p.m.)

Scripture

「Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing.」

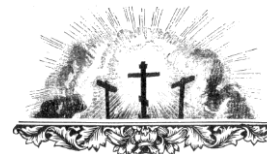
(Luke 23:34)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" : 31 (Mon) 1 p.m. "Sharon Senri Service", April 2 (Wed) 2 p.m. "Osaka YWCA Bible Study Meeting"
- (2) «Notice of events in April»
 - April 2 (Wed) 2 p.m. "Osaka YWCA Bible Study Meeting" Participation fee 500 yen.
 - April 15 (Tue) 10 a.m. "Study Session on Mental Illness"
 - April 20 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. "Easter Celebration" and "Cross March" and "Love Party" after the service. Each student will bring their own meals.
 - April 27 (Sun) After the service, "Miyakojima Church Regular General Meeting"
- (3) Mr. Makoto Yamakawa (Osaka Fukushima Church) visited the service for the first time at last week's service. I am grateful.
- (4) [Today's prayer task] ●To build a new chapel. ●For peace in Ukraine and Gaza. ●For inmates and their families.
- (5) 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
23	Church school	—	1	5	6	¥1,400
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
23	Morning Service	7	16	5	28	¥20,650
24	Morning prayer	3	3	—	6	
25	Morning prayer	—	—	—	—	
26	Morning prayer	2	2	—	4	
27	Morning prayer	3	3	—	6	
28	Morning prayer	1	3	—	4	

- (6) 【3/23donation report】 [Thanks] Asuka Terada, Akira Matsuoka, Emiko Manaka, Kokoro nagomukai (53000yen in total)



【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

↳Sin is very much like that. They feel guilty, but not enough to cure them. So what is treatment? It is to run to Christ, the physician of the soul, and pray desperately for His help. It is called sin to think that you can manage yourself without praying to Christ. On the first day of Lent, I realized that I was a very seriously ill person, but I had neglected treatment. Said the old monk. People who say that they are busy with their own treatment do not have time to judge others.

④【If this cup does not pass away unless I drink】
 The second time Jesus prayed, "If this cup does not pass away unless I drink." "Father, if this cup does not pass away unless I drink." (verse 42), I stopped at the words, "If this cup does not pass away unless I drink." Here we see Jesus' decision to cross the cross. Prayer is to receive the power to make decisions from God, and to be hungry. Decisions made in prayer cannot be overshadowed by a little interference, criticism, or sweet temptation. The face of the person who makes the decision changes and becomes stronger. From this point on, Jesus will be silent. Isaiah prophesies brilliantly. "Every morning I awaken my ears and make them listen and obey as disciples. I did not rebel, I did not retreat. Whoever tried to hit him had his back. Without hiding his face, he received ridicule and spit. ... I will make my face like a hard stone." (Isaiah 50:4~7) The outcome will be decided in this prayer.
 Are you making the decision to obey God? A monk asked an old master. "Why can't you be a saint?" The old master says. "It's because of weak decision-making!" Decision literally means to cut off your thoughts and decide to live in God. Prayer will strengthen us and give us God's radiance, authority, and power. Let's pray constantly.