

E.F.C.C.A. English Youth

Sunday 9 March 2025, 9.30 A.M.

Scripture

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matt. 5.44–48)

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. (Ephesians 4.21–24)

Order of Service

Psalm 106.4–5

Worship

Apostle's Creed

Scriptures: Matt. 5.44–48; Eph. 4.21–24; Rom. 12.19

Sermon: The problem isn't other people. The problem is me!

Response Song

Holy Communion

Offering

Doxology and Benediction



Roster	Today	16 March
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Worship Leader	Cici	Noah
Worship Team	Leo	Sarah
Musician	Sarah	Jessica
Scripture	Jeremy	Leo
Speaker	Michael Dong	Pastor Cindy
Offering Prayer	Cici	Wilson
Screen and Sound	Sarah	Cici
Daily Devotion	Jessica	Gabriel

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3. **Put Off the Old Man:** The Christian life is about transformation—dying to pride, bitterness, and self-justification, and growing into Christ's likeness.

Questions to think about:

1. Why is it so difficult to take responsibility for our own reactions instead of blaming others?
2. How can we practically apply Jesus' command to 'Love your enemies' in everyday situations?
3. What are some ways you might unknowingly cling to our 'old man' (the pre-Christian version of you): how could you surrender these struggles to God?

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4. University fellowship is taking a break this week with Gabriel in Dunedin. Please pray for Wilson, who is ill, and thank Cici for stepping in to lead worship.

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