

The 41th Sunday Rite of the year

First Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service

«Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy»

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)  
“He Who Walks in Darkness”  
(Hymn 21, No.275)  
Composed by R. Unkel

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-280
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 126

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
  - ✦ Psalm 92:9-16
  - ✦ Luke 2:22-35
- Response Hymns 21-38
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue  
“Encountering Life”
- Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

- Consecration Hymns 21-72
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Peace Greetings
- Hymns 21-83
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymn 21-120
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)  
“Sing Hallelujah”  
(From the Book of Common Prayer,  
Hymn 115)

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Presider: Hitoshi Katsumi
- Musician : Sachie shikano
- Offering Collector : Yoshiko Aizawa
- Receptionist : Kimiko Kobuchi

【Today's schedule】

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

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning prayer
  - Tuesday, January 13, 9:00 AM
  - Friday, January 16, 9:00 AM
- ◇ English Conversation
  - Thursday, January 15: 7:30 PM

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
  - Talk : Masato Sawada
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service  
January 18 (10:30 a.m.)
  - Scripture
    - ✦ Romans 6:3-10
    - ✦ Matthew 3:13-17
  - Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue  
“Buried with Christ”
  - Hymn 21 277, 38, 67
  - Reading Psalms 127
  - Assistant Presider: Ritsuko Terada
  - Musician : Masako Iida
  - Offering Collector: Takako Matsumoto
  - Receptionist: Kotaro Hata
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)

Scripture

「Lord, now you are releasing your servant in peace,  
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.」

(Luke 2:29)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) “Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week” :  
Monday, the 12th, 7:00 AM: “Osaka Morning Prayer Meeting Encouragement” Tuesday, the 13th, 1:00 PM: “Facility Liaison Meeting,” “Interview with the Chairperson” Wednesday, the 14th, 11:00 AM: “Personnel Committee,” “Osaka YWCA Welfare Association Board Meeting” Saturday, the 17th, 1:00 PM: “Little Lamb Home Staff Worship Service”
- (2) «Scheduled church events for January»
  - January 11 (Sun) 1:00 PM “Regular Board Meeting”
  - January 16 (Fri) 9:00 AM “Great Blessing of the Waters Ceremony”
  - January 18 (Sun) 10:30 AM “Baptism Service,” “Church School Teachers' Meeting” (After worship)
  - January 20 (Tue) 10:00 AM “Mental Health Study Group”
  - January 25 (Sun) 1:00 PM “Miyakojima Church Mission Council,” 6:30 PM “Common Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity” (Catholic Tamatsukuri Cathedral)
- (3) Correction to the December 28th Offering Report: The entry for “Kobuchi Kimiko, Building Offering ¥5,000” is incorrect. The correct entry is “Kobuchi Kyoko, Christmas Offering ¥5,000.” Please make the correction.

(4) 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
4	Church school	—	1	7	8	¥2,650
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
4	Morning Service	7	15	7	29	¥28,340
6	Morning praye	2	2	—	4	
9	Morning prayer	—	—	—	—	

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【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

▽ Through these stories, God teaches us to leave evil alone, for it will destroy itself. No matter how powerful evil may seem, there is no need to fear it. Anything not created by God—evil, death—will inevitably perish. Only what comes from God endures to the end. Thirty-three years from now, people will kill Christ on the cross, place Him in a tomb, and seal it shut. Yet on the third day, He will rise again. It was all in vain. No one can overcome Him. You possess His immortal life. The enemy can do nothing to me. Therefore, do not be afraid. Rather than striving to eliminate “evil” from this world, cultivate faith that absolutely trusts in the life and love of Christ who dwells within you. Know that even if evil exists, it is okay—for God's life and God's love are stronger. May the love and life of Christ fill you completely.

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(5) 【1/4donation report】

【Monthly Donations】 Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Asako Inoue, Seiichiro Inoue, Kimiko Kobuchi, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Ritsuko Terada, Akemi Hishida, Kenichi Yamachiyo, Seiko Yamachiyo (Total: ¥72,000) 【Christmas Gratitude】 Yumiko Nakahara, Aruko Okada, Yasuo Sawa (Total: ¥75,000) 【Various Gratitude】 Ritsuko Terada, Seiko Yamachiyo, Keiko Nakamura (Total: ¥6,150) 【Construction】 Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Ritsuko Terada (Total: ¥8,000) 【Mutual Aid】 Mariko Inoue, Hideo Okumiya, Ritsuko Terada (Total: ¥4,000)

