

Tokyo Union Church
Passion/Palm Sunday
April 17, 2011 at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

H. Turner

(* Please Stand; ◇◇ Late Seating)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: Rejoice, O daughters of Tokyo! Shout aloud, O sons of Japan!

People: Lift up your voices, O children of Ghana and America! Let your praises ring out, O brothers of India and Canada! Give glad shouts, O sisters of Australia and Korea! Let the hearts of those from England and the Philippines sing for joy!

Pastor: For our king comes to us, triumphant and victorious.

People: Yet he comes to us as a humble servant, riding toward the cross with unmatched courage and unbounded love.

Pastor: He rides into our world of division and violence, proclaiming peace to the nations and embodying God's global vision of justice and love.

People: He rides into our lives this day, calling us to praise him not only with waving palm branches and uplifted voices, but also with the quality of our daily discipleship.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! All praise and honor, glory and blessing, be to Christ Jesus our King!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF CELEBRATION – No. 88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Praying together)

Merciful God, we confess that oftentimes we are people who follow the crowd. We like to follow the Palm Sunday crowd that praises Jesus, but we find it difficult to walk the narrow streets of discipleship, carrying the cross of Christ. We go along with the crowd that shouts, "Give us Barabbas!" when we reject you in favor of lesser gods and lower priorities. Forgive us, Lord, for shallow faith and wavering commitment that cry out, "Hosanna!" on Sunday, and yet scream "Crucify him!" on Friday. Grant us the courage to follow Jesus Christ rather than the bad crowds that deny him or the cool crowds that ignore him. In his blessed name, we pray. (silent prayers of confession) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Please remain standing to sing the Congregational Response.)

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*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS – Hymn No. 89 (verse 3) "Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna"

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence E-ter-nal-ly rejoice.**

(8:30) GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

Karla Watauchi

(11:00) SPECIAL MUSIC

"Praise Him"

The Angels & KCK Children

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Preschool-kindergarten ages 3-7 may go to the 4th floor classroom at this time.

Nursery care for children ages 0-2 is provided in the first floor nursery throughout the entire service.

SHARING NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

*In the name of the Lord, we warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to Tokyo Union Church.
Visitors, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering bag.*

(11:00) SAYONARA BLESSING – Betsy Skarecky

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Easter Outreach Special Offering

Outreach Ministry Team

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 186)
Lectors: (8:30) Dennis Schneider (11:00) Jean Wilson
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 12:12-26 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 100)
SERMON **GOING WHERE YOU DO NOT WANT TO GO** Pastor Barry Dawson
A Counter-Intuitive, Counter-Cultural Journey into the Heart of God
4. "Lift Your Cross - Anyway"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Praying today for **Reconciliation Community Program, Brazil**)

The Lord's Prayer – **Ecumenical**
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

Anthem "Worthy Is the Lamb Medley" Sanctuary Choir

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – (Tune: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow")

**Praise to our God, wave high the palm;
Praise to Christ Jesus, God's own Son;
Praise to the Spirit we now sing;
For in our hearts hosannas ring. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Responsively)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Singing):

Tune: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (Hymn No. 326)

**Here, O our Lord, we see You face to face,
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all our weariness upon You lean.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE CUP

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Singing):

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table for us spread;
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
The fellowship of living wine and bread.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(All Christians are invited to come forward for Communion. Communion will be served by 'intinction'. Please take the bread, dip it in the cup and then eat. Those not receiving communion may come forward for a special blessing. Families and friends may elect to stand together to commune. 聖餐式はクリスチャンのための式典です。クリスチャンでない方はご自分の席でお待ちになるか、または参列してサーバーの前で腕をXに組み祝福の言葉を受けて下さい。聖餐はご家族・友人と一緒に受けられます。)

Meditative Music

Miwako Horii, organ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (praying together)

Almighty God, as we begin this Holy Week and remember the Last Supper that our Lord ate with his disciples, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son and for this sacrament of His body and blood. By your grace and power enable us to claim our identity in Him and to follow Him, wherever your will leads us. May our service of love in Jesus' name, be the "Hosannas" that we proclaim throughout the year. In the blessed name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION – No. 371 “Lift High the Cross”

[On verse 2 of this hymn, please follow the lead of the pastors and lift your palm crosses as a witness to the love of God revealed in the cross of Christ.]

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 586: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**)

Following the 11 am service, the Prayer and Healing Ministry Team will be available in front of the sanctuary for persons desiring prayer.

POSTLUDE

“Passion”

M. Gulbins

Reconciliation Community Program, Sao Paulo, Brazil: This Program works with children trapped in poverty that are at risk of becoming street children. Its various programs provide food, vocational training and Christian education to needy youth.

Holy Week Schedule

April 17 (Sun)	Palm/Passion Sunday Service at 8:30 & 11:00 am Taize Service at 4:00 pm
April 21 (Thu)	Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 pm
April 22 (Fri)	Good Friday Service at 7:30 pm
April 24 (Sun)	Easter Sunday Service at <u>8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am</u>

A WARM WELCOME to our newcomers and visitors! We invite you to the coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 am service, so we can greet you personally. **NEXT NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION CLASS** will be held on **Sunday, May 8** (1st session) at 12:30 pm in the 2F classroom. We invite anyone who is interested in joining TUC. **To sign-up for the classes, please contact April Morito (Membership Elder) at aprille_1289@yahoo.co.jp.**

TOPICAL BIBLE STUDY: Get Ready for Milk and Honey - Dan Brandsma will lead a discussion-based class that re-examines the stories of Genesis from the perspective of the Israelites as they prepared to cross the Jordan. The class will address topics that include exploring the character of God, understanding our destiny, and living in community. Come and join us! Dates: March 6 through May 8. Time: 9:45 am in the 2F classroom.

COME PARTICIPATE IN THE TUC JOINT EASTER CHOIR! As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, TUC will once again sponsor a joint choir to sing exciting music on Easter Sunday! All TUC members and friends are invited to join the TUC Sanctuary Choir, the EPS, Young Adults, and Youth for practices TODAY from 10:00 – 10:45 am (learning notes, especially for singers who haven't done it before), and 12:30 – 1:30 pm (with the band) in the sanctuary! On Easter Sunday, April 24th – Sing at the end of all three services (8:30 am, 10 am and 11:30 am), so you'd be at TUC from approx. 8 am – 12:45 pm.

PLEASE CHECK THE OUTREACH BULLETIN BOARD in the lobby for messages of encouragement from our supported missions from around the world!

“BIBLE AS A WHOLE” Class: (52-week course, Tue. evenings from 7 pm - 2F classroom) will study Lesson 6 this week. ¥2,000 to cover partial cost of course book. A registration sheet is on 1F Lobby bulletin board.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST will meet at 8:00 am in the B1 Kitchen on Saturday, April 23. Check out our TUC Men's Ministry website at <http://holyoldfools.com>.

ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATTENDING TUC? Are you interested in international student fellowship at TUC? If so, we'd like to get to know you. We invite you to sign up on the registration sheet on the bulletin board in the 1F lobby, or to come talk with us at the Evangelism Ministry table in the 1F lobby. The next ISF gathering will be on Saturday, May 7th from 5 pm in the B1 Fellowship Hall. The topic/focus will be "Profession."

THE PRAYER CHAIN is a group of people who are contacted by email, fax, or phone to pray for the leaders & ministries of TUC and for any other prayer requests we receive during the week. Contact Mary Foster at tucprayer@yahoo.com.au with your prayer requests.

SPECIAL SEMINAR

"Post-Traumatic Healing in Tohoku Crisis: Counseling and Prayer (a Christian Perspective)"

- Date: Tuesday, April 26th
- Location: The Wesley Center (6-10-11-Rm 301 Minami Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0062)
- Time: The seminar is offered 3 times (choose one): 11 am - 1 pm, 3 - 5 pm, 7 - 9 pm

Dr. Joe Ozawa is a psychologist residing in Singapore. Dr. Ozawa has done post-trauma training at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and with World Vision, International. He has done post-crisis interventions/training in such countries as Rwanda, South Africa, Indonesia and Cambodia. The emphasis of this seminar will be on a Christian response which includes healing and intercession in a Christian context.

This event is open to the public and is free. However, a basket in the back of the room will be placed if anyone wants to donate to earthquake relief efforts at the Wesley Center. This seminar will be conducted in the English language. Please RSVP to Wesley Center at 03-6427-4696 or sarah.oba@ib-shadan.com

TODAY'S Communion: (8:30) Mary Foster, Isaku Murakami, Nancy Pierson-Umezu **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Jody Fuller (11:00) Hisako Sekido **AV Operator:** (8:30) Maki Yamamoto (11:00) Kazunori Higuchi, Masaharu Ogata
Nursery: (11:00) Kaoru Hirano **Flowers:** Chika Eto, donated by Becker Family, in loving memory of Guillermo Ortega.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion: (8:30) Scott Carroll, Jody Fuller, Russell Gesling, Tomomi Kumagai (10:00) Mary Foster, Linda Hirata, Suzie Kim, Suresh Kukde, Hitomi Yokote (11:30) Paul Fukuda, Kathy Koll, April Morito, Janelle Odate, Susan Prout, Junko Takahashi **Altar Guild:** (8:30) Keiko Hayashi (10:00) Kaoru Shikata (11:30) Michiko Yaegashi
Lectors: (8:30) Reed Maurer (10:00) Hugh Wilkinson (11:30) Hiroshi Matsuno **Ushers:** (8:30) Chika Eto (10:00) TBA (11:30) TBA **Greeters:** Evangelism Ministry Team **AV Operator:** (8:30) Kazunori Higuchi (10:00) TBA (11:30) Ikuko Omori **Nursery:** (11:30) Kyoko Tsugamura **Flowers:** Flower Team

TOKYO UNION CHURCH was founded in 1872 and is an ecumenical and international congregation of English-speaking Christians. The word "union" is used to indicate that the membership is composed of Christians from many churches and nationalities who are united through a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The members of Tokyo Union Church bring the richness of their own Christian heritage and experience into our worship, study, fellowship, and service. Tokyo Union Church is independent and financially self-supporting; it is a member of the National Christian Council of Japan. **Our Vision: A diverse community of growing, committed Christians in the heart of Tokyo, sharing the light of Christ with all nations.**

THIS WEEK AT TUC

Apr. 17 (Sun) 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship – Passion/Palm Sunday
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Easter Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Finance Mtg. (4F ELC Director's Office)
 12:30 pm Easter Choir Rehearsal (S)
 12:30 pm SH Youth Lunch Mtg. (Library)
 12:30 pm Special Council Mtg. (3F)
 12:45 pm Outreach Team Mtg. (2F)
 1:30 pm ELC Board Mtg. (4F)
4:00 pm Taize Service (Sanctuary)
Apr. 19 (Tue) 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
By Noon Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
 7:00 pm "Bible as a Whole" Class (2F)
Apr. 20 (Wed) 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (2F)
 7:00 pm Interim Pastor Search Mtg. (WS Office)
 7:30 pm Prayer Group Mtg. (2F)
Apr. 21 (Thu) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (3F)
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 22 (Fri)
 Noon ELC – No School
 Church Office Closed
7:30 pm Good Friday Service
Apr. 23 (Sat) 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (B1 Kitchen)
Apr. 24 (Sun) 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am Easter Sunday Worship
 No Sunday School

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