

From the editor

For this issue, we would like to share the Pastor Peter's message at the Kobe Retreat 2025, "True Peacemaker," together with "Prayer for Peace" from the Retreat Concert Program by Mitsuko.

True Peacemaker

Peter

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9 KJV)

"Peacemakers" is the famous word in the sermon on the mount. However, for a long time, this word has been misunderstood.

For instance, those who take action such as demonstrating against the government are considered peacemakers by the Christian church. However, it is a bit different. The verse continues, "... for they shall be called the children of God." Does it mean that you will become children of God if you take such action? No, that is not the case.

We are peacemakers because we are already children of God.

There is nothing else other than believing in Jesus Christ to be a child of God.

When you believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross, you are children of God. The Bible does not ask

anything more. And when you worship Christ in Spirit and truth, the peace of God wells up and flows from the depths of your being. This is what God does. It is not about us protesting for peace on the streets. You, simply being yourself, have the peace of God flow from your being.

I have aged and can no longer move around as I did when I was young. I sit in a wheelchair, but I can still believe from the core of my being that I am a peacemaker. For there is the redeeming love of the cross.

A peacemaker is not a person of action but one who knows the mystery of the cross. So we are here now, called to be true peacemakers and to be instruments of God's peace and redeeming love. What a wonder it is!

You are children of God, believers of the redemption of the cross. Therefore, you shall pray for God's peace. Pray to God for His peace over Ukraine, which is deeply wounded by war. It is not Trump or Putin but only Christ who can bring peace. Jesus Christ is the true peace. Peace is the substance, which you can touch with your hands. Bring forth His peace now. For that purpose Kohitsuji no Mure was called, and for that mission you were called.

Your presence is to reveal the deep mystery of God.

You, who worship God in Spirit and truth, are the peacemakers of God, for you are His children.

Christ Jesus, You are the true peace, and You have called us to be peacemakers. So, we now send Your peace to the lands of conflict and to the lands of hatred. We send the substance of true peace, the peace of Christ.

Holy Redeemer Jesus Christ, thank You.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Amen.

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Prayer for Peace

from the Retreat Concert Program
Mitsuko

Redemption Completed in Cosmic Worship

Praise is not just mere singing but worship itself. Praise is healing and forgiveness. It brings peace and fulfills the will of God. The starting point of praise is each one's thanksgiving to the Lord. Forgiven and healed by the Lord, we, who were once dead, have become alive, learned joy of living and love. We cannot help but rejoice in God and praise Him. Praise is our response of love to the One who loves us. At times praise reveals the Lord Himself.

One person's praise has great power. A lot of healing has taken place through praise.

However, we have seen that the praise of the Body of Christ has much greater power. That is what it means when I say praise reveals the Lord Himself.

We call the worship for all creation "Cosmic Worship" and believe that Cosmic Worship realizes our faith, "Everything is completed in praise." Pastor Peter says, "The love of Christ alone is sufficient." This represents our

faith in praise. We need nothing but the redeeming love of Christ. Great teachers, biblical knowledge and a building are not necessities. In praise everything is completed, and the redeeming love of Christ is perfected. This is the faith in the cross.

In Cosmic Worship we will see the redemption of the cross completed.

Cosmic Worship is centered on what we call “multi-dimensional praise.” Different praises are sung together, overlapping and following one another. In the midst of its resonance, new praises continue to be born. I believe it is because multi-dimensional praise is the resonance of life. We will sing a new song.

Even Sorrow Becomes Praise

On February 7 this year, Yasuko Hozawa, a leader in the Chubu region, led evening worship. She said:

God has let me experience the reality that the praise of my flesh (unable to explain it better than this) resonates with the praise of heaven. On one occasion, I was surprised to hear my voice of praise I was not actually singing, and I also heard the voice from heaven singing “Livore Ejus.” The air was swirling and dancing with joy. Stunned, I intuitively knew that this was Cosmic Worship. Perhaps the Lord called me to worship because I was always tossed around by my husband’s anger and could not calm down. I noticed that the pain I had been carrying no longer hurt me from then on, though the pain still existed. Later, I understood that the wound within me had been saved by Cosmic Worship.

(Yasuko Hozawa)

That was her encounter with the multi-dimensional praise. She entered the multi-dimensional praise of Cosmic Worship, and it was healing to resonate with the heavenly tune. Yasuko noticed that the pain she had been carrying no longer hurt her. Even the pain echoed with praise and became praise. It was deep healing for her.

During the concert practice, I also noticed that when the praise of the choir was in one breath creating the most beautiful harmony, a melody started resonating within me. I was not singing, but praise was arising from within. To others, I may have looked as if just singing with the choir. Praise passed through me as a vessel. It must have been healing. I believe that we humans, indeed all things, are created to resonate with one another.

On January 16, 2000, praise popped out of my mouth. That was when the praise “O Holy (1)” was given. I had no desire to sing or expectation to receive praise. Perhaps it was the melody of praise itself that wanted to come out. Praise was like living life. Later I came to think that maybe God commanded praise to go out to the earth because He wanted heaven and earth to be united and praise together.

Since then, new praises have been given day after day. It was like a flood. Most of the lyrics were for some reason from the book of Revelation in the Bible.

Later the second version of “O Holy” was given, further followed by new versions one after another. We came to know that it was what we now call multi-dimensional praise.

Before and after the flood of praise started, the Lord

told us to “sing a new song.” Now I understand that it meant to “sing multi-dimensional praise,” and to sing a new song born in the resonance of multi-dimensional praise (that is, a new praise).

It started with the Revelation praise in January 2000, and then many praises were given from nature, such as wind, flowers and light, as well as from all different scriptures, including Psalms, Isaiah and the Gospels. I believe it is because all things came into being through the Word in the beginning and have the resonance within.

In June 2021 the flood of Alleluia praises began. It all started when Pastor Peter introduced during worship the recording of Sinclair’s “Alleluia” sung at the Church of the Redeemer in Houston, Texas. Hearing it more than 50 years ago, he wished to build a church of praise in Japan. When I heard this beautiful praise, I prayed to the Lord, “Please give us Alleluia of the Church of the Wind.” After that, Alleluia praises began to pour out.

Alleluia praises are born from the words in testimonies and reports of staff workers and leaders. Heaven must be echoing with the faith of people on earth. Even sorrow becomes Alleluia praises, healing ones in grief.

The other day, from one staff worker’s voice of inner struggle and pain, a praise was born, and its lyrics were “May peace be done.” It is the healing for a war in one person’s heart, the outpouring of the Lord’s love for that person. One person is the representative, so it is the healing for all people at war in their hearts and the prayer for peace

to end all wars.

Supreme Healing

There is one more thing I noticed regarding multi-dimensional praise. No matter how correctly we sing according to the music score and directions, multi-dimensional praise is never the same again. I think it is because praise is in tune with the heart of God each time.

Praise is never exactly the same even when the choir sing in unison with one accord, and much more in multi-dimensional praise which changes day by day, minute by minute. That is why it can resonate with anyone and in any situation, reaching the past and the future. Indeed, it is healing that transcends time.

For example, when a short praise of a single flower was sung with four different versions as multi-dimensional praise, the Lord's message, "Look at the flowers of the field," was clarified. The flowers of the field were revealed to us. The breath, joy and wish of the flowers were made known to all of us, and we could resonate with the flowers. The life of the Word was vividly conveyed.

When "Amen, Come, Lord Jesus" was sung multi-dimensionally with three different versions, I noticed the power of prayer increased. I was overwhelmed by love.

When the praise given to a mother was sung multi-dimensionally with the praise given to her daughter, I was convinced that the joy of reconciliation between them brought the healing of all conflicts between parents and children.

I now believe that multi-dimensional praise is the heavenly wisdom and the love of God. It shows the power of life in the Word and reveals the redemption of the cross most directly and beyond time.

The 61st Concert

This retreat concert, I believe, will further open the door of multi-dimensional praise.

This is the 61st concert since the first one in May 2000. (This is our 24th retreat. The retreat was held every year until 2008, and once every three years since the completion of the Church of the Wind in 2008. We also held concerts outside of the retreats, so the number of concerts has far exceeded the number of retreats.)

Retreats and concerts are of special importance to us for the following reasons:

1. To respond to God's will by worshipping in Spirit and truth.
2. To participate in God's plan to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

Above all, retreats and concerts are to advance the redemption of time.

A scripture was given to me when I was praying for this retreat.

... redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

(Ephesians 5:15-19 NKJ)

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

(Ephesians 1:8-10 NKJ)

In this time of unending wars, abnormal weather, floods, wildfires, COVID-19, new infectious diseases and other unusual incidents, what people seek most is peace.

So many praises continue to be given to us, and now we are allowed to have this retreat. I cannot help but think that it is for peace to be done, which can be accomplished only through worship in Spirit and truth, and only through praise.

I pray that the will of God may be done through the concert. May peace be done.

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