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“Our Lord Jesus Christ is the firstfruits of resurrection!”

The 2023 Easter Performance was full of joy and hope!



On Sunday, April 9, Manmin Central Church held and broadcasted live the “2023 Easter Performance” on media platforms including GCN TV(www.gcntv.org).

During the morning service, Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee preached a sermon titled ‘Resurrection’ (Acts 1:11). In the message she explained that through the Lord’s resurrection our spirit that had been dead because of our sins came to revive for us to become children of God and our body that had been doomed to die and perish came to have eternal life. Pastor Lee urged everyone to eat and drink the flesh and blood of the Son of Man to possess true faith, gain eternal life and yearn for the Lord who will return.

Afterwards, Pastor Soojin Lee

officiated the holy communion. Many members at home and overseas attended the communion online with bread and grape juice that symbolize Christ’s flesh and blood. It was a time to reminisce and give thanks for the Lord’s sacrifice.

Pastor Mikyung Lee, president of the Pastors’ Association, delivered a sermon for the evening service also titled ‘Resurrection’ (John 11:25-26). The second part of the evening service featured the Easter Performance under the theme ‘The Lord of Resurrection.’

The Easter Performance was an artistic musical centered on the Lord’s suffering on the cross and resurrection, consisting of biblical drama, choir, special praise and dance. While Pastor Soojin Lee

leading the special praise, members present at the church and those watching online praised together to glorify the Lord of resurrection with gratitude and joy.

The Easter Performance began with a video depicting the Passion Week and Jesus’ fulfillment of the providence of salvation through the Crucifixion, accompanied with the choir’s ‘Via Dolorosa.’ The first part of performance was a biblical drama of Jesus’ suffering and special praise themed with the love of the cross. The second part was portraying the Lord’s resurrection along with special praise themed with the joy and hope of resurrection. This performance moved many to tears and enhanced their belief in resurrection (See Page 4).

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'The 2023 Easter Egg-Decorating Contest'

The event, conducted by Women's Mission, glorified God with 76 entries from all over the world.

Contestants made dioramas using eggs, expressing the resurrection of the Lord and the hope for the Lord's second coming. The contest was displayed on April 7, and

the grand prize was given to 2nd Canaan Mission with the theme 'The Lord's beautiful fruits.' The first place in the international entries went to Sogamoso Manmin Church in Colombia with the theme 'The Lord's second coming.' The awards ceremony was held on April 16.

TESTIMONY

"Cured of knee pain and a frozen shoulder after experiencing the fiery works of the Holy Spirit!"

Deaconess Imjin Jung (Age 71, Gwangju Manmin Church in Korea)

I have been suffering from knee pain and a frozen shoulder for a long time. On February 2, 2023, my knee pain had gotten so bad that I went to the hospital for a checkup. The MRI scan showed that my knee was filled with excess fluid. I received some medicine and pain injections, but the relief was only temporary.

Afterwards, I started to fervently pray at the Daniel Prayer Meeting with the desire to be healed by the living God. I had a dream where Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee placed one hand on my head and held my right hand with the other hand, and ardently prayed for my healing.

I felt the love of the Lord and comfort from the Holy Spirit after dreaming of Senior Pastor's intercessory prayer on my behalf. I received the assurance of healing and prayed more earnestly, relying on God the Creator.

Like other days, I livestreamed the Daniel Prayer Meeting on March 23. I prayed with the strength of the Holy

Spirit and received Senior Pastor's Day-closing prayer. Since then, I have not had any knee pain. It's unbelievable that no matter what I do or how I move the knee, there is absolutely no pain. It was amazing to be able to move around without any problems! I was so excited with a great expectation that I would be able to testify the healing at the Divine Healing Meeting that was to take place the next day.

Through GCN, I watched the Divine Healing Meeting on March 24 during Friday All Night Service. From the moment Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee began to preach, my whole body became so hot I had to use a fan the whole time. As I received the prayer for the sick, the pain from my frozen shoulder disappeared, and I was able to freely move my arms! Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God the Trinity who helped me rely on Father God of love, experience the works of the Holy Spirit, and meet our Lord the Healer.





Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Mary Magdalene's Goodness (1)

“And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.” (Luke 7:37-38).

Mary Magdalene lived in absolute misery where no light shined, no pleasure nor hope. Her family disfavored and abused her like she was not a part of them. She married a man whom she thought she could rely on, but he ended up being a gambler and a violent, foul-mouthed and evil man.

At rock bottom, in the pitch darkness of her life, she met Jesus who is love itself. She wet His feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, and anointed them with perfume. From that time on she followed Him and served Him with all she had. Eventually she became the first one to see the resurrected Lord.

Then, how could Mary give out such strong fragrance of goodness even though she was born in the worst of circumstances and lived a miserable life?

1. Mary’s goodness: despite her adverse home environment, she never blamed or held resentment toward her parents, brothers, and sisters

Mary was born in Magdala near the Sea of Galilee. The name ‘Mary’ was very common those days, so she was called Mary ‘Magdalene’ with her birth place added to her name so that people could distinguish her from other people named Mary. Magdala was a flourishing town which was the center of fishing industry, and in the entire town idol worshipping was rampant throughout the generations. The whole area was lost deep in idolatry, so darkness totally captured the town.

Just as recorded in Luke 8:2, “And also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out...” Mary Magdalene also suffered great pain caused by evil spirits. Here, the passage saying that seven demons had gone out from Mary Magdalene means her family including her parents had devoted themselves to worshipping idols and they separated themselves entirely from God. Thus, many kinds of curses came upon the family and nothing went well with them.

Mary was born in the worst surrounding spiritually and she was inflicted with a number of diseases due to her weakness. She couldn’t eat well because she had stomach diseases, so her body parts did not function well and it caused her to become ill in appearance. Furthermore, she came down with skin diseases so her appearance was detested by others. She was weakening and even her period as a woman stopped and her body could no longer function as a woman.

Since she was weak and feeble, Mary did not appear before her neighbors and she just lived in seclusion at home. She even belittled and degraded herself as though she were not there in the town. Furthermore, she was treated inhospitably and disdained by her parents and siblings. So, when something bad happened to her household, she felt like it was all her fault. In this way, even her parents, brothers and sisters held her in contempt and disdain.

Not once did Mary hold any resentment toward them. She attributed all negative things to herself and thought only about how she could keep from giving her family difficulty and the way she could relieve their burdens caused by her. Finally, she decided to leave them. But she had nowhere to go, so she just wandered from place to place, begging for something to eat and was reduced to being treated like a beggar.

2. Mary’s goodness: while living in misery due to a man she met, she blamed herself

Mary Magdalene met a man and tried entrusting herself to his care. Far from helping her, however, he rather gave her hard time. He neither cared for her with love nor comforted her with heart-warming statements, but he just took advantage of Mary who was frail. He idled around and lapsed into gambling. When he lost all his money he intimidated her into earning or getting some money and often beat her while using foul language.

The man disdained and scorned her rather than feeling thankful to her since he lived off her earnings. He mistreated her saying, “Why do you have so many

diseases?” When things around him did not go as he wanted, he got bad-tempered, burst out in anger, cursed Mary, beat her, and vented his anger on her. He was that evil, so he committed many kinds of crime. When his transgressions were revealed, he blamed everything on Mary.

In that way, Mary was perceived as a greedy and sinful woman who made her livelihood by manipulating the man with an evil scheme. Nevertheless, she imputed everything to herself and took the responsibility for his offenses. In the end, she was considered a great sinner although she did not commit any sin. As time went by, she suffered from greater and greater heartache and her health condition became more serious. Without sensing her good and beautiful nature, people criticized her with fingers pointed at her and deemed her a cursed woman.

But Mary still did not feel bitterness toward the man though she was oppressed, beaten, mocked, and disdained by him. In such a situation, she neither gave up nor shed tears in desperation, but she devoted herself to taking care of the man. She had compassion for him and made a meager living through needlework.

3. Mary was set free from all diseases, pain, and unhappiness by meeting Jesus

In such a tough situation, there was some good news that was delivered to Mary Magdalene. It was about Jesus. She heard that a great prophet-like One who had performed amazing works had come and He could do things impossible for men like allowing for the blind to see and the mute to speak. She came to know that there was a certain town He visited and some sick people there were healed by Him.

Because Mary was of goodness, she believed all such things she heard. In faith she longed to see Jesus. Now Jesus was going to come to Mary's town. Mary could not express how overwhelmingly joyful she was when she met Jesus. She had waited for Jesus with a great yearning. Don't you think she must have given a confession of faith before Jesus such that Jesus could not have just passed by her?

When Jesus touched Mary, all her diseases were cured immediately. She came to digest everything she ate very well, gained strength in her body, and

all body functions became normal. Her period began again. But even with all this there was something to be even more grateful for; it was that her broken heart was healed.

To her who seemed like nothing, Jesus gave love to her that she had never received from anybody in the world. Mary was overjoyed due to Jesus who presented her the biggest gift that she had never received.

Mary Magdalene bent her whole heart around Jesus and thought, 'He is the only One who would never abandon me and who loves me. With all my life, I will serve Him who did not avoid me though I was so wretched, healed me with His hand of love stretched out to me, and renewed my soul.' She made up her mind, resolutely threw off everything, and spent every moment dedicating herself to only Jesus. Since she had recovered her health, she could do more work and through her private earnings she contributed to supporting Him and His disciples as written in Luke 8:2-3.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Mary Magdalene did not reproach her parents and brothers and sisters even in the worst family situation imaginable. Although she was regarded as a sinner and despised because of the man whom she had met, she blamed herself for everything. She dedicated herself to helping the man. In the end, she became a blessed woman with the grace and love of the Lord. I hope you will also cultivate a beautiful heart that is pleasing to God. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so God will exult over you with joy and His love and blessing will overflow in your life.

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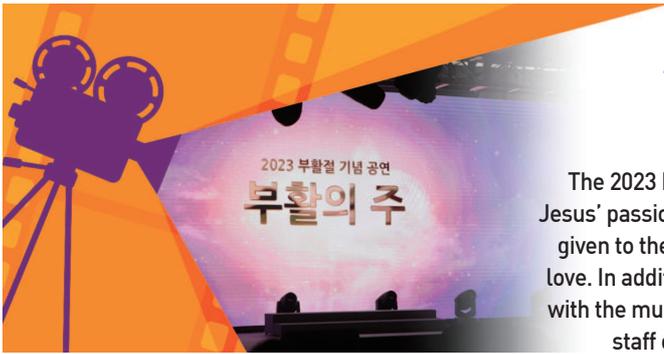
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The Confession of Faith

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)



“All thanks and glory to the Lord of Resurrection, Our Savior and Our Life!”

The 2023 Easter Performance titled ‘The Lord of Resurrection’ centered around Jesus’ passion on the cross and subsequent resurrection. All gratitude and joy were given to the Lord of Resurrection in the special praise that focused on the Lord’s love. In addition to the Performing Arts Committee, many church members helped with the music, choreography, props, costume and makeup. External professional staff oversaw the stage, lighting, video and special effects on the day.

PART 01 The Cross of the Lord



PART 02 Special Praise Part 1



PART 03 The Resurrection of the Lord



PART 04 Special Praise Part 2



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