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Thanks and glory to God, rich in love and grace!

Thanksgiving Sunday service and online Holy Communion



On November 15th, the Thanksgiving Sunday, our church held a thanksgiving service and the Holy Communion. In the morning worship service, there was a video

sermon by the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee, entitled "The Abundant Providence of God" (Psalm 50:23). During the evening service held through the LAN cable, pastor

Hyunkwon Joo, the chairman of the Seniors' Council, preached the message entitled, "One Who Forgot to Give Thanks and One Who Gives Thanks" (Psalm 50:22-23; John 6:53-

55) and then performed the Holy Communion.

The Holy Communion was held online. The members of our church as well as 48 overseas local church members who participated through the LAN cable prepared bread and grape juice, representing the flesh and blood of the Lord, and attended the Holy Communion in each place

with reverence. Members said they had a meaningful time to remember the love of the cross and the great grace of the Lord.

This year's Thanksgiving Day decorations were offered with a total of 88 kinds of fruits including 32 grains, 22 fruits, and 34 vegetables. The decoration expressed the heart of the congregation who wants to

come out as beautiful fruits with the love of Father God who created the sun, the moon, and the stars, and created us and waited long for us to become His true children. The decoration was supervised by Women's Mission with the voluntary service and support of the members of the Maintenance Bureau and many church members.

The 3rd Anniversary Celebration Service and Event of Bangkok Manmin Deaf Church, Thailand

On November 8, the 3rd anniversary celebration service and event Bangkok Manmin Deaf Church, Thailand were held with deaf-mute members of Manmin from 22 countries participating online.

The celebration service was replaced by the evening service of Manmin Central Church through the

LAN cable service, and a celebration event was held in the second part.

Hamid from Hat Yai Manmin Deaf Church in Thailand presided the event as the MC, and special songs were offered by the leaders of Bangkok Manmin Deaf Church, Thailand and of Hat Yai Manmin Deaf Church. In addition, the video clips of special songs in sign language performed by Manmin deaf leaders in China and Malaysia, Manmin Central Church's Canaan Mission leaders were played as well as congratulatory video messages of Pastor Seongchil Lee and Pastor Hakyong

Lim, who had delivered the love of the Lord to the deaf members by visiting Bangkok, Thailand last year.

Meanwhile, Shiwa Fong (Age 27), a member of the special praise team from Bangkok Manmin Deaf Church, Thailand, who heard sound for the first time at the divine healing meeting in January this year came to hear better after receiving Rev. Jaerock Lee's recorded prayer for the sick at this 3rd anniversary celebration service.

Sarayot (Age 22) also attended the 2020 New Year service with a yearning heart and received a prayer for blessing. Then his ears opened and gradually improved in hearing. And he came hear better after receiving Rev. Jaerock Lee's recorded prayer for the sick at this 3rd anniversary celebration service.



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Tokyo Tabata Manmin Church's 20th Anniversary Celebration Service and Event



In the Sunday Evening Service on November 1, Tokyo Tabata Manmin Church in Japan gave glory to God with its 20th Anniversary celebration service and event.

At the celebration service, Pastor Kyungtae Chung delivered the message under the title of 'Journey

of Faith (Deuteronomy 8:2-6)', and the following celebration event was presided by Watanabe Asuka and Watanabe Erina.

Yuhu Kathyoshi, Sujung Jung, Senior Deaconesses' Team, Men's Team, and Crystal Worship Dance Team glorified God with their performances, and they had a graceful time to watch the video of memories.

Especially, the members of Senior Deaconesses' Team glorify God with their various testimonies. For example, Enomoto Junko was healed of cervical cancer, Thuzuku Kioko was healed of shingles, and Nagashima Keiko received financial blessings.



"I am happy for there is God."

Senior Deaconess Nagashima Keiko



Recently, my husband and I are happily living a Christian life, experiencing the amazing help of God.

We had to renew the contract when the land we rented for 20 years, which required 2.1 million yen. But there was only 100,000 yen, so we were at a loss.

When we told our pastor about this, he said what to do with goodness and prayed for us with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12). Then my younger brother helped me with 800,000 yen, and we were convinced that God was helping us. With faith, we went to see the landowner, who heard us and suggested a very surprising method. Out of the total of 2.1 million yen, 1.2 million yen excluding 900,000 yen will be paid in installments 5,000 yen each month for 20 years.

It is something that couldn't have happened in Japan, where only contracts are used. This is the work of God who makes the impossible possible. I thanks God, the loving Father, who delicately helps His children to avoid difficulties.

"My Christian life is full of joy."

Senior Deaconess Thuzuku Kioko



I earnestly prayed for meeting a servant of God who could lead me well to heaven. Meanwhile, I was guided to Tokyo Tabata Manmin Church and learned about Rev. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church.

I learned what the true Christian life is from the Senior Pastor's sermons and my life changed. What I was most thankful for is that I came to pray every day.

Also, I have met God the Healer written in the Bible and I am leading my Christian life feeling the love of Father God. I was healed of shingles through the Senior Pastor's prayer. And the severe pain in my ankle sprain immediately stopped when my pastor prayed for me with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) on which the Senior Pastor had prayed.

I am grateful that I met and experienced God in the Bible and now live a healthy and stable life. And I am so happy that my longing for the beautiful heart of goodness and my hope for heaven grew all the more through the sermons titled, "Goodness" and "Heaven" recently.



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

The Message of the Cross (26)

Salvation Given Only to Those Born of Water and the Spirit

“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God’” (John 3:3).

Although many people profess to have accepted Jesus Christ and their faith in God, they do not necessarily all have the assurance of salvation. With the spiritual dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus as our guide, this issue of Manmin News will delve into the significance of “being born of water and the Holy Spirit” and the road to perfect salvation.

1. Spiritual Dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus

Nicodemus was a Jewish official, a teacher, and one of the Pharisees very well versed in the Law.

During Jesus’ time, the Pharisees were “holy” on the outside, without keeping the Law from the heart; they not only doubted Jesus’ teachings but also spearheaded the movement to have Him killed. Unlike other Pharisees, however, Nicodemus was thirsty for the truth and as he possessed true faith, he paid Jesus a visit one evening.

Nicodemus blatantly confesses to Jesus, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Sensing Nicodemus’ thirst in the heart, Jesus replies, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God,” and provides him with spiritual teaching.

Upon hearing it, however, Nicodemus simply could not understand how a grown man, long after he had been born, could be born again. As 1 Corinthians 4:20 reminds us, only when an individual receives God’s power in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit will he be able to fathom the spiritual secrets. Without understanding Jesus’ spiritual teaching, Nicodemus asks, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

In response, Jesus tells him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he

cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” In order for an individual to enter Heaven, says Jesus, the invisible spirit must be born again.

Adam, the forefather of mankind, had been created as a living being but on account of his sins, his spirit died. Thenceforth, all of Adam’s descendants were born with their spirits dead and since they had become fleshly beings, they were unable to enter Heaven.

The only way to rectify and avert this—to prevent one from going to Hell—is to be born of water and the Holy Spirit. For that reason Jesus told Nicodemus, “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Just as wind is invisible and its direction cannot be predicted, we can fathom and experience the affairs of the spiritual world only by God’s works and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Following this meeting with Jesus, we see Nicodemus coming to Jesus’ defense when the Pharisees criticized Him (John 7:50-51), and after Jesus had died on the cross, he came forward with “a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight” (John 19:39). From such deeds we know Nicodemus received salvation.

2. Spiritual Significance of “Being Born of Water”

John 4:14 reads, “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” The “water” here is the same as “a well of water springing up to eternal life” Jesus is to give us.

What, then, is “a well of water springing up to

eternal life,” the eternal water that Jesus gives us? We know that without eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood of Jesus the Son of Man, there is no life in us (John 6:53).

John 6:54 states, “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” Eating of the flesh of the Son of Man is to make bread of God’s Word and drinking of the blood of the Son of Man is to put God’s Word into practice. Eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood of the Son of Man—God’s Word itself—are the water that provides man with eternal life.

Just as water cleanses the uncleanness and gives life to all living things, in spiritual terms “water”—God’s Word—cleanses away sin and evil from our hearts and helps us possess eternal life. When God’s Word settles in our hearts and cleanses them, we will be rid of such sinful and evil elements as envy, jealousy, hate, and temper, be born again, and arrive at salvation (1 Peter 3:21). Therefore, when we make bread of and live by God’s Word, which serves to cleanse away our sins, we will gradually become sanctified and righteous, and this will in turn serve as the proof of our salvation.

3. Spiritual Significance of “Being Born again of the Holy Spirit”

God has given His saved children the Holy Spirit (John 15:26; Acts 2:38) and the Holy Spirit helps them possess faith and revives their spirits that had been dead.

1 John 5:5-8 reminds us, “Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.”

The expression “the One who came by water and blood” signifies the shedding of blood and the death of Jesus, the Word that became flesh. As Jesus died on the cross, by His blood we receive salvation. Therefore, “the One who came by water and blood” is Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit sent to us after His ascension helps us believe in that fact.

The Scripture also tells us that he who believes Jesus to be the Son of God “overcomes the world” and this refers to how we do not become smeared with untruth by fighting and overcoming the lusts of this world. The Holy Spirit not only helps us believe with all certainty in the Lord but by convicting the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment, He will also give us the strength to overcome the world and its ways.

Once we realize the nature of sin, understand the importance of accomplishing righteousness, and believe in the Judgment that is to come to pass, we will be compelled to live according to the desires of the Holy Spirit. By casting away the sins and forms of evil from our hearts every day, we will transform our hearts and fill them with the truth.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, only when you are born of water and the Spirit and have the Spirit give birth to spirit in you, can you enter the kingdom of heaven.

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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 Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
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)



“The 19 year old symptoms of epilepsy had disappeared.”

Dhanpat Singh (Age 40, Delhi Manmin Church, left on the photo)

I began having the symptoms of epilepsy in 2001. I convulsed and had an epileptic fit mainly during night and I had the fit 6 or 7 times.

The pain that I felt was like someone put a bomb in my brain. One day I bit my tongue during the convulsion and I bled from my mouth. I couldn't eat because of the cut and I suffered from body pain and fever. My disease made my family and me exhausted.

I saw many doctors but they couldn't cure me. I took traditional herbs and relied on a shaman. I temporarily got better but soon convulsion started again. The symptoms didn't get better and I had to take medicine every day.

Meanwhile, I went to Delhi Manmin Church in 2016 by my friend's lead. I was touched by the message and kept going to the church. And I learned what sin is, how to pray, and how to lead a Christian life. And I believed I could be healed when I lived according to the Word of God. And I quit taking the medicine, but soon I took again because my condition got worse.

I found a peace of mind when I started praying at Daniel Prayer Meeting in Sep. 2019. And I was told that 2 months later Pastor Miyoung Lee would come to Delhi Manmin Church to celebrate its anniversary. I prepared for myself to be healed and stopped taking the medicine.

I heard the sermons titled “The Message of the Cross” again and repented of sins. I happily worked at the church for its anniversary.

Finally the day, the 7th anniversary Sunday in Nov., came. Pastor Lee prayed for me with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12). After that a miracle happened to me. The symptoms disappeared. Since then, I haven't convulsed and I haven't taken medicine. God completely healed me. Hallelujah!

My life has changed thanks to Manmin. I heard the sermons delivered by Rev. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church in Seoul and I became a person who prays to God from heart and my family took happiness back. All thanks and glory be to Father God!

“I met the Lord of healing and power.”

Deaconess Young-Sook Choi (Age 68, Parish 2-16)



For 16 years, I suffered from tetanus by which I was infected while pruning grapevines. My entire body was stiffened like a dry piece of wood. I couldn't be cured despite all kinds of medicine. I also had allergic rhinitis, backache, and gastroenteritis troubles.

By the way, I belonged to 'Jehovah's witness,' and I took pride in the knowledge of the Bible. Not many pastors could put me down in the knowledge of the Bible.

In 2003, a senior at my work led me to Manmin Central Church which was introduced as a church where God's healing takes place. I was surprised to see how bright the sanctuary was and how happy the church members looked.

The sermons Dr. Jaerock Lee delivered were easy to understand and full of grace. The words of God that I learned in 'Jehovah's witness' were informational and fragmentary, but Dr. Jaerock Lee taught how to make spirit and soul prosper, and he himself practiced what he taught. I admitted that God was working in the church.

Soon, I attended Daniel Prayer Meeting where thousands of church members prayed earnestly. On the very day, God's grace came upon me. I rendered my heart in repentance, I burst into tears, and I felt washed

in cool water from head to toe. I felt reborn. On top of that, all kinds of pain including from tetanus disappeared. Hallelujah!

From then, I felt refreshed. I felt joyful and grateful all day and everyday. Praises came out automatically. I prayed without ceasing, and I also became a cell leader the next year. When I prayed for my neighbors with the handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12) on which Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed, I experienced the power of God many times.

When I prayed, an acquaintance who couldn't move in a hospital woke, my mother who was badly sick became normal; one who hurt arms from an accident, one with ruptured ribs, and one with herniated disc were healed, and they glorified God. Through these experiences, I became more confident in my faith, and managed my Christian life with joy. I was certified as a lifelong educator, a social welfare worker, and many others. I also got bachelor's degree in counseling psychology. I didn't make my age an excuse, but I believed that I could do everything by the grace of God.

God healed all of my diseases, and He keeps me healthy. God helps me live my life of challenge by faith that I can do it. I give all thanks and glory to God.