

Last Week's Sermon Summary

『Accomplished』 Pastor Takaaki Inoue
Psalm 69:14~22, John 19:28~42

❶ **【Accept Christ the King and His Kingdom】** On this day, Christ entered Jerusalem as King on a donkey as a child. It is the same as the Old Testament saying, "Behold, your king is coming, he who obeys God and is given victory. They come on a donkey without pride. Riding on an ass, the son of a female ass." (Zechariah 9:9). The crowd gladly took the branches of the palm tree, a sign of victory, and laid their clothes on the road to welcome Christ the King. But within a week, they had returned the palm of their hand, forsaking the king and choosing an earthly Roman emperor. But since that day, the kingdom of Christ has come to this earth. Like an iceberg, the homeland is hidden in the heavens, and on earth it is revealed to those who yearn for it and worship it. Christ the King, who is now in hiding, will eventually return to His kingdom with tens of thousands of angels. The nations of the earth will eventually perish like scrolls, but the kingdom of Christ will last forever. Then everything will be clear, and our labors will bear fruit. We vow today to make this kingdom of Christ our home, to do what is pleasing to Christ the King, and to be His approved servants.

❷ **【The birth of a new family of God and the end of the curse】** "When Jesus saw his mother and his beloved disciple by his side, he said to her, 'Lady, behold, I am your son.' Then he said to his disciple: 'Behold, it is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took the mother of Jesus into his home." (John 19:26~27) Jesus said to his

mother Mary, "I am your son," and to his disciple John, he said "I am your mother." Under the cross, we can see that the words of Christ gave birth to a spiritual "new family" that does not depend on flesh and blood. This is a template for the church. It is a new family born of Christ, a family that will last forever. That's why the Church calls us "brothers and sisters." The church is a flock of people united by Christ. Therefore, if Christ becomes smaller, the church will fall apart. On the other hand, if Christ in you grows larger and larger, the church will become like one body, and the bond will be strong and warm like a family. Enlarge Christ in you. The cross is terrifying and miserable, but I feel something strange comforting. It emits light, not darkness. It marks the end of the old and the beginning of the new. The Church called the cross of Jesus the "New Tree of Life." For death ended with the cross, and all things came to life. The cross put an end to all curses. The cross stands firm in the suffering and death of man. The cross is a "sign" that God bears them with us. If the cross is standing there, any hell will turn into the Garden of Eden.

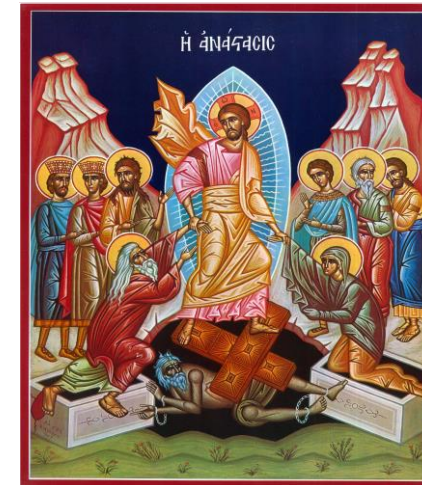
❸ **【Life of blood and water flowed for all mankind】** I stabbed Jesus with a spear to see if the soldier really died. "One of the soldiers stabbed Jesus in the side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out." (verse 34). It is the fulfillment of "they look at me, the one whom they themselves have pierced" (Zechariah 12:10). Medically, blood and water flowing out of the flank is a symptom of a ruptured heart. This water and blood are symbols of the sacraments of baptism and the sacrament. We are brought back to life by this water and blood. ↗

Weekly Report

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《Resurrection》

《Resurrection Greeting》

Japanese

Priest "kirisuto fukkatu"

Congregation "jituni fukkatu"

English

Priest "Christ Has Lysom!"

Congregation "Indie Here's Liszen!"

Greek

Priest "Fristos Anesti!"

Congregation "Alissos Anesti!"