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Colombia Manmin Church's 11th Anniversary, Online service with Pastor Mikyung Lee



At 9 am on Monday, May 1 (7 pm local time on Sunday, April 30), the President of the Pastor's Association, Pastor Mikyung Lee, was the guest speaker at the 11th anniversary service of Columbia Manmin Church. The service

was live streamed via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook with participants from 14 countries including Peru, Venezuela, Honduras, Mexico, Ecuador, Spain, US, Canada, El Salvador, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

Pastor David Jeongyeon Jang presided the anniversary service and the Heavenly Glory team of Columbia Manmin Church and Deaconess Seungwon Seo offered up special praise and worship performances. Pastor Mikyung Lee preached a sermon titled 'Having a dream and fulfilling it' (Genesis 13:14-18). Afterwards, Pastor Lee prayed for the sick with the handkerchief of God's power (Acts 19:11-12) and many people glorified God with their healing testimonies.

Columbia Manmin Church live streams their services and prayer meetings via YouTube and Facebook and a lot of people in Central/South America and Spanish-speaking countries are participating together. Currently there are 20 branch churches and many partner churches. Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee's sermons are also being broadcasted on Enlace TV—a Latin American Christian-based television network.

Parent's Day and Children's Day celebrations

At 11 am on Thursday, May 4, the Senior Deaconess' Association hosted the '2023 Parent's Day Event' for the elderly over 70s.

In the event, Senior Deaconess Songsook Lee led the preparatory praise and the President of the Association, Senior Deaconess Nanyoung Cha gave a greeting message, and then Pastor Mikyung Lee, President of the Pastor's Association delivered a sermon and prayed.

It was followed by celebratory performances Senior Deaconess Jinhee Kim emceed, including Senior Deaconess Myeongsook Lee's beautiful traditional fan and drum dance and the Happiness Ukulele team's song 'Father's Heart.' The elderly in attendance were filled with grace and joy, and also received lunch and parting gifts.

At 1 pm on Sunday, May 7, the '2023 Children's Day Event' was live streamed

via YouTube. In the event, after Brother Geonhu Na's representative prayer, Sister Yena Park's reading the Scripture, and Children's Worship Team's special performance, Children's Sunday School's Principal Pastor Seongsik Jang preached a sermon titled 'God looks at the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7).

After the service many children gave various testimonies in faith including protection from various accidents and healing of pneumonia, burns, and skin diseases, under the title 'God loves me.' The children also watched a video of highlights from the year and reminisced the love of the Lord who had been present with them.

From 1:30 pm, Manmin Prayer Center's President Mrs. Boknim Lee led the Holy Spirit Fullness Prayer Meeting. Not just children but their family members in attendance repented and became filled with the Spirit.



Special

The kind of person who does not circumcise the heart

They are negative and afraid

People who have fear and negative perspective in their religious lives tend to have a lot of worry and anxiety. They often have negative thoughts in everyday life or still have sinful natures left inside the heart so that they think God is a judge ahead of the Father of love and forgiveness.

The reason that believers have fear is because they fail to live in the truth. When they listen to and obey the Word of God, the Holy Spirit rejoices and their heart becomes filled with joy and hope as well. But fear comes upon them when they do not act upon the knowledge of the Word of God. A wise person can quickly find their wrongdoings and turn back, repent, and try to live by the Spirit.

They judge and condemn

People who like to judge others often spread gossip, and they feel frustrated thinking justice hasn't been served when wrongdoers are not punished. If those wrongdoers are unexpectedly praised, they are disheartened. When they hear the other's gossip, they slander and when the person is punished, they feel satisfied.

They will never do so if the 'other person' is their family member. Of course, it is not right to unconditionally cover up someone's sin. As written in Matthew 18:15-17, they should first give a private warning to the person who sinned and if the person does not listen, they take one or two people along; and if the person still does not listen, they tell it to the church.

They have no peace, rest or tranquility

'No peace' means a presence of too much worry and anxiety. As they do not rely on God, they try to do everything themselves, which means God is unable to help them. This leads to distress and worry, no peace in the heart.

Without the hope for heaven, they have lingering attachments to the world and with walls of sin and fleshly thoughts, they cannot pray with concentration so that they lose the fullness of the Spirit and have no peace.

The Holy Spirit rejoices and we are filled with the Spirit when we abide by the truth with the knowledge of the Word of God. Thus, as our soul prospers, worries depart from us and we can lead a successful life at peace. And we will enjoy true rest and the kingdom of God be within us.

They groan while eating spiritual bread

When they accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, new believers are filled with joy and happiness because the problem of their sins is resolved and receive the Holy Spirit. But in the process of the circumcision of their heart, they may pray with groaning because they fail to act on the Word of God even with their knowledge of the Word.

They may also pray with groaning to become a person of spirit (Romans 7:24). It is important to die every day to get rid of the 'self' in attaining to the full measure of Christ. On the other hand, there are those who live according to the flesh and grieve the Holy Spirit within them and thus groan in anguish. They must quickly turn back and instead follow the desires of the Spirit to fill their heart with joy, thanks, and hope for heaven.



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Mary Magdalene's Goodness (3)

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means, Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, “I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’ and that He had said these things to her” (John 20:16-18).

Since she met Jesus, Mary who lived in Magdala near the Sea of Galilee in Israel, found true happiness and real joy as well as she received healing of her disease. From then on, she followed, with all her life, Jesus who had given her true life.

Mary followed Jesus until the last moment. When His disciples hid themselves out of fear while Jesus was going up to Golgotha in the providence of God with the wooden cross on His back to redeem mankind from sins, she closely followed Him. Her love was unchangingly steadfast even after Jesus was dead on the cross and then buried.

Mary came to Jesus' tomb bringing the spices to anoint His cold body at the break of dawn, that is, as soon as the Sabbath was over. In the end, she was blessed to become the first person who saw the resurrected Lord.

Then, with what kind of love and devotion did Mary serve and follow Jesus?

1. Mary clung to Jesus until the last moment of His crucifixion

Those who have spiritual love sacrifice themselves without any anticipation for reward in return. The situation of Mary's love for Jesus was like this. She sought Jesus not just when He performed signs and wonders and transformed a number of people by His authority-filled messages, but also when He was treated like a sinner, received so many kinds of sufferings and underwent the crucifixion.

The religious leaders of Jesus' time, such as the high priests, priests, scribes, and Pharisees, condemned Jesus as one who incited the people to rebellion; was possessed by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons; and had blasphemed God. Pilate also knew Jesus' innocence but he was afraid that a riot would ensue. He ended up sentencing Him to death by crucifixion.

Jesus' disciples thought that His crucifixion

meant the end. None of them ever imagined that He would be resurrected. Nevertheless, Mary Magdalene stayed beside Him until the end. The disciples, who were strong men, concealed themselves due to fear. But several fragile women, including Mary, remained near Jesus as He was taking the cross and dying on it.

Luke 23:27 pictures the situation where Jesus was making steps with the cross. It says, “And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him.” John 19:25 says, “Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”

Mary Magdalene and other women who truly loved Jesus never even considered possible harm that might have been inflicted upon them when they followed Him. Rather, they climbed up Golgotha following Jesus, who was walking with the cross on His back. It tells us that their love was true and sincere.

2. Bringing the spices, Mary came to Jesus' tomb at early dawn after the Sabbath

Mary Magdalene and the women watched Jesus' crucifixion. They were unable to leave the place until Jesus took the last breath. They even went to Jesus' burial place when Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin Council, took Jesus' body from the cross to the tomb.

Because the following day was the Sabbath, Joseph moved Jesus' body quickly. With Nicodemus who brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, he took the body of Jesus, bound it in linen wrappings, moved and laid Him in a new tomb nearby. He rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Then, the women gathered their senses and left the place to prepare spices to anoint Him.

Since the next day was the Sabbath, Mary felt

it was a very long day. As soon as it was over, she left home to go to Jesus' tomb to anoint Him with perfume. It was dark at early dawn, but she rushed to His tomb.

However, when Mary arrived, the stone was already taken away from its entrance. Jesus' body was not in the tomb when she entered. She could have endured the long day with hope to anoint His body with spices, but she could not find it.

Incapable of overcoming her grief that swept over her, Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping. At the moment, she saw two angels and they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She could not recognize them as angels and said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him" (John 20:11-13).

3. Mary Magdalene was the first person to see the resurrected Lord

When she had said this, she turned around and saw the resurrected Lord standing there. But she did not know that it was Him because He was in the resurrected body. He said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away" (John 20:14-15).

The Lord said to her, "Mary!" and then she could recognize Him and tried to draw closer to His arms. But He said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

Through the crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus completed His duty to become the Savior. Since He finished all His work, the first thing for Him to do was to see God the Father and be clothed with God-given glory. But the Lord appeared before Mary and told her to let His resurrection known to His disciples and urged her to live as a witness of the Lord until a certain time came. He promised her that she would see Him again not long after

that. In this way, Mary Magdalene became the first person to see the resurrected Lord and announced to His disciples that she had seen Him.

Then, why did the resurrected Lord appear in front of Mary even before He ascended to God? This is because she loved the Lord with her life and served Him with perfect dedication, and she did not seek to spare her life unlike His disciples. That is why she could be the first person to see the resurrected Lord.

The purpose of God in the cultivation of mankind is to gain true children with whom He can share unchanging love forever. In order to gain such true children, the God of love made a huge 'investment' even sacrificing His only begotten Son on the cross.

Then, how much more delighted do you think God felt when He found Mary Magdalene, who was of goodness without any evil and who had achieved perfect love! It was such that He wanted to have her near Him all the time and enjoy the aroma of her goodness. That is why she has received the greatest love from God among all women since the Creation and she has the right to come near God's throne.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we must wash our robes to enter the City of New Jerusalem that houses God's throne. In other words, we should reach the perfect level of goodness through the circumcision of our hearts. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will move God's heart and become a precious one in 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)

“Completely healed after 56 years of constipation!”

Deaconess Gihwa Kang
(Age 76, 12th Parish in Manmin Central Church)

Since my early 20's, I have suffered early constipation. Due to extreme stress, the symptoms of constipation sometimes lasted 7 or 15 days without any bowel movements. Administering enemas didn't help and going to restroom was very painful to me. I've suffered 56 years.



On March 6, 2023, I ate some scorched rice pieces in the morning. Strangely enough, my stomach started hurting and I felt nauseous. My stomach felt extremely uncomfortable, and I ended up vomiting with diarrhea. Despite all this, I attended the Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting that same day and did my best to pray earnestly.

The symptoms of bowel movement persisted for several days. I suddenly realized this may be the process of cleaning the coprostasis – fecal impaction. After that, my constipation miraculously disappeared, and I was able to go to restroom comfortably every day. I even lost my belly fat and lost 2.5kg of weight. Hallelujah!

Something so ordinary and mundane for others was not only a surprise and a miracle to me, but also gave me joy and happiness. In addition, I used to get easily angered due to sensitive stress before; but now I am at peace and kind to others in obedience to God's Word.

I have relied on God the Trinity in prayers and received Senior Pastor Lee's Prayer for the Sick recorded on the phone every day. As a result, the health checkup I had on March 21 came back with better vision and all normal, working organs. I give all thanks and glory to God, our loving Father, who healed me of 56 years of constipation.

“Healed of frozen shoulder, menopausal symptoms, and ankle pain!”

Senior Deaconess Jaehee Jung
(Age 53, 11th Parish in Manmin Central Church)



In the spring of 2022, my right arm started hurting. The pain worsened and I even had difficulty in doing housework or simple activities and sometimes the pain would even wake me up mid-sleep. The hospital diagnosed it as frozen shoulder.

I also suffered from menopausal symptoms for two

months. My heartbeat was so irregular and I cried grabbing the chest with anxiety. My skin tingled a lot, as if it was ripping apart, and I had the urge to run away to be free from the pain.

However, I figured the upcoming Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting and Divine Healing Meeting would be an opportunity to receive healing. I tried my best to please God and He poured down grace upon me like a waterfall.

On May 9, 2022, I fervently and earnestly prayed at the Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting, and looking back on myself I repented on having ill feelings against someone. At that time I had eight months of ankle pain and found it difficult to walk. But I happily helped clean the church on May 26, and after that I found the pain had completely disappeared.

The next day, on May 27, I participated in the Divine Healing Meeting via GCN and when Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee told us to love even our enemies in her message, I was able to fully repent. During praise and worship time, I moved my right arm around and discovered it moved without any pain whatsoever. Anxiety disappeared and my heart felt at peace. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to Father God who gives us the best things in His love and justice, the Lord who heals us with His blood, and the Holy Spirit who guides us to the path of blessings and answers.



36th Anniversary of Manmin News

Manmin News is celebrating its 36th anniversary. It published the first edition on May 17, 1987 to spread the gospel all over the world and to lead many souls to salvation.

Its English edition was published in 1991 and the website of Manmin News (www.manminnews.com) commenced in 2012, through which the holiness gospel has spread all over the world in multiple

languages including English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Malay, Urdu, Singalese, and Hindi.

Manmin News has been helping grow believers' faith and spreading the love of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit with its contents such as believers' religious testimonies, missionary news from home and abroad, and special articles on living a Christian life.



“Power of prayer cured my daughter’s congenital facial deformity!”

Martha Armaza

(Age 40, Panamericano Manmin Church in Venezuela)

I used to get easily angered even at trivial things. But after listening to the holiness gospel and fervently praying at Daniel Prayer Meetings, I started to change, feeling more joyous and at peace. Through the power of prayer, I was healed of stomach pain, headache, and dizziness. I am currently living in good health. Through this, my husband who previously didn’t believe in God, accepted the Lord. My family has experienced many answers from God.

My beloved youngest daughter Dajana was born with a facial deformity. I was extremely shocked to see the right side of her face crushed and one eye bulging out when I gave birth to her. Before I became pregnant, I had an operation that required me to wear compressions as part of recovery. I continued to use these compression underclothes during pregnancy without knowing it would become problematic.

After Pastor David Jang prayed for her with the handkerchief of God’s power (Acts 19:11-12), Dajana was completely healed of congenital facial deformity and her eye returned to normal. Now, she has grown up well in the grace of God and is a member of church worship dance team. I give all thanks and glory to our loving Lord who has led us to blessings and answers.



Dajana was completely healed after receiving prayer



Martha Armaza (3rd from the right) and her family