

# Vision of Praise



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*From the editor*

The year 2011 has started with *Pater Noster*, the Lord's Prayer in Latin. We have been worshipping the Lord with *Pater Noster* since the very beginning of this year, because Pastor Peter and Mitsuko both felt that the Lord was urging us to pray and sing *Pater Noster* even if we do not understand it intellectually.

We believe that God has given us heavenly tune of *Pater Noster*, the Lord's Prayer in Latin beforehand in order to live through this end time.

Please pray *Pater Noster* and let your heart be one with its tune.

This time, we'd like to share with you Pastor Peter's message *Pater Noster*, written right after the the Great East-Japan Earthquake on March 11.

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## Pater Noster

Peter

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and

bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein. (Jeremiah 4:23-29 KJV)

It is no longer concealed. It is unfolded before our eyes in the most unexpected way. What a tragedy! What a merciless predicament we are in! On March 11, 2011, which was only four days ago, major earthquakes and huge tsunamis struck the Tohoku (eastern) region of Japan and swallowed thousands and thousands of innocent people. The lost are too precious lives of the old and the young.

O, cry and cry. Wail and wail.

The land is now desolate, for “the mountains trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.” Truly, “the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down.” What’s worse is that this may not be the end of it. More monstrous and devastating earthquakes, which seismologists have been predicting for the southern part of Japan, may be imminent. No one can discard the fearful possibility.

It was near the end of last year, the busy and joyful time of the season, that Mitsuko received another heavenly tune. Intuitively we knew that it was the Lord’s Prayer, given not in English nor in Japanese. Strangely, it was in Latin.

As usual, we followed the Spirit’s leading. No matter how strange it may sound, we have learned it is best to attune with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we received the Lord’s Prayer in Latin: “*Pater Noster*.” *Pater* means “father” and *Noster* “our.” That is “Our Father,” the first two words of the prayer.

It is a beautiful praise, but Mitsuko first hesitated to make it public out of fear that it might trigger another disaster.

It sounds weird, doesn't it? But you would be so too if you understand the past instances. Excluding this Latin one, we have four Japanese versions of the Lord's Prayer. Each time it became public or was taken down as music, the catastrophic disasters ensued. After the first one, the 9.11 terrorist attacks in the U.S. in 2001; the second one, the Sumatra Earthquake which resulted in the Indian Ocean tsunami and took more than 220,000 lives in 2004; the third one, the Tohoku Earthquake in Japan in 2005; and the fourth one, the cyclone in Myanmar and the Sichuan Earthquake in China in 2008.

I wish it were a lunatic's fantasy. Then you can ignore it. This, however, is not.

Since Mitsuko began to receive the *Heavenly Praises* on the night of January 16, 2000, we have been blessed with the beauty and transparency of each praise. They are like flowers in the Garden of Eden. No such precedent in Christendom. The churches have been enriched by hymns down the centuries, and anyone with or without faith can play and enjoy them. The *Heavenly Praises* are different. We cannot sing a single praise without the heavenly vision, without faith in the praise, because they are celestial. They are of heaven.

Now these *Heavenly Praises* numbered more than 1,000. From the very beginning, I knew they were not just for our own enjoyment and pleasure. When the first song, "Holy Alleluia," echoed on the early morning of January 17, 2000, I immediately knew that we were placed in the celestial dimension:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was  
and is and is to come! (Revelation 4:8)

I also perceived that the new praise would be for the

Church of Christ for her entirety. It is not for just our church or any group, but for the Church Universe, the Bride of Christ, in the eschatological time.

For the decades, I have held the nagging thought that we are heading into the apocalyptic time. Personally I was not in favor of the dreadful dramas displayed in the book of Revelation, and did not disclose my inner thought for a long time. Against my physiological distaste, however, the Spirit pressed me as time passed to the point of my limit. To my surprise, I uncovered the magnificent vision in the Revelation when my heart was opened by the praise. The vision was on the “Third Church aiming for the Church of Revelation Praise.” (The article is included in “The Vision” by Peter Shimada.)

Encouraged by the Spirit, I finally declared the solemn truth that we are heading into the Church in the Revelation era. She is the Church Universe.

When the *Heavenly Praise* began to resound, I knew the apocalyptic time was here on the earth. Especially when the Latin praises began to reverberate in the beginning of 2009, God’s clock propelled its speed.

Therefore, I was surprised and delighted when Mitsuko confided to me the visitation of the Lord’s Prayer in Latin. I understood her hesitation and anxiety, but I knew it should be published and praised with no time lost. This new praise is of the utmost importance next only to “Credo,” another Latin praise composed of four independent praises. Ours is the generation of the Revelation. No doubt about it. “Credo” opened a new dimension, and now “Pater Noster” is making the distinguished demarcation. It is releasing the celestial energy on the earth.

I do not think it is possible to manipulate the heavenly operation. It is not accurate to say that the *Heavenly Praise* triggers the earthly disaster.

The reality of the biblical perspective, however, is that the earth is synchronized and linked with heaven. When heaven starts something, the earth is prompted and moves in one way or another. We are not the instigators in any sense of the word. Rather we are God's instruments to carry out His mission here on the earth. When the Lord God says that the earth has little time left, we simply echo it. Its consequence, however, we know very little. The earth may receive beautiful peace and healing, or she may suffer disaster and calamity. The Lord only knows.

I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things. (Isaiah 45:7 NIV)

The Sovereign Lord who controls heaven and the earth drives the Apocalypse drama according to His wisdom and according to His timing. This divine drama is accelerating its speed now.

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. (Revelation 6:12-14 NIV)

The earthquake that shook Japan a few days ago is not the last great earthquake that accompanies the cosmic fluctuations. It is one of the end-time signals, however.

“Pater Noster” is related to the disaster in Japan, the groaning signal of the earth.

“Pater Noster” reverberates the earth, and the earth trembles.

Is this the way the Lord God purifies the world contaminated with sin and greediness? I do not know. Yet, one thing I know. The apocalyptic time is for the completion of Christ’s redemption here on the earth.

The redemption of Christ was completed once for all on Calvary. It was so decisive that nothing should be added or deducted. The Lord the Victor conquered everything under His feet. The entire creation, however, is not yet in complete subjection to the Lord, as the scripture says, “But now we do not yet see all things put under Him.” (Hebrews 2:8 NKJ) The final stage has been saved for the eschatological time, which is the dispensation of the Apocalypse. Everything, truly nothing to be omitted, will be brought up to the final and total redemption of Christ.

I sincerely believe that we have finally reached this stage. The last curtain has been rolled up.

Do you not hear the heavenly tune of “Pater Noster”?

Why Latin? You may wonder.

All I can say is that the Lord God must have selected the ancient common language for the world’s common purpose, which is to worship the Lamb in one accord. Personally, I believe that Hebrew signifies God the Father, Greek Jesus Christ, and Latin the Holy Spirit. Ours is the generation of the Revelation and of the Spirit.

I hear “Pater Noster” floating over the desolate seashores ruined by the earthquake. It is a song of redemption – comfort and mercy of the Holy Spirit.

*Cry not any longer, My children.  
I, the Redeemer, stretch hands over the ailing earth.  
My Love is everlasting for you.*

Make all your time to sing “Pater Noster,” for the Lord God is so praying. It is the healing and protection not only for you, but also for your loved ones, your community and your country. There is not much time left. Wouldn’t you be joining God’s great and final army to march on the earth with the heavenly hosts?

And I hear the ancient prophet:

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the L’s hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” (Isaiah 40:1-5 NIV)

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(when the land is still trembling with the quake’s aftershocks)

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