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2012 Easter Celebrated with Holy Communion and Special Performance 'The Name of Love, Jesus Christ'



Easter is a Christian feast commemorating the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God who came to the Earth in flesh; was crucified on the wooden cross to save mankind from sins; shattered the authority of death on the third day after His burial; and resurrected.

Easter is a blessed day for Christians because they came to have hope for the blessing of resurrection and eternal life by believing in the Lord who is the first fruits of the resurrection. During the Passion Week, Manmin members had a quiet and great time remembering the love of God towards all mankind and the Lord's obedience, sufferings of the cross, and death.

On April 7, the day before Easter, the Performing Arts Committee, under the Chairperson, Pastor Heejin Lee, gave the Easter Performance entitled 'The Name of Love, Jesus Christ' during the second half of Friday All-night Service. The performance depicted Jesus' ministry, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension

through the apostle Paul's reminiscence. It was a precious time to deeply engrave the meaning of the resurrection.

On April 8, the Sunday Morning Service was offered as the Easter Thanksgiving Service. In the service, Pastor Dongcho Shin, delivered the message with the title of "The Life of Resurrection." During Sunday Evening Service the President of Pastors' Association, Pastor Soojin Lee, preached the message under the title of "Eternal Life" and led Holy Communion. The church members gave thanks to the Lord for His love eating the bread and drinking the grape juice.

Catechism and a Baptism Ceremony were also held on March 25 and April 1 respectively. Women's Mission leaders delivered the love of the Lord giving Easter eggs to people in public offices, schools, and offices around the church. Each mission of the church had a time to share decorated eggs for Easter in celebration of the resurrection of the Lord.

Manmin Mission Center in Delhi, India Held Pastors' Seminars

From March 13 to 23, Pastors' Seminars were held in Manmin Mission Center, Delhi (Pastor John Kim) for 11 days.

Pastors of Manmin's branch and associative churches and Manmin International Seminary students attended the seminars with fervor for bringing revival to their ministerial areas by studying the holiness gospel in a systemic way. They studied 'The Message of the Cross', 'The Measure of Faith', 'Spirit, Soul, and Body', and 'Heaven' and they had a prayer meeting every day.

Pastor Burman said, "There has been a lot of change since I came to know the ministry of Manmin. I hope that pastors' seminars will be held on a regular basis so that pastors in India can learn the holiness gospel." Pastor Arun Kuma also wanted to join the ministry of Manmin Mission Center, Delhi saying, "I received much grace through the holiness gospel and the ministry of Manmin."

Ida Manmin Church in Japan Held Students' Retreat

Under the pastorship of Pastor Seunggil Ryu, Ida Manmin Church in Japan held Students' Retreat in Matsgawa Youth Center from March 26th to the 28th under the title of 'Blessing.'



The students became filled with the love of the Lord and the Holy Spirit through various programs such as Role Play, Pilgrim's Progress, Praise Contest, Prayer Meeting, Campfire Praise and Worship, and a Sporting Event. Students from Nagoya Manmin Church (Pastor Tokikuni Miyako) joined the retreat.

Dr. Jaerock Lee's Lectures on Revelation Appear in a Series on *The Christian Press*

Dr. Lee's 'Lectures on Revelation' have appeared as a lecture series in *The Christian Press* and has gained in popularity. The lectures have been published in a series with an illustration in 'Christian Life' section since January 2012.



A worker in the newspaper publishing office said, "Many readers say they've never heard such clear explanation on the meanings embedded in Revelation. Many of them asked us to publish the lectures into books as soon as the series is done. Dr. Lee's Lectures on Revelation are also available on the website of Manmin Central Church (www.manmin.org).

The Spiritual Meanings of Resurrection

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25-26)

The resurrection in the Bible doesn't just mean that one who was dead came back to life. It also means that the one revived lives forever without dying. Jesus was hung on the wooden cross for sinners and died shedding all His water and blood. But, on the third day after His burial He was resurrected and became the first fruits of resurrection. Furthermore, He lets anyone who believes in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ receive the blessings of the resurrection and gain eternal life.

Therefore, the resurrection is the best present given to Christians and there is no resurrection but through Jesus Christ. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will realize the spiritual meanings of the resurrection in your heart and run earnestly towards Heaven.

1. First, the resurrection represents the power which is manifested by God alone.

Even with the today's most sophisticated medical science, nobody can revive the decaying body that is already emitting a foul odor. But Jesus revived Lazarus who had been dead for four days. When He commanded towards the grave, “Lazarus, come out!” he was brought back to life (John 11:43-44). Namely, Jesus revived each of the cells that had stopped metabolizing and decayed. This is something that is possible only by God's power.

When the Lord comes back in the air, something more amazing will take place. The scene is described well in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. It says, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”

‘The dead in Christ’ here means those who died while believing in the Lord. Some of them died hundreds or even thousands of years ago. But when the Lord comes back in the air, bodies that have long since completely decayed will revive. The body will change into a spiritual body and meet the Lord.

God is the one who does all these things with His power that created all things in Heaven and on the earth. With this power, God revived Jesus who had been crucified. He recorded the history of the resurrected Lord in the Bible so we can understand the characteristics of the resurrected body. He showed us the evidence of resurrection so the believers can really believe the resurrection did take place. Furthermore, God the Father is showing us the works of His power even today so we can believe in the resurrection.

One day, a female church member accidentally had boiling water spilled out over most of body. It resulted in the third degree of burns to her. Her skin was completely burned. There was no chance that the skin and nerves could be revived. But when I prayed for her, God created the new skin and revived the nerves that had been completely deadened. Additionally, people in wheelchairs and on crutches



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

have experienced their dead nerves being revived and came to walk with no mobility aids. Even those people who stopped breathing completely and their bodies had already become stiffened came back to life again. As with all these cases, the resurrection can be done only by power and authority of the omnipotent God.

2. Secondly, resurrection represents the glory that God gives to us.

1 Timothy 6:16 says, “[God] alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.” He dwells in the spiritual realm filled with beautiful lights and rules over the whole universe. He is the Lord of lords who is worthy to receive all glory.

But God wanted to share this glory with us rather than enjoying it all by Himself. He planned for human cultivation so that we can also dwell in the space of beautiful lights eternally without death forever. God created the first man Adam as a living spirit, and He set him in the Garden of Eden to live, which is in a spiritual space. But the life in the Garden of Eden could not give men the complete glory that God wanted to give us. God the Father wanted Adam to dwell in the higher spiritual space where God was dwelling.

As a living spirit in the Garden of Eden, Adam had no concept of the relativity of things, so he didn't realize how precious and happy the life there really was. He realized it only after he disobeyed the Word of God telling him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, was driven out to this earth and experienced tears, sorrow, diseases, and pain. Namely, only after he experienced the relativity of things did Adam come to love God who is love and truth from the bottom of his heart. Then he came to enjoy eternal happiness in Heaven.

Heaven is completely different from the Garden of Eden in its dimension. Heaven begins with Paradise and there are then the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd kingdoms of Heaven and New Jerusalem. The glory that God the

Father wants to ultimately give to us is the glory of New Jerusalem. So, God sent to us His only begotten Son, Jesus, and He also sent the Holy Spirit without hesitation. He redeemed us from our sins through Jesus' blood, and He gave us the glory never to die, and even if we do die, He allowed for us to live again if we just believe in the Lord.

God blessed us in a way that we can enjoy such heavenly glory on this earth as well, to some extent. To the extent that we dwell in the Light, namely in the truth, He lets us realize and experience the things that can take place only in the space of the Light. He also lets us manifest the amazing power of God and receives glory through us. Once God receives glory, then He wants to share His glory with His children (John 13:32).

He wants us to get into glorious positions shining like the sun not just on this earth but also in Heaven. He desires it more than we do. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will participate not only in the glory of resurrection but also in the glory of New Jerusalem.

3. Thirdly, the resurrection represents the great love of God the Father.

We were people who couldn't even imagine living in Heaven. We were destined to be thrown into the eternal fire of Hell due to our sins. But now, we can eternally enjoy happy lives in Heaven because God sent Jesus to us and He paid the price of death on our behalf.

Jesus, who existed in the form of God, did not have any reason to take on a human body or to suffer death. But He submitted Himself to all those sacrifices to save us from death, even to being crucified to death. But because He did not have any sin, He was resurrected by the power of God.

Jesus said in John 11:25-26, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.” Through His resurrection, He gave us the hope to have spiritual bodies and to go into the eternal kingdom of Heaven. All this is the great love of God the Father.

God washed our sin-stained hearts and bodies with the blood of His Son. Then, He allowed us to call Him ‘Abba, Father’. He is the God who is Light and goodness itself. He has also prepared beautiful dwelling places for us so we can have eternal rest. Just like parents who decorate the room for their children, He is preparing our dwelling places that are filled with the things that we want.

Dear brothers and sisters, once we have received His great love we must not ever crucify the Lord again. I hope you will strive against sins to the point of shedding blood and pull them out completely with a grateful heart to repay the grace of God. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will put on the shining resurrected body and be embraced in the Lord's arms when He comes back.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles' Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- “[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)
 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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The Lord Came to Live Again, And He Will Come Again!

The Lord gave us the blessing of salvation and eternal life by overcoming death and resurrecting. Even today, almost 2,000 years after His resurrection, His precious life has changed many people and allowed for them to gain true life. Let's examine the providence and the love of the Lord who gave us hope for the resurrection based on Dr. Jaerock Lee's books, *The Footsteps of the Lord I & II* taken from his lectures on the Gospel of John.

◆ Mary Magdalene, the woman who was first to meet the resurrected Lord

Those who believed and followed Jesus fell into deep sorrow when Jesus was crucified. Several women including Mary Magdalene and Virgin Mary were filled with agony and couldn't leave the cross. Only after Joseph from Arimathea laid Jesus' body in his tomb and rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb, did the women then leave the place to buy spices and perfumes that they would apply to Jesus' body.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Mary Magdalene went to Peter and John and told these things to them. Some of Jesus' disciples ran to the tomb and also found that Jesus' body had disappeared.

Mary Magdalene followed Peter and John. She couldn't leave the tomb even after the disciples were gone. She kept crying and crying in despair before the tomb. At the moment, the resurrected Lord appeared before Mary. However, she wasn't able to recognize Him and thought He was a gardener.

She came to recognize Him when the Lord said to her, "Mary!" She came close to Him with joy. But He told her to stop clinging to Him, for He had not yet ascended to the Father. This is because He had to see Father God who governs all the process of human cultivation and put on the glory of God first.

◆ Why did the resurrected Lord appear before Mary Magdalene first? This is because Mary's love for the Lord and her heart of goodness were exceedingly great. Jesus' disciples hid themselves out of fear for the moment while Mary wouldn't even spare her own

life for Jesus. She would even have taken the cross of Jesus on behalf of Him with no hesitation if it had been possible. The Lord asked Mary to let His disciples know about His resurrection and urged her to live as His witness until the appointed time came. He promised to meet her again soon.

◆ The Lord who appeared before His disciples with the resurrected body

Jesus' disciples were afraid of what kind of reaction the Jews would show concerning the disappearance of Jesus' body. So, they hid themselves in Jerusalem behind firmly closed windows and doors not to be spotted by the Jews. Then, the Lord appeared before them and said, "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

His disciples came close to Him and saw His hands and feet that had the imprint of nails and His side that had the imprint of spear. They found that He was the Lord who was crucified and resurrected.

◆ The resurrected body is a combination of spirit, soul, and spiritual body. The body is visible and touchable, but it is totally different from our body that we have now. Those in the resurrected body cannot only breathe and eat, but they can also go and come freely with no limit of time, space, and material on the earth. A locked door or hardened wall is not a problem. They are no obstruction to them. Regardless of sex and age at death, the

resurrected body appears to be that of a 33-year-old like the resurrected Lord. Yet, one person can still recognize another.

The resurrected Lord appeared before His disciples for the third time. Then, the Lord gave bread and fish to His disciples who had worked hard to catch fish all night.

◆ The resurrected body dissolves food and it comes out of the body through respiration. We will live in the resurrected body during the Millennium Kingdom. After the Great White Throne Judgment, we will put on the perfect spiritual body called 'heavenly body' and live in the heavenly kingdom. While we were living in the heavenly body, we will drink the water of life and eat various kinds of fruit. We will also enjoy their fragrances. Of course, we can survive in Heaven without eating, but when we smell fruit in Heaven, the fragrance will waft into our body and give us fullness.

The Lord helped His disciples have faith and fulfill their future duties by showing what the resurrected body is like. He also let them feel the love, mercy, and warm heart of the Lord by showing them His humanity as well as divinity. He let them be embraced in the Lord's arms.

◆ The ascension of the Lord and another Helper

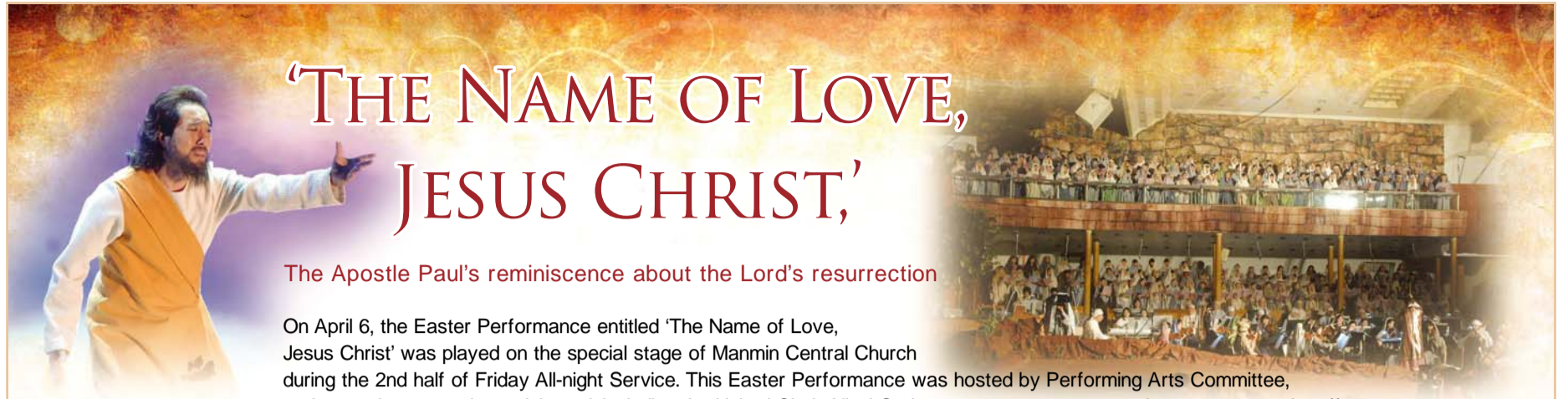
The resurrected Lord appeared before His disciples for 40 days and spoke of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Before He ascended into Heaven,

at Mount Olives, He gave some commands to His disciples (Acts 1:4-5; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). He told them to receive the Holy Spirit and lived a life as His witness. After His final command, He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. He parted from them and was carried up into Heaven (Luke 24:50-51).

◆ The disciples who witnessed the ascension of the Lord returned to Jerusalem with great joy and prayed earnestly waiting for the Holy Spirit who He promised to send. On the day of Pentecost, they prayed together as usual. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. The disciples who received the power of the Holy Spirit became the witnesses of the Lord in every corner of the earth.

The works of the Holy Spirit have been unfolding through the Lord's witnesses who received the power of the Holy Spirit. His works even become more powerful at this end time. What's clear and definite is that the ascended Lord will come again.

Therefore we have to be prepared for the Lord's second coming by living a life as His witnesses just as Jesus urged us, following His footsteps, and preserving ourselves as His pure and holy brides.



'THE NAME OF LOVE, JESUS CHRIST,'

The Apostle Paul's reminiscence about the Lord's resurrection

On April 6, the Easter Performance entitled 'The Name of Love, Jesus Christ' was played on the special stage of Manmin Central Church during the 2nd half of Friday All-night Service. This Easter Performance was hosted by Performing Arts Committee, and around 400 people participated, including the United Choir, Nissi Orchestra, actors, actresses, dance teams, and staffs. In Act 1, the apostle Paul reminisces about his first meeting with the Lord Jesus on the way to Damascus and in act 2, he reminisces about the Lord's birth, ministry, sufferings, resurrection, and ascension. In Act 3, he gives thanks and glory to God remembering the Lord's life. Here are some pictures of the 2012 Easter Performance filled with grace and emotion.

The apostle Paul in the performance



Paul meets the Lord on the way to Damascus



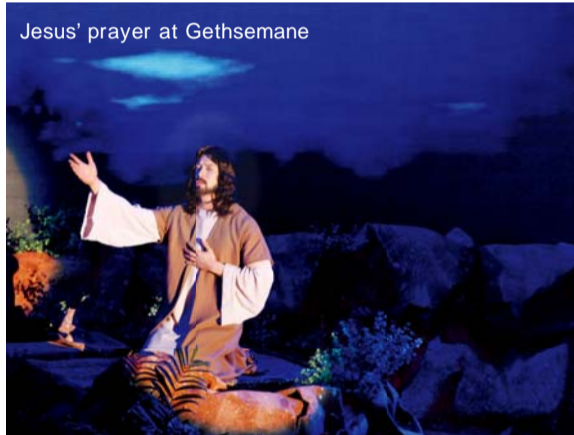
Jesus preaches the gospel of Heaven



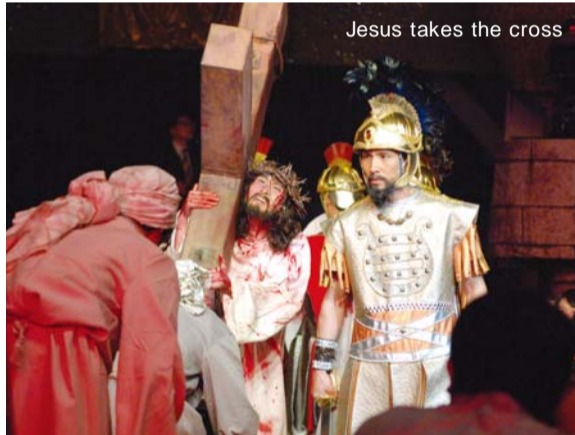
Jesus heals a blind



Mary Magdalene anoints Jesus' feet with perfume



Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane



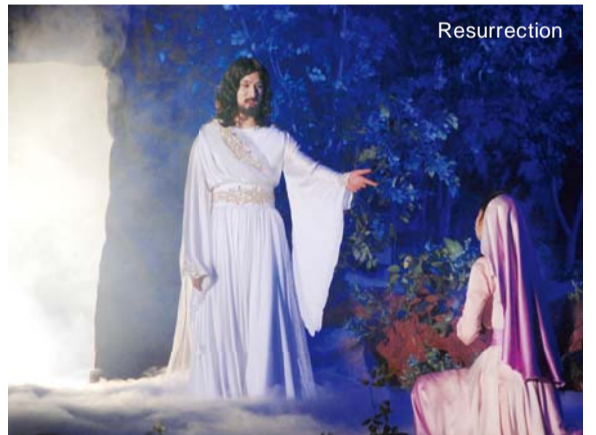
Jesus takes the cross



Some women and the apostle John follow Jesus walking toward Golgotha



Crucifixion



Resurrection



Ascension



Finale (The apostle Paul giving thanks and glory to the Lord)



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