

The 5th Sunday Rite of the year

Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service

«Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy»

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
- “He Sits on the Throne of Heaven”
(Hymn 21, No. 322)
Composed by J. Bezzold

- Greeting
- Hymn 21-321
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms: Psalm 138:6-8

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture
✦ John 21:1-14
- Response Hymns 21-331
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"A Fruitless Catch"
- 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 21-335
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
“Hallelujah. Praise the Lord”
(Hymnbook 21, No. 169)
Composed by H. Beets

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Presider: Hideo Okumiya
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Offering Collector : Seiko Yamachiyo
- Receptionist : Mayumi Sawada

【Today's schedule】

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

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning Prayer
 - Thursday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ English Conversation Group
 - No meeting today.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Mariko Inoue
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
May 10 (10:30 a.m.)

- Scripture
✦ 1 Peter 5:1-7
- ✦ John 21:15-19
- Sermon: Pastor Takaaki Inoue
"Follow Me"

- Hymn 21 330, 331, 325
- Reading Psalms : Psalm 139:1-10
- Assistant Presider: Ritsuko Terada
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Offering Collector: Kimiko Kobuchi
- Receptionist: Masato Sawada

- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting
(after the service)
- ◇ Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
(after the service)

Scripture

「When we got ashore, we found a charcoal fire had been lit. There was fish on top of it, and there was bread as well.」

(John 21:9)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- ① "Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week" :
Friday, the 8th: 9:30 a.m. "Omiya Nursery School Birthday Party" - 1:30 p.m. "Staff Noon Prayer Meeting" 6:00 p.m. "Osaka Christian Federation Training Session"; Saturday, the 9th: 10:30 a.m. "Helper Station Training Session"
- ② Let's make our Easter offering. The budget is 350,000 yen.
- ③ «Church Events Schedule for March»
 - May 3 (Sun) 1:00 PM: "Regular Board Meeting"
 - May 8 (Tue) 6:00 PM: "Osaka Christian Council Seminar": "American Evangelicals"
 - May 10 (Sun) After the service: "Sunday School Teachers' Meeting"
 - May 13 (Wed) 2:00 PM: "Osaka YWCA Bible Study Group" (Participation fee: 500 yen)
 - May 15 (Fri) - 16 (Sat): "71st Osaka Diocese Annual General Assembly"
 - May 17 (Sun) 3:00 PM: "Prayer Service for Unity (Salvation Army Tenma Corps)"
 - Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 AM: "Mental Health Study Group"
 - Saturday, May 23, 5:00 PM: "Pentecost Vigil (St. Andrew's Anglican Church)"
 - Sunday, May 24, 10:30 AM: "Pentecost"
- ④ 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
26	Church school	—	1	6	7	¥2,450
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
26	Morning Service	6	15	3	24	¥15,450
28	Morning praye	1	5	—	6	
30	Morning praye	2	1	—	3	
1	Morning praye	1	1		2	

- ⑤ 【Donation Report for April 26】
[Monthly] Kimiko Kobuchi, Yoshihiro Kobuchi (Total: 13,000 yen) [Gratitude] Yuri Terada, Keiko Nakamura (Total: 5,201 yen) [Easter Gratitude] Akemi Hishida (Total: 5,000 yen)



【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

✧ Christ raised a young girl from the dead through His divinity, and supported her to help her rise through His humanity. Christ raised Lazarus from the dead through His divinity, and wept before the tomb through His humanity. Here too, Christ passes through the door by His divinity, is touched by people through His humanity, and eats fish. Moreover, that humanity is a humanity permeated by divinity. Jesus revealed His resurrected form to the disciples in order to show them the "glorious form" they would eventually receive, to give them courage and hope, and to send them out to preach. I hold the hope that my own body will become like the body of Jesus. This is what the holy apostles also speak of: "For those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29).

This world is filled with sorrow and suffering. This is because sin exists in humanity. It is this sin that gives rise to illness, disasters, war, hatred, and conflict. My own life is also filled with aging, sickness, and sin, and I cannot free myself from them. How miserable it would be if that were all there were to life! However, in the world to come, I will be free from sin; there will be no death, only eternal life; and I will become perfect, free from sickness and aging. All human beings were born into this world to be resurrected. Yet, we cannot be resurrected by our own strength alone. Only by being united with God, who came down to earth, and with Christ, who rose from the dead, can a person be resurrected. The Gospel is not mere knowledge; it is the experience of the immortal Christ taking tangible form within my dying self. Christ enters into a person, defies them, and gradually transforms them into the very image of the Lord. This is the mystery of Christianity. I look forward to being transformed into an immortal body.