

*From the editor*

For this issue, we would like to share the Pastor Peter's message at the Kobe Retreat 2025, "Confess Before the Lord," together with "Credo - I Believe -" from the Retreat Concert Program by Mitsuko.

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## **Confess Before the Lord**

Peter

Jesus Christ is God. That God has called you, so you are here.

We have entered a truly mysterious time. Personally, I am in the later years of life that it is not strange if I went to His world at any time. Yet, with so many mystical things happening almost every day, the distinction between phenomenal world and spiritual world is becoming blurred. And now the only thing I know is that "God is love," and that we have been called by Him.

Lord Jesus said the following:

Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted to him. Therefore, I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted to you.

(Mark 11:22-24 NAS)

How many times have I read this verse in my life? And now, at this stage of what is probably be my final retreat, I find myself moved again by the verse and say, “Amen.”

“Have faith in God.” The original Greek meaning of this is, “Have the faith of God.”

“Have the faith of God.” When you believe in Jesus Christ, God Himself put His faith into your heart and let you confess with your mouth, “I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior.” You are echoing the call of heaven. It is nothing difficult. God has called you, so you believe in Him. Jesus Christ has died on the Cross for your sins and was resurrected on the third day.

“How do we know that?” It is because the Spirit of God has put the thought in your heart far beyond your intellect and allowed you to confess through your mouth, “Jesus Christ is God.”

The word “confess” has the nuance of “echoing” or “saying the same thing.” Firstly, it is God who says it, then your heart catches it and echoes, “O, Jesus Christ is God!”

Now, in what is called the “end times,” the Spirit of God is overflowing here among us.

In the midst of the Spirit of God, let us confess. What you confess will surely be done. What you say in the Spirit of God will be fulfilled. There is no more difference between what you confess and what is being done. The reality of the Lord Jesus Christ is that much close.

Let you confess your heart’s deepest desire before the Lord. What you confess will be done. It shall be done.

You have many prayers. Now tell the Lord your greatest desire, and it will be accomplished. Because God Himself is desiring it through you. Once you have confessed your desire, then you continue to believe. Be grateful and keep on believing. I do not know how it will be realized in the phenomenal world. However, God knows everything. He who knows everything only wishes the best for you. This is the Cross.

God's best will be done! "Lord, I believe in Jesus Christ," and His best will be done. Give thanks, thanks, and thanks. Truly, all that is left is the echo of gratitude of Jesus Christ.

Isn't God's love echoing throughout the universe right now?

God is love, and His will shall be fulfilled. Lord, thank You very much.

May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May Your peace be done in heaven and on this earth. Amen.

March 13, 2025

# Credo

## *I Believe*

from the Retreat Concert Program

Mitsuko

On October 19, 2009, during our mission trip in Spain, we happened to stop by the Santa Maria del Mar Church in Barcelona. Entering the Eucharistic chapel in the cathedral, I together with some staff workers sang the praise “Laudamus Te.” It was then that I heard a melody from above, along with the word Credo. So, this praise was named “Credo.” At that time, I did not even know its meaning. Credo means “I believe” in Latin. After returning to Japan,

Pastor Peter says, “The faith of God who first believes in us underlies this praise.”

In the European churches, this confession of faith must have been echoing for hundreds of years.

Pastor Peter said that the melody I had recorded must be for the words of the Nicene Creed, and the words perfectly fit the melody.

This year marks 1700 years since the original version of the Nicene Creed (in Greek) was created in 325 AD. It is not known as a historical fact when it became Latin, but it is said to have been also in the 4th century. This faith has continued for 1700 years. In the church I went for the first time in Japan, they chanted the Apostles’ Creed together. I did not like it because it sounded like a mantra, but I remember tears flowed in the sound of the creed for some reason.

The melody of “Credo (1) God the Father” was given in Spain on October 19, 2009, and the lyrics were given after we returned to Japan. It was released in Sunday worship at the Church of the Wind (led by Pastor Peter and Mitsuko) on November 1, 2009.

### Credo (1)

*Credo Credo Credo in unum Deum*

*Petre omnipotentem*

*Credo in unum Deum Credo in unum Deum*

I believe in one God the Father Almighty.

“Credo (2) Son Jesus Christ” resounded from “Credo (1)” sung in Sunday worship at Corazon Hall in Beppu, Japan on January 31, 2010, when the White Dove editorial team was staying in Kyushu. It was released in Sunday Worship at the Church of the Wind (led by Pastor Peter) on February 7, 2010.

### Credo (2)

*Credo in unum Dominum*

*Credo in Jesum Christum*

*Filium Dei unigenitum*

*Credo in Jesum Christum*

I believe in one Lord.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

“Credo (3) Holy Spirit” consists of four pieces from (3-1) to (3-4).

### Credo (3-1)

given on March 6, 2010 released in Sunday Worship on May 2, 2010

*Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*  
*Dominum et vivificantem*  
*Dominum et vivificantem*  
*Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the Life-Maker.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.

### Credo (3-2)

given on June 12, 2010 released in the Spain Concert on  
October 28, 2010

*Credo Credo Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*  
*Credo Credo Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

### Credo (3-3)

given on July 9, 2011 released in the Kobe Retreat Concert  
on August 30, 2011

*In Spiritum Sanctum Spiritus Sanctum*  
*Credo Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*

In the Holy Spirit, I believe in the Holy Spirit.

### Credo (3-4)

given on July 16, 2011 released in the Kobe Retreat Concert  
on August 30, 2011

*Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*  
*Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*  
*Dominum et vivificantem*  
*Dominum et vivificantem*  
*Credo in Spiritum Sanctum*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the Life-Maker.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The “Credo (3)” series “I believe in the Holy Spirit” is  
very beautiful, especially in the refrain as if radiating the

sparkling joy of life. The joy of believing in the Holy Spirit is overflowing, and I think I understand why there are four songs only for the Holy Spirit.

#### Credo (4)

given on March 6, 2010 released in Sunday Worship on August 1, 2010

*Credo Credo Credo in unam Ecclesiam*

*sanctam catholicam*

*Credo in unam Ecclesiam*

I believe in one holy universal Church.

I believe in one Church.

For this version (4) alone, the melody did not fit the Latin words of the Nicene Creed. After trying this and that, I found it fit perfectly by removing just one word.

Originally it was “I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.” Then “apostolic” was removed and it became “I believe in one holy catholic Church.”

In singing “Credo” from (1) to (2), (3), and (4), I felt it showing that the ultimate goal of God’s desire is the Church (the Body of Christ).

The words of “Credo (5-1) (5-2)” are taken from the Apostles’ Creed. It is one of the representative ancient creeds, which is said to have been formulated by the apostles and used as a confession of faith at baptism in the 2nd century.

#### Credo (5-1)

given on April 8, 2014, released in Easter Worship on April 20, 2014

*Credo in communionem sanctorum*

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I believe in the communion of saints.

“Credo (5-1)” has only two lines, and the words are also included in (5-2) “Mystical Body of Christ.”

Pastor Peter says, “The ‘communion of saints’ is not just fellowship with visible people. We dare not say, ‘I believe,’ for what is visible. The communion also includes those who returned to heaven.” We now know that even this one concert is possible with the help of invisible people.

“Credo (5-2) Mystical Body of Christ” given on May 28, 2014 released in Sunday Worship on June 1, 2014.

Credo (5-2) \*underlined Credo (5-1)

Credo in communionem sanctorum

Credo in corpus Christi mysticus

Credo in communionem sanctorum

I believe in the communion of saints.

I believe in the mystical Body of Christ.

For the first time in this concert, we will sing the entire praise. “Credo” is indeed a grand praise. After “Credo (1)” was given in 2009, it took five years until “Credo (5-2)” was given in 2014. That means this praise was sung for those five years and has continued to be sung ever since. How much God desires us to believe in Him, have faith in Him and live by faith! He knows that it is the greatest happiness for us.

After the trip to Spain in which “Credo (1)” was given, the following words were spoken by the Lord during



worship in November 2009:

*Cherish most what is most important.*

(November 1, 2009)

This was spoken in the worship where “Credo” was sung for the first time at the Church of the Wind. Now I understand that it was about faith. When we cherish most what is most important, we shall live.

I believe in God the Father.

I believe in the Son Jesus Christ.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Church (the Body of Christ).

This faith is the answer to everything.

“Credo” has been given, I believe, for the restoration of faith in Europe, and not only that, for the restoration of faith in the whole world. Now is the time for us to sing this praise.

We will sing “Credo” together with heaven and offer this praise to God.

*Through the restoration of faith*

*in the Body of Christ,*

*the whole earth shall live.*

*The restoration of the Body*

*shall lead to the restoration of Israel.*

*The restoration of the Body is*

*the restoration of Israel.*

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