



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

March 16, 2025
2nd Sunday
of Lent

Speaker: Pastor Alan Yu

During Worship

- ▶ Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- ▶ Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- ▶ Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

Offering

- ▶ Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com
- ▶ To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- ▶ When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

Notes to CitRUs parents:

- ▶ The enrollment age for CitRUs Children's Ministry starts from age 3; one parent can accompany children under 3 to participate in worship in Room B.
- ▶ Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

Parking

- ▶ The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- ▶ The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- ▶ Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash Street (Parking Lot 3) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. [Maps](#) are available in the foyer.
- ▶ To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- ▶ Please do not double park.
- ▶ When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building's exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- ▶ Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- ▶ Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church or 8508 Ash during worship services. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMEN8>



Scripture Reading Plan

- ▶ This week's scripture reading includes Matthew 24 to 25, known as the Olivet Discourse. In this passage, Jesus delves into the concept of the end of time and his second coming. While discussions about the Apocalypse often pique our curiosity about the timeline of end-time events and the specifics of what will transpire, Jesus' primary focus is on preparing us for his return. Instead of dwelling on the future, he emphasizes the importance of persistence in faith amidst temptations and challenges. The revelation of the future is always intended to guide our actions and choices in the present.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Mar 16 (Sunday) Matthew 23:1-22
 - ▶ Mar 17 (Monday) Matthew 23:23-39
 - ▶ Mar 18 (Tuesday) Matthew 24:1-28
 - ▶ Mar 19 (Wednesday) Matthew 24:29-51
 - ▶ Mar 20 (Thursday) Matthew 25:1-30
 - ▶ Mar 21 (Friday) Matthew 25:31-46
 - ▶ Mar 22 (Saturday) Mark 13:1-23
 - ▶ Mar 23 (Sunday) Mark 13:24-37

Co·Mission

16. The Fruitless Tree

[Mark 11:12-19]

Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it. [Mark 11:14]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. The Prophetic Actions

2. The Fruit

My Reflection

► What did God tell me through the message today?

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

3. The Lesson

Conclusion

My Prayer Response

- ▶ Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.

My Action Response

- ▶ What changes will you make in response to God's word today?

Small Group Discussions

Testimony

1. Please share about your scripture reading this week. What do you find rewarding? What do you find frustration?

Know

2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
3. Read together again Mark 11:12-19. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. How is the fig tree related to Jesus' clearing of the Temple?
5. What role does the Temple play in the Old Testament, and how does Jesus challenge that role?
6. How does Jesus replace the old Temple with himself as the new Temple?
7. What does "fruit" look like in a Christian's life? What does a life of bearing fruit look like in your context?
8. How can we, as a church, ensure that we are not just maintaining religious traditions but truly bearing fruit?

Feel

9. Are you willing to repent, to turn away from a life of pursuing stability and maintaining the status quo, and pursue a life that aligns with the Kingdom of Heaven, a life that flourishes? Why or why not?
10. What do you believe to be a good life? Why?
11. How do you feel about Jesus' strong stance against religious hypocrisy?
12. Does the idea of repentance feel freeing or burdensome to you? Why?

Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to resist religious complacency? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

Do

14. Resolve to resist religious complacency. Share how practically you'll do this with your group members.
15. Invite a group member to be your accountability partner, and give him/her permission to rebuke you when you have not followed through on your resolution.
16. Commit to resist religious complacency. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ **Holy Week Online multimedia devotional materials** will be available for congregants from Palm Sunday to Easter. Register at universe.com/westside for the link.
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion meditation** will be on April 17 at 8:00 pm (English). Register at universe.com/westside.
- ▶ **Easter Sunday (April 20) bilingual services** at 9:00 am and 11:00 am, with baptisms during the second service. Register at universe.com/westside starting April 5. The April 19 Saturday service is cancelled.
- ▶ The Youth Camp at Trinity Western University is from May 16–19, 2025, for XP3, Gzone, and Adiel students. Details and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3dw468>
- ▶ Adiel Fellowship is **selling tiramisu online** from March 1 to April 13 to fund youth camp. Orders will be distributed on April 19, 20. All proceeds will support the camp. More details: <https://tinyurl.com/y7vu8cu2>
- ▶ The church is planning a **short-term mission trip** to Bolivia in August. Contact Pastor Patrick or Tommy Tung for more info.
- ▶ The **March Deacon Board Meeting summary** is posted on the church website and bulletin board. Please check for updates.
- ▶ The church and Canadian Blood Services will host a **blood donation event** at the 4750 Oak St station on July 5 at 1:00 p.m. Please [register online](#) to participate. For details, see the bulletin board or contact Jessica Ho.



Fellowship Life

- ▶ Westside 101 is a course designed for anyone who wishes to join us as a member through baptism or transfer of membership. It consists of approximately five 90-minute classes. Please register at universe.com/westside
- ▶ Small groups are the heart of our fellowship life and an essential part of our holistic Christian living. We invite you to join our small groups if you are willing to commit. To register, please visit universe.com/westside

