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## The Love of the Lord's Cross Is Engraved in the Heart!

### Easter Performance 2018, 'The Cross of the Lord'



During the second half of Friday All-night Service on March 31, Easter Performance 2018 was delivered by Performing Arts Committee under the title of "The Cross of the Lord" on a special stage in the main sanctuary.

The performance was attended by many pastors and believers from overseas countries including Russia, Kenya, France, the United States, and Singapore, and it was broadcast live on GCN ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)) and the Internet. The ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus were vividly depicted.

Heavenly Voice Chorus, Heavenly Dance Team, Sound of Light Chorus, Crystal Singers, Glory Worship Dance Team,

Power Chorus, and Harmony Chorus in Performing Arts Committee and a few more church members acted with enthusiasm, and United Praise Team, United Music Band, Nissi Orchestra, and Immanuel Choir joined with music and song. In addition, many church members participated with contributions to choreography, stage installation, wardrobe, props, make-up, and staff operations. Including professional outsourcing staff, more than 300 people worked together to render the performance.

Act 1 entitled "The Cross of the Lord" starts with a young Jesus who waits for the time of fulfilling the providence of salvation and prepares for it in prayers. It was followed by the

scenes of people who wait for the Messiah; the Lord's love; His prayer; His ministry; and the last supper; and the way of the cross.

Act 2, "The Resurrection of the Lord," describes the death of Judas Iscariot; those who love the Lord after His crucifixion; and the resurrection and ascension of the Lord.

The church's performances are set apart by being produced with Manmin's God-given songs which greatly move the members' hearts. For this Easter Performance, God gave six new songs: *No One Could Know*; *The Disciples*; *The Cross*; *Afterwards*; *Judas Iscariot*; *He Has Risen*; and *Afterwards*, *The Disciples*. The members felt the limitless love of the

Lord embedded in the lyrics and melody and became filled with the thanks for the grace of salvation, the joy of resurrection, and hope for heaven.

On April 1, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee delivered the message "The Resurrection of the Lord" based on 1 Corinthians 15:41-44 during the Easter Sunday Morning Service. He explained the lessons we should learn from the resurrection of the Lord: the first is that there is eternal life; the second, fruit must follow our devotion in the Lord; and third, all sufferings we receive in the Lord turn into glory. During Sunday Evening Service, the members celebrated Holy Communion and engraved the sacrifice and love of the Lord deep in heart.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight... (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground” (Hebrews 11:33-38).

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is called ‘The Chapter of Faith’. It depicts the forefathers who pleased God with their faith. They did not fear for death as a result of their love for God. They could give up everything for God and boldly practiced righteousness with faith of which the world was not worthy to observe.

Let’s delve into the forefathers of faith who appear in the Old Testament. They pleased God with the faith of which the world was not worthy.

### 1. Perfect love that drives away fear

The Early Church members did not deny Jesus Christ nor forsake God even though they were eaten by hungry lions and beheaded in severe persecutions. How could they do so?

This is because they had perfect love for God as 1 John 4:18 reads, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.”

In the Old Testament time, Job was innocent and upright in the sight of God. He was called ‘a man of righteousness’. However, he had fear and anxiety deep in his heart (Job 3:25). Only after he realized the love of God completely

through refinement could he gain boldness and receive the blessing twofold.

Then, what should we do to act boldly without fear and with love for God? We have to obey the Word of God telling us to do, not to do, to throw away, and to keep things. It is true love for God, and as the love is perfected more, fear will go away and we can practice boldly the righteousness (1 John 5:3; 3:21-22).

### 2. The Forefathers of Faith of whom the world was not worthy to observe

#### 1) Elijah brought down the answer of fire.

Elijah the prophet of the Northern Kingdom of Israel brought down the answer of fire in the confrontation against 850 false prophets of Baal and Asherah (1 Kings 18). He boldly practiced righteousness. Though he was by himself against such a large number of people, because he had an earnest desire to get the heart of the Israelites who had fallen in the idolatry, back to God. He had the strong belief that the one and only true Deity is God and he had fervent love for God. If you love God and the Lord fervently like Elijah did, nothing is impossible.

#### 2) Elisha did not see the reality of a situation.

Elisha, the disciple of Elijah, received a double portion of Elijah’s spirit. On numerous occasions he caused the strategy of Aram, the enemy nation against Israel, to fail. Knowing this, the king of Aram schemed to kill Elisha. He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. Elisha’s servant was afraid of them.

However, Elisha told him not to fear since those who were with them were more than those of Aram. God opened the servant’s spiritual eyes and he could see the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. In the end, Israel defeated Aram and they never invaded Israel (2 Kings 6).

Those who have true faith see the almighty God, so they are not fearful when surrounded by hardship in every direction. They have faith in God who answers any prayer of theirs, so they

boldly ask and solve their problems by bringing down the power of God by the prayer of faith.

#### 3) Esther saved her people.

In the 3rd chapter of Esther, Haman was loved by the king Ahasuerus. However, he sought to destroy all the Jews who were living throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. So, Mordecai told Esther the Jewish queen of the country to ask the king to save her people.

After learning about this, Esther fasted for three days for her people and came before the king with the determination of “If I perish, I will perish.” By the grace of God, she disclosed the scheme of Haman, saved her people, and came to receive more love from the king.

Even between life and death, she completely relied on God who is our problem solver. God was pleased with her deed and caused all things to work together for good. He turned misfortune into fortune and worked greatly so that the glory of God could be revealed.

#### 4) Daniel did not compromise even in the face of death.

King Darius of Babylon planned to appoint Daniel over the entire kingdom though he was from the kingdom of Judah serving God. Then other commissioners and satraps were jealous of him and plotted an evil scheme: they told the king that he should enforce an injunction that anyone who made a petition to any god or man besides the king should be cast into the lions’ den.

Daniel’s love for God, however, was truthful and perfect, so he kept praying to God without fear for death. He ended up being cast into the lions’ den, but God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths. He was perfectly protected and was not hurt at all (Daniel 6). Even in the threat of death, he did not compromise, but held fast in his righteousness before God. As a result, he could greatly reveal the glory of God.

#### 5) Daniel’s three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, unchangingly kept their faith.

Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon made an image of gold, and he proclaimed that whoever did not fall down before the golden image and

worship should be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire (Daniel 3). Daniel’s three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, would not violate the command of God who tells us not to worship idols. They did not fall down before the image and were eventually taken to the king. The king, then, gave them another opportunity saying that he would save them if they bowed down now. But they did not compromise at all.

They were bold even in the face of death because their perfect love for God drove away their fear. They ended up being thrown into the furnace of fire that was heated seven times more than it had been usually heated. However, God protected them, so the fire had no effect on the bodies nor was the hair of their head singed. This way, they revealed the glory of God and gained more recognition.

#### 6) Men of Gideon, the boy David, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah

In Judges 7, the war seemed to be unfavorable to Israel because the Midianites were as numerous as the sand on the seashore. But God told the judge Gideon to reduce the number of men who were going to the war with him. Gideon obeyed Him, cut down the number, and courageously fought as instructed by God. As doing so, he eventually achieved a victory.

1 Samuel 17 describes David when he was a boy. Since he believed God, he boldly came before Goliath who was a giant man in the armies of the Philistines. At his first attempt he slung a stone and struck the Philistine man in his forehead. Jehoshaphat the king of Judah also fasted and prayed to God with his people when the united army of neighboring countries invaded the Southern Kingdom of Judah. And in obedience to the word of God, he appointed those who praised God in holy attire and made them go out before the army. God accepted this deed of faith with joy and gave them a victory (2 Chronicles 20).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope you will boldly act with perfect love that drives away any fear. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will possess faith by which nothing is impossible.

## 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)

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**Our Hope  
for the Lord**



Brother Seongkyul Lee,  
age 20, Chiang Rai Manmin Church,  
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**“I am so happy to join in the world mission of Manmin!”**

When I was a fifth grader, my parents were dispatched to Thailand as missionaries and my family moved to the country. Everything was so unfamiliar to me at first, but I joyfully adapted to the new environment since I knew Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee always prays for us.

People in Thailand were suffering from poverty, but they had pure spirits. They joyfully accepted the holiness gospel and changed. They were also healed of their diseases when Pastor Jaewon Lee, my father, led the handkerchief healing meeting and prayed for them with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

I have two brothers. We have helped my parents' ministry. My older brother Seunghun played the guitar in the worship services and served as a leader of the choir. He is now in the army. The other elder brother of mine is a leader of the worship service team and plays the keyboards. He serves as an English interpreter in the Indochina Seminar and he is president of Male Young Adults' Mission.

As president of Young Adults' Mission, I have tried

to ride on the same spiritual flow of the central church with our members. Our young adults are running more earnestly than ever with hope for heaven by taking part in the New Jerusalem Campaign 2018. I fulfill such precious duties given by God through prayer: I start my day in the morning prayer meeting before I go to college and I pray at night in Daniel Prayer Meeting.

I also lead praise in the Tuesday Praise & Worship Service and give a lecture in the church's Korean class open for evangelizing people. I also serve as a Thai and English interpreter in the Indochina Pastors' Seminar. I am interpreting Senior Pastor's sermons into Thai during Sunday Services and Friday All-night Service. I feel so proud when I see people receive much grace from Senior Pastor's sermons and shed tears. I am so thankful for letting me live such a valuable life.

Just by thinking that I can help Senior Pastor's ministry that is leading all people of all nations to the way of salvation at the end time, my heart is full and I am strengthened. I give all thanks and glory to God who has blessed me to live a valuable life for the Lord.

**“I was drawn near to my dream  
when I obeyed the Word of God!”**



Sister Jiae Seo, age 29,  
Young Adults' Mission,  
Manmin Central Church

In 2006, I started to lead a believing life in Manmin and learned about true faith through Senior Pastor's sermons.

I started to prepare for the entrance exam to foreign language high schools when I was a 9th grader which is considered to be very late. I was supposed to go to a private academy even on the Lord's Day but I went to church because I knew it is to acknowledge God's spiritual authority and the way of blessing. Finally, God blessed me to be admitted to English department of Gwacheon Foreign Language High School, the one most people had applied for.

In late 2014, before my college graduation, I entered Korea Social Enterprise Promotion Agency, which is under Ministry of Employment and Labor, by passing its written test and interview through Senior Pastor's prayer.

One day in work, my office was having a party and my boss joined us. There was the casting of the lot, where a person who won the lot would receive a glass of alcohol from the boss, drink, and then receive his prize.

Then, I won the lot, but I asked him to understand my not drinking alcohol and rejected it. I was sorry before my boss but I knew that I would feel more sorry before God and would regret more if I drank it. Despite such a response from me, many people in my office understood me and liked me. It was all by the grace of God.

In the early life at work, I underwent several conflicts due to lack of my social and communication skills. It was at that time I read Senior Pastor's book *Joseph, the Passage to God's Covenant*. It became like a mentor for my life in workplace. It helped me put myself in others' shoes and taught me how to make a report according to the right order and how to deal with conflicts.

In 2017, I received the commendation from Employment and Labor Minister by the recommendation of my team leader. I studied Chinese and English in university, and now I study in graduate school as well as work in order to repay the grace of the Lord. I also study Japanese these days. I give all thanks and glory to God who gave dreams to me and has blessed me to achieve them with His grace.

**“I used to be indulged in video games  
but now I preach the gospel!”**



Brother Arnold Zacarias Molina Velasco,  
age 26, Peru Manmin Church

I was born into a Christian family. I read the Bible and prayed according to my parents' teaching. But, I could not understand the love and will of God. I studied well in school and pleased my parents. But after my mother passed away when I was 11, I came to neglect studying and spent so much time and money on video games. Above all, I stopped going to church for six years.

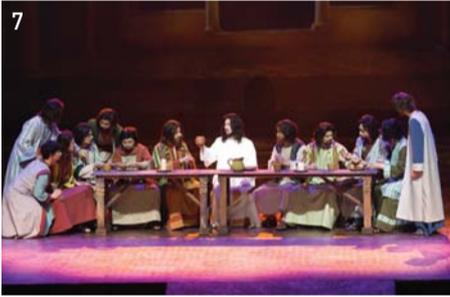
In November 2008, I was guided to Peru Manmin Church by one of my relatives. Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons and spiritual authority brought renewal to my life. I could stop video games. I became a new person on December 25.

I started to read Senior Pastor's sermon text presented in the church's website in Spanish. I also read his books *The Message of the Cross* and *The Measure of Faith*. I received much grace. I came to understand the love of God embedded in human cultivation, the wisdom of

God shown in the Lord's sacrifice, and the purpose of my life.

I attended Daniel Prayer Meeting as well. I repented of my past life and prayed to be forgiven by God. I volunteered actively in church and listened to Senior Pastor's sermons. I took the courses of Manmin International Seminary. Afterwards, I helped my church's pastor preach the holiness gospel and deliver the power of God in many areas of Peru for five years.

Pastor Hangeyeol Kim was dispatched to my church. I help him prepare for the sermon in Spanish and serve as a president of Young Adults' Mission. I am so happy to dwell in the Word of God and fulfill my God-given duty. I hope to deliver the holiness gospel to Peru and its neighboring countries and lead many people to dwell in the grace of God. I give all thanks and glory to God who gives me true happiness.



**Act 1: The Cross of the Lord**

**Scene 1: Introduction** – Little Jesus waits for the time of fulfilling the providence of salvation and prepares for it in prayers.

**Scene 2: Prelude** by Nissi Orchestra  
**Scene 3: People Who Wait for the Messiah**

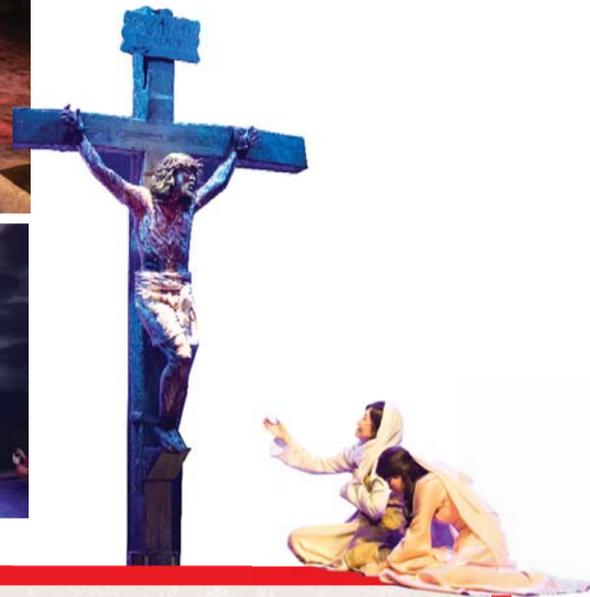
**Scene 4: The Love of the Lord** – The disciples feel excited about the Lord’s ministry

**Scene 5: The Prayer of the Lord** – Jesus prays alone in the Sea of Galilee

**Scene 6: The Ministry of the Lord** – People take the branches of palm trees and meet Him with joy.

**Scene 7: The Last Supper**

**Scene 8: The Way of the Cross**



**2018 Easter Performance**

**“The Cross of the Lord”**

The cross of the Lord, a mystery that has been hidden since before the ages...  
 Through His love that fulfilled the providence of salvation completely, may all of those who are living in this end time be filled with the joy of salvation and the hope for heaven!



**Act 2: The Resurrection of the Lord**

**Scene 9: Death of Judas Iscariot**

**Scene 10: Afterwards, Those Who Love the Lord** – Mary Magdalene and Virgin Mary miss Lord Jesus more and more

**Scene 11: The Resurrection of the Lord**

**Scene 12: Finale – Ascension**



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