



# Newsletter

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## Service Schedule

Date	Beg	End	Services	Remark
Tue	7:50pm	9:00pm	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/">https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/</a>	Tuesday , On Line
Thur.	7:30pm	8:30pm	<a href="http://www.uberconference.com/room/tjccerritos">http://www.uberconference.com/room/tjccerritos</a>	Or, Tel 562-4448177 ( Family Service)
Fri.	7:50pm	9:00pm	At Church or On line	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/">https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/</a>
Sat.	10:20am	12 noon	At Church or On line	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/">https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/</a>
	1:30pm	2:45pm	At Church or On line	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/">https://www.youtube.com/user/tjccerritos/</a>
Others	At Church	All Events	Choir, Truth seekers class, Fellowships,,, .	Please follow the Health Guidelines ( See ** below)
**	Before Church		Bring Bible, Hymn book, Face Mask	No COVID Symptoms
	In Chapel		Keep windows and doors open, Wear masks at all time.	Keep social distance

## Garden of Prayer

- Pray for those who are affected by COVID-19, may the Lord' s mercy, and the protection be with them.
- Various preaching and pastoral work of the church.
- Pray for God to help the church grow in faith, hope, and love.
- Pray for Sister I-mei Tsai, Pastor Meishi Tsai' s wife. She is faced with some urgent health challenges. Please also pray for Sister Mijin, Brother Noah and Sister Linda Hsiao

- ⇒ guages
- ⇒ Hebrew/Greek to English and English to Hebrew/Greek interlinear
- ⇒ Hebrew/Greek lexicons keyed to Strong' s numbers
- ⇒ Full-text search of Bible translations
- ⇒ Verse-by-verse comparison of original language Bibles and Bible translations
- ⇒ Share any Bible verse via text message

## Bible Reading, April 2 Samuel & Matt.

Date	Book	Date	Book
1	2 Sam 19	17	Matt 11
2	2 Sam 20	18	Matt 12
3	2 Sam 21	19	Matt 13
4	2 Sam 22	20	Matt 14
5	2 Sam 23	21	Matt 15
6	2 Sam 24	22	Matt 16
7	Matt 1	23	Matt 17
8	Matt 2	24	Matt 18
9	Matt 3	25	Matt 19
10	Matt 4	26	Matt 20
11	Matt 5	27	Matt 21
12	Matt 6	28	Matt 22
13	Matt 7	29	Matt 23
14	Matt 8	30	Matt 24
15	Matt 9		
16	Matt 10		

## Events Calendar, March

- 4/2 Church cleaning
- 4/6-10 Evangelical Service & Spiritual Convocation
- 4/16 Religious education prayer
- 4/23 Church council meeting

## eRhema Mobile App

- For iOS devices. The Android version is currently under development.
- Visit the App Store and search for "eRhema." Or link <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/erhema/id1584584621>
- Features of version 1.0 include:
  - ⇒ The Bible in Hebrew and Greek
  - ⇒ Bible translations in four lan-

## Fellowship Bulletin:

### Special Announcements:

Church council has decided to hold the dedication ceremony for the newly completed sanctuary and dinning hall on 5/1. Please pray for this important holy work.

Our spring spiritual convocation will be from 4/6 to 4/10. Please pray for this important event. If possible, please take 4/8, Friday off to attend the convocation.

## The Origin of Easter

Jedidiah C.

In the New Year as the great earth has been rejuvenated into spring, Christians welcome the coming of Easter, which is on the one of Sundays in April. In United States, a Christian country, Easter is known to be one of the most significantly celebrated holidays. However, whether we truly understand “Easter” and if it is appropriate for us to celebrate is a topic worthy of our study. In fact, majorities of the holidays in America and European Christian countries originated from religious factors. Easter originated from the Scandinavian region where the natives celebrate the “Spring Sun Festival” by welcoming the arrival of spring; the Old Germanic originated from the Scandinavians. It is an important festival celebrating the arrival of spring and rebirth of life. This day is also to commemorate the birth of their goddess Eastre (also known as Ishtar or Ostara). Eastre is the half-sister and lover of the West Asia pagan god Baal. All of these can be traced back to the legends of Eastre, the ancient Babylonian goddess of love, birth and war. According to the legends, when Baal learned that his sister Eastre was born in a goose egg, he went into the shrubs in search for her. Once found, he embraced the egg in his womb until it hatched into a hare; the hare then grew into a beautiful woman. Baal fell in love with his sister Eastre and they became lovers. Later when Baal was in trouble, Eastre saved his life. Other legends believed that Eastre had once saved a hunter’s life by turning him into a hare. The myths in these legends became the source of different Easter activities. The word source for the English word “Easter” is Ishtar (English: Easter; French: Paques, Latin: Pascha); originally borrowed from **πάσχα** (Paskha) in Greek. This Greek word is from the Hebrew word **פסח** (Pessa’ h-surpass-par-dessus). Later on, upon every spring equinox the Old Germanics would worship Sunner, goddess Eostre. This great festival of the spring equinox festival symbolizes the birth of the goddess of dawn and spring; this day was later named after the goddess of spring, Eastre.

Many Christians believe that Easter is a symbol of rebirth and hope; a day commemorating Jesus Christ’s resurrection on the third day after His crucifixion in 33 A.D. However, to think carefully, many cultural traditions and celebrations related to Easter have no Christian origin. It is but a pagan custom that has been clothed with the purpose of commemorating Jesus’ resurrection. After having been passed down generations after generations, it has become a habit. Even though we know it is a mistake made by our forefathers worshipping pagan gods and devils, there is no strength to correct it. When everyone happily participates in the activities and immerses in the wonderful atmosphere, we have long forgotten that this is but a deceiving trick of Satan.

### *Jesus’ resurrection is not related to hares of egg hatching*

Amongst the many Christian denominations, no one understands how hares and egg hatching is related to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, they will still hold Easter activities for the believers to participate in. Church should be very cautious when holding such events, so they will not become secularized or a mere formality. It should not be held based on personal interests either. God should be first in every event; which is centered around bible study and emphasizing on worship services, prayer, evangelism, pasturing, and

training. Activities should begin with a prayer asking God for a smooth guidance. It should also end with a prayer of thanksgiving. If we study the four gospel books carefully, the only biblical recording concerning Jesus’ resurrection is the empty tomb that was left behind. No matter how we think, it has nothing to do with bunnies and eggs. Then we can easily understand that this is merely a pagan tradition. If we do not withdraw ourselves from celebrating this holiday, then we may become an accomplice in this deception. As a Christian, we should be cautious and refrain from participating in any pagan holidays that has no biblical sources. If we become deceived, we may even become a “yeast” which will affect other believers and become a tool used by Satan.

### *There was no Easter during the apostolic time*

According to literatures, the day of Jesus’ resurrection was originally on the Sunday after the Jewish Passover. It has nothing to do with the first Sunday after the vernal equinox of Easter. Neither Apostle Paul or Peter celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. It was not until the 4th century A.D. when the first Nisian conference decided not to use the Jewish calendar anymore; instead they adopted the first Sunday after the vernal equinoxes of the earliest Germans to celebrate the day of earth rejuvenation. Naturally, the day where Germanic people worshipped their goddess Ishtar turned into a day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. During that time Christians were under the rule of Roman Emperor Constantine I and the Holy Spirit had stopped descending as early as 156 A.D. In that era of multiculturalism of racial integrations, the church adopted this pagan custom and celebrated as a mean to remember Jesus’ resurrection. After the Holy Spirit departed from the church, corruption also began in the meetings. For example, The Council of Nicaea at 325 A.D. imposed the doctrine of Trinity on the church and decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. Another example of corrupted meeting was The Council of Laodicea held between 363-364 A.D. where Sabbath observance on Saturdays was outlawed and changed to the Lord’s day on Sunday. Not even to mention other corrupted meetings where indulgences were sold. Subsequently, every Christian country had set to observe Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21).

### *Dates are calculated and set by individual sects*

The day of Easter is amalgamated by three calendars (western calendar (lunar calendar), Chinese lunar calendar, and week of the week), which explains why it is so erratic. In some years, the Easter dates of the three denominations coincide, while in other years they differ. The understandings of Catholics, Protestant and Orthodox are different toward the dates of the resurrection of Jesus. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Roman Catholic Church calculated the date of Easter using different calendars, resulting in different dates between the East and West. The Easter date may also be different from astronomical observations. For example, according to the Protestant, 2020 Easter should be on April 12 and the Orthodox Church is on April 19. In the year 2022, the Protestant and Roman Catholic Church are same as on April 13 but the Orthodox Roman Catholic Church is on April 8. In 1997, when the World Council of Churches (WCC) held a conference in Syria, it is proposed to reform the way of

calculating Easter and unify the Easter date. However, most countries have yet to follow. Christianity fell into such chaos. We do not need to discuss about the methods of calculating Easter. Christians should study more carefully to see whether such a holiday has become a pagan ritual. A holiday without any biblical origin and evidence should not be celebrated simply because everyone in the society considers it delightful and beautiful.

### *The Biblical view of Jesus' Resurrection*

From the above discussions, it is concluded that the meaning of Easter cannot be separated from pagan traditions and is without bible basis. Of course, we cannot deny the importance of Jesus' resurrection. Without His resurrection, we would not have the hope of eternal life. But we must know that Jesus' resurrection has nothing to do with Easter. Our Lord Jesus had emphasized "remembering the Lords' death" which is the sacrament abided by the Apostolic church. Jesus personally demonstrated the sacraments and instructed His disciples to "do this in remembrance of me" (Rom 22:19). Let us think again about how many remaining Christian denominations in our generation are still willing to keep the sacraments established by Jesus Himself? How many on the other hand emphasize on Christmas and Easter? Let us not participate in these holidays simply because they seem good, exciting or happy. If so then we have fallen into Satan's trap and have ignorantly worshipped gentile idols; provoking God's great wrath.

Thank God for His guidance that the True Jesus Church still upholds the three major holy sacraments; accompanied by the Holy Spirit, Sabbath Day, complete doctrines and the saving gospel. However, in the recent years there are troubling phenomena in some local churches where the number of members partaking the Holy Communion is less than number of people participating in activities. Church may be gradually leading its members into the direction of focusing on activities instead of centering around godliness.

### *Conclusion*

As a member of the True Jesus Church living in this world, we must be brave to say "no" to Easter so we may return to the truth in bible through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If we can understand the origin of Easter, then we will clearly know that Christians should not participate in any activities related to Easter.

Christians should live a godly life, keeping ourselves pure from this world. We must refrain from any holidays and celebrations related to pagan customs and rituals (Heb 12:14; Jam 1:26-27). Easter is a pagan holiday established not according to the bible. Joshua said in Joshua 23:7 "Do not associate with these nations that remain among you." If we choose to participate in these holidays, then we will have a part in this sin. In conclusion, it is not appropriate for Christians to participate in Easter events.

## Cleaning Schedule for April 2022

Areas	4/2/2022	4/9/2022	4/16/2022	4/23/2022	4/30/2022
Chapel and Lobby	<b>Deep Cleaning</b>	<b>Group 7</b> John Alexander Kelly Wu Ricki Purnomo Charlene Lou Candace Chang	<b>Group 8</b> Ethan Wang Lilian Lin Connie Su Brenda Yang	<b>Group 3</b> David Ho Annie Chu Joseph Chiang Iris Chu	<b>Cleaning for the church dedication</b>
Dining Hall		<b>Group 5</b> Daniel Lin Vivian Lin Aaron Wu Nancy Kouli	<b>Group 2</b> Shaoqin Ellis 冼少勤 Huiyi Tan 譚慧儀 Rachel Wu 張志偉 Moon-Sook Chang Daniel Jeng	<b>Group 1</b> Ying-Yen C. 張英彥 Lung-Chu T. 董龍珠 Paul Chen Ikue Kure	
Restrooms 洗手間 (in the chapel building & at the dining hall) (會堂及餐廳)		<b>Group 9</b> Peter Hsiao Yufang Wang David Liao Peter Liu	<b>Group 6</b> Yi-No Hung 洪以諾 Hsiu-Hui Wu 吳秀惠 Jason Hung Sherrin Yang	<b>Group 4</b> Jason Chen An Chen Kai Lin Crystal Jing	
GA Restrooms 總會洗手間		<b>J1</b>	<b>J2</b>	<b>E2</b>	

Notes: On 4/2 we will have deep cleaning. The cleaning plan will be announced on that day. On 4/30, we will have church cleaning to prepare for the dedication

- Please let Bro. Ricki know if any adjustment is needed





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## April 2022 Schedule / 2022年4月份工作排班表

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Sabbath Service 安息日聚會	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23	4/30
Prayer 早禱 10:20 - 10:50 AM					
Hymn 頌詩 10:50 - 11:00 AM 1:30 - 1:40 PM	Evelyn W. 王思奇 Ethan H. 蕭恩賜	ESSC ESSC	Erin H. 蕭恩惠 Avery C. 陳維	Jason C. 陳舜一 Jonathan 林靖睿	Ikue Kure Joy H. 謝依真
Sermon 領會 11:00 - 12:00 AM 1:40 - 2:40 PM	Meishi T. 蔡梅曦 Meishi T. 蔡梅曦	ESSC ESSC	Jackson Jeng Jackson Jeng	Raymond 周瑞霖 Raymond 周瑞霖	Francisco M. Francisco M.
Interpretation 翻譯 A.M. 上午 P. M. 下午	Daniel J. 鄭光邦 Candace 張佳琳	ESSC ESSC	Ethan W. 王元勳 Kai-Hui L. 林凱暉	Daniel J. 鄭光邦 Candace 張佳琳	Kai-Hui L. 林凱暉 Ethan W. 王元勳
Pianist 司琴 A.M. 上午 P. M. 下午	Afra Y. 嚴常祈 Charlene 婁嫻慈	ESSC ESSC	Charlene 婁嫻慈 Candace張佳琳	Lilian L. 林婉莉 Sherrin Y. 楊欽倫	Candace張佳琳 Lilian L. 林婉莉
A/V 視聽 A.M. 上午 P. M. 下午	Nathanael C. Daniel L.	ESSC ESSC	Jason H. Kelly W.	Jonathan L. David L.	Ethan W. / Evelyn W. Peter L.
Usher 招待 A.M. 上午 P. M. 下午	Yi-No H. 洪以諾 H. H. Hung 洪秀惠 Jason C. 陳舜一 Huiyi T. 譚慧儀	ESSC ESSC ESSC ESSC	Bill C. 張國松 H.M. Lin 林秀美 YingYen 張英彥 Crystal J. 靖恒珍	John A. Kelly W. 吳佩諭 Daniel L. 林聖偉 Brenda Y. 楊淑媛	Peter H. 蕭嘉輝 Yufang W. 王瑜芳 David H. 賀正男 Sarah C. 陳妙珠
Grace / Prayer 中午謝飯	Peter H. 蕭嘉輝	ESSC	Ke-Chi C. 陳克己	Bill C. 張國松	Kelly S. 孫俐望
Prayer 禱告會 1:00 - 1:30	Ke-Chi C. 陳克己	ESSC	Peter H. 蕭嘉輝	Crystal J. 靖恒珍	Ikue Kure
Tue. Online 週二網路聚會		4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26
Hymn 頌詩 7:50 - 8:00 PM		Kai-Hui L. 林凱暉	Aryana C. 周嘉歆	Weiling H. 許瑋玲	Daniel L. 林聖偉
Speaker 領會 8:00 - 9:00 PM		Raymond 周瑞霖	Ethan W. 王元勳	Francisco M.	Kang-Min 黃剛敏
Interpretation 翻譯		Vivian T. 字維翎	Candace 張佳琳	Kai-Hui L. 林凱暉	Vivian T. 字維翎
Pianist 司琴		Evelyn W. 王思奇	Afra Y. 嚴常祈	Sherrin Y. 楊欽倫	Nathanael 江志翔
A/V 視聽		Joseph C. / David L.	Kai L. / Peter L.	Jason H. / Daniel L.	Kai L. / Ricki P.
URL 網址			<a href="https://youtube.com/user/tjccerritos">https://youtube.com/user/tjccerritos</a>		
Th. Bible Study 週四網路查經		4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Leader 領會 7:30 - 8:30		ESSC	Ke-Chi C. 陳克己	Raymond 周瑞霖	Raymond 周瑞霖
Bible Chapter 進度		ESSC	Neh. 尼 2	Neh. 尼 3	Neh. 尼 4
Venue 地點			562-444-8177		
Fri. Service 週五會堂聚會	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29
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A/V 視聽	David L.	ESSC	Ethan W.	Daniel L.	Jason H.
Usher 招待	Daniel L. 林聖偉	ESSC	Peter H. 蕭嘉輝	YingYen 張英彥	Yi-No H. 洪以諾
Bible Reading 每週家庭讀經	3/27 - 4/2	4/3 - 4/9	4/10 - 4/16	4/17 - 4/23	4/25 - 4/30
Chapters 讀經進度	2 Sam 撒下 14 - 20	2 Sam 撒下 21 - 24, Mt 太 1 - 3	Mt 太 4 - 10	Mt 太 11 - 17	Mt 太 18 - 24

\* We kindly ask all workers to wear appropriate attires when serving. 請工作人員於工作時穿正式服裝。