

The 49th Sunday Rite of the year

Third Sunday of Great Lent Worship Service

«Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy»

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
“One night, your sin”
(Hymn 21, No. 294)
Composed by E. Koch

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-300
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms 134

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
✦ James 1:16-24
✦ Matthew 26:6-16
- Response Hymns 21-32
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
“The Wasted Perfume”
- 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 21-567
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
“The Cross Jesus Bore”
(Hymn 21, No. 305)
Composed by H. van Nieuwerkerk

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Presider: Masato Sawada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Offering Collector :
- Receptionist : Yoshiko Aizawa

【Today's schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
• Talk : Mayumi Sawada
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Church School Teachers' Meeting
(After Worship)

【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 : Pastor Takaaki Inoue
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
March 15 (10:30 a.m.)

- Scripture
✦ Isaiah 50:4-9
✦ John 19:1-16
- Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue
“Behold, This Man”
- Hymn 21 304, 32, 311
- Reading Psalms 135 : 1~6
- Assistant Presider: Mariko Inoue
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Offering Collector: Kotaro Hata
- Receptionist: Ritsuko Terada
- ◇ Hymn practice (after service)
- ◇ Joint prayer meeting (after service)

Scripture

「Why waste money like this? You could have sold it for a high price and given to the poor.」

(Matthew 26:8-9)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" :
Tuesday, the 10th 1:30 PM: Osaka YWCA Welfare Association Board Meeting 4:00 PM: Resident and Staff Interviews
- (2) «Church Events Schedule for March»
■ March 8 (Sun) 3:00 PM “Lecture by Psychiatrist Masahiko Ishimaru” (at Osaka Fukushima Church)
■ March 15 (Sun) 3:00 PM “Cult Prevention Committee Lecture” (at Osaka Fukushima Church)
■ March 17 (Tue) 10:00 AM “Mental Illness Study Session”
■ March 29 (Sun) “Palm Sunday”
■ 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
1	Church school	—	1	6	7	¥2,150
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
1	Morning Service	8	13	2	23	¥13,100
2	Morning praye	—	—	—		
3	Morning praye	1	3	—	4	
4	Morning praye	1	4	—	5	
5	Morning praye	3	3	—	6	
6	Morning praye	—	—	—	—	—

(4) 【3/1 donation report】

【Monthly Donations】 Takaki Inoue, Yoshiko Aizawa, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Asako Inoue, Seiichiro Inoue, Hideo Okumiya, Hitoshi Katsumi, Hanae Kotubo, Kimiko Kobuchi, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Kotaro Hata, Marina Hata, Akemi Hishida, Kenichi Yamachiyo, Seiko Yamachiyo (Total: ¥125,000) [Appreciation] Hideo Okumiya (Total: ¥2,000) [Construction]

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

∨ The Psalms say, “They do not set God before them” (Psalm 54:5, 86:14). Have they asked God? Are they truly living with God before them? This is the question being asked.

③ 【Preparing Oil in This World】

So what does it mean to prepare oil? If the lamp represents “faith,” then the oil signifies the “Holy Spirit.” Just as a fire goes out without oil, without the Holy Spirit, one cannot confess faith. Even if one goes to heaven, without the oil of the Holy Spirit, the lamp of faith will go out. This is true both on earth and in heaven. For faith did not originate from within us; it was given by God. The Holy Spirit enters a person at baptism, but does not remain full forever. Unless one seeks God, the Spirit gradually diminishes. Whether the Holy Spirit is full within a person can be discerned by the words that come from their mouth. If words of anger or condemnation emerge, the Holy Spirit does not dwell there. If joy, gratitude, and praise flow forth, the Holy Spirit is present. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. It is too late to go buy the oil of the Holy Spirit after the bridegroom has come. In other words, while we live in this world, we must prepare the Holy Spirit within us in this world.

Alexander Schmemmann said, “Today's Christians live as if Christ's return were impossible. That is the greatest sin.” Let us always keep Christ before us in our faith. Let us check our faith against Christ's words and deeds. Let us be filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit, praise Christ, see His kingdom, and serve Christ, our loving King.

Takaaki Inoue, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Kotaro Hata, Marina Hata (Total: ¥21,500) [Mutual Aid] Takaaki Inoue, Mariko Inoue, Hideo Okumiya, Ritsuko Terada (Total: ¥5,000)