

The 2nd Sunday Rite of the year

## Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

**【Entrance Part】**

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
- “As Christ Lay on His Deathbed”  
(Hymnal 21 No. 317)  
Composed by J.S. Bach

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-317
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms: Psalm 16:1-11

**【Worship of the Word】**

- Scripture
  - ✦ Ezekiel 37:9-14
  - ✦ John 20:19-29
- Response Hymns 21-331
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue  
"Peace Be With You"
- 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 21-322
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)  
"Rejoice, O My Soul"  
(Hymn 21, No. 323)  
Composed by J. Krüger

**【Today's Worship Service】**

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

**【Today's schedule】**

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
  - Talk : Mayumi Sawada
- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting  
(after the service)
- ◇ Regular Board Meeting (1:00 p.m.)

**【Information on this week's church meetings】**

- ◇ Morning Prayer
  - Tuesday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.
  - Friday, April 17, 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ English Conversation Group
  - Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

**【Information on next Sunday】**

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
  - Talk : Pastor Takaaki Inoue
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service  
April 19 (10:30 a.m.)
  - Scripture
  - ✦ Luke 24:13-25
  - Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue  
"Not Realizing It Was Jesus"
  - Hymn 21 334, 331, 333
  - Reading Psalms : Psalm 136:1-9
  - Assistant Presider: Mariko Inoue
  - Musician : Masako Iida
  - Offering Collector: Takako Matsumoto
  - Receptionist: Kotaro Hata
- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting  
(after the service)

Scripture

「Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side.」

(John 20:19-20)

**【Reports and personal disappearances】**

- (1) "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" :  
Monday, the 13th, at 1:30 p.m.: "Omiya Nursery School Staff Lunchtime Devotion"
- (2) Let's make our Easter offering. The budget is 350,000 yen.
- (3) During last week's service, Ms. Hideko Ueno was baptized. Congratulations! We pray that your future life of faith will be blessed. Also, Rev. Marie Tone, Korchan, and Ms. Sayaka Manabe joined us in prayer for the first time. We are grateful.
- (4) 《Church Events Schedule for March》
  - Sunday, April 12, 1:00 PM: "Regular Board Meeting"
  - Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. "Workshop on Mental Health"
  - Sunday, April 26, 1:00 PM: "2025 Church General Assembly"
- (5) **【Last week's meeting statistics】**

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
5	Church school	—	1	7	8	¥1,600
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
5	Morning Service	11	24	6	41	¥30,800
7	Morning praye	1	3	—	4	
9	Morning praye	2	3	—	5	
10	Morning praye	1	2	—	3	

- (6) **【4/5 donation report】**  
**【Monthly Donors】** Takaaki Inoue, Yoshiko Aizawa, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Asako Inoue, Seiichiro Inoue, Takehito Uenaka, Kumiko Usui, Hitoshi Katsumi, Nobuaki Kimoto, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Kotaro Hata, Marina Hata, Akemi Hishida, Sachiko Miyama, Seiko Yamachiyo, Nozomi Sawada, Kiyoshi Ueno (Total: 143,200 yen)  
**【Appreciation】** Hideko Ueno, Hideo Okumiya, Kumiko Usui, Yoshihiro Kobuchi, Ritsuko Terada, Akemi Hishida (Total: 124,200 yen) **【Construction】** Takaaki Inoue, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Kotaro Hata, Marina Hata, Sachiko Miyama (Total: 24,500 yen) **【Mutual Aid】** Takaaki Inoue, Mariko Inoue, Sachie Kano, Ritsuko Terada (Total: 5,000 yen) **【Easter Appreciation】** Takaaki Inoue, Yoshiko Aizawa, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Asako Inoue, Seiichiro Inoue↗

**【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】**

∨ And that warmth has the power to envelop the world once again. ...Looking back quietly, this life has been a miraculous journey filled with gratitude. May such quiet miracles also find their way into your life. ..."

When I heard the phrase "quiet miracle," I was reminded of Jesus' resurrection. I had long wondered why Jesus rose from the dead so quietly. I believe it was because He had let go of all tension and placed His complete trust in God the Father. It is like Jesus sleeping in the midst of a storm. Raising people from the dead is God's work. Humans can do nothing. Pope Francis quietly reflected on his own life and realized that human works are truly small, like mere "margins." Human works are not the main current. The main current is God's plan. No matter how much people interfere, God's plan quietly moves forward. Moses told the people of Israel: "Be still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. ...The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." (Exodus 14:13-14) I also say to you: "Be still and see the work of Christ's salvation being accomplished for you. The Lord is fighting against death for you. You need only to be still. Go to sleep in peace. When you wake up, death will be over." Let us celebrate the end of death.

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∨ Kumiko Usui, Hitoshi Katsumi, Nobuaki Kimoto, Sachie Shikano, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Kotaro Hata, Marina Hata, Miyoko Hirakata, Sachiko Miyama, Kenichi Yamachiyo, Etsuko Yamazoe, Anonymous (Total: 209,500 yen)

**【Kokki】** Takaaki Inoue, Yoshiko Aizawa, Masako Iida, Mariko Inoue, Kimiko Kobuchi, Mayumi Sawada, Ritsuko Terada, Kishiko Hata, Kotaro Hata, Marina Hata, Akemi Hishida, Takako Matsumoto, Seiko Yamachiyo, Kiyoshi Ueno (Total: 62,700 yen)