

The 50th Sunday Rite of the year

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent Worship Service

«Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy»

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
“Why Do You Mourn?”
Composed by J.G. Walter

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-304
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 135 : 1~6

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
✦ Isaiah 50:4-9
✦ John 19:1-16
- Response Hymns 21-32
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"Behold, This Man"
- 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 21-311
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
“Crown Him with Thorns”
(Hymn 21, No.304)
Composed by Takuo Shimura

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Presider: Mariko Inoue
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Offering Collector : Kotaro Hata
- Receptionist : Ritsuko Terada

【Today's schedule】

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

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning Prayer
*Please see the Lenten prayer schedule.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
• Talk : Hanae Kotubo
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
March 22 (10:30 a.m.)
• Scripture
✦ Psalm 22:13-22
✦ Luke 23:32-43
• Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"The Thief Who Entered Paradise"
• Hymn 21 312, 32, 301
• Reading Psalms Psalm 88:14-19
• Assistant Presider: Hitoshi Katsumi
• Musician : Sachie Shikano
• Offering Collector: Iwao Kurosawa
• Receptionist: Mariko Inoue
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)

Scripture

「Jesus came out wearing a crown of thorns and a purple robe. Pilate said, "Behold the man!"」

(John 19:5)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" :
Tuesday, the 17th, 10:00 PM Mental Health Study Session
- (2) «Church Events Schedule for March»
■ March 17 (Tue) 10:00 AM “Mental Illness Study Session”
■ March 22 (Sun) 3:00 PM “Cult Prevention Committee Lecture” (at Osaka Fukushima Church)
■ March 29 (Sun) “Palm Sunday”
■ April 3 (Friday) 6:00 PM “The Lord's Burial Service on Passion Friday”
■ April 5 (Sun) 10:30 AM “Easter Celebration,” followed by “Cross Procession” and “Love Feast” (Bring your own food)
■ Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 PM: “Osaka YWCA Bible Study Group”
■ Sunday, April 12, 1:00 PM: “Regular Board Meeting”
■ Sunday, April 26, 1:00 PM: “2025 Church General Assembly”
- (3) 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
8	Church school	—	1	5	6	¥1,950
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
8	Morning Service	6	13	4	23	¥12,650
9	Morning praye	2	1	—	3	
10	Morning praye	1	3	—	4	
11	Morning praye	2	4	—	6	
12	Morning praye	3	4	—	7	
13	Morning praye	2	1	—	3	

(4) 【3/8 donation report】

【Monthly】 Masato Sawada, Mayumi Sawada, Sachie Shikano (Total: ¥30,000) 【Appreciation】 Keiko Nakamura, Asuka Terada (Total: ¥5,200) 【Construction】 Masato Sawada, Mayumi Sawada (Total: ¥15,000) 【Mutual Aid】 Kimiko Obuchi, Yoshihiro Obuchi, Masato Sawada, Mayumi Sawada, Sachie Shikano (Total: ¥5,000)

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

▷ Judas was loved with 100% love. His feet were washed, he received communion, yet Judas remained unaware and unsatisfied. Is it not crucial to recognize this immense love of God? Reading this, I felt there are two kinds of Christians. There is Judas, thinking only of himself, and Mary, thinking of Christ. There is Judas, seeking his own desires, and Mary, seeking God's will. There is Judas, knowing nothing of Christ, and Mary, who knows Christ. Last week, I read the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, a 4th-century prayer book.

- “Sin stripped me of the garment of God's likeness, woven for me by God Himself, and sewed me into a garment of skin called death.”

- “I yielded to the suffering of various desires and the decay of the body. Therefore, now the enemy accuses me.”

People in this world think sin is something committed against others. But in truth, it is committed against God. As a result, relationships with our neighbors are destroyed. All people have sinned against God. That is why we have become subject to decay, sickness, and death. This is an abnormal state. Yet we live as if death were normal, pursuing this world like Judas while remaining in this abnormal state. Our sin is the destruction of the good things God created. It is destroying ourselves, destroying others, and destroying this world. That is precisely why we must confess our sin, return to God, and begin the healing process to recover the beauty we have lost. Mary offered pure perfume. This symbolizes her offering of her pure life. We too desire to offer our pure hearts and deeds to Christ.