

Worship on March 22, 2020 – online stream (or record and upload on youtube)

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Announcements:

- . This recording is for the worship of March 22, 2020 because of the closure of church caused by Coronavirus Pandemic. Or COVID 19
- . This link is available on our website.

SONG – What A Beautiful Name – lyrics

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning

One with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation

Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is

What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is

Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us

So Jesus You brought heaven down

My sin was great Your love was greater

What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is

What a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is

Nothing compares to this

What a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You

The veil tore before You

You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring

The praise of Your glory

For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival

You have no equal

Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom

Yours is the glory

Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is

Nothing can stand against

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Prayer for worship

Beautiful God, as we praised and worshiped with the song, we lift you up right now with all our hearts. As we worship in this new way of individual worship through video, or written prayer and sermon, help us focus on you. At this time, come into our hearts and give us strength to put everything aside but have you in our hearts. We want your presence. We want to experience your love and grace through this worship. Like a storm, our current situation is not predictable. It's changing every hour. Businesses are closed, we can't go to restaurants. No classes in schools. No social gatherings including church services. Because of this Coronavirus, we are to stay away from one another physically. Help us spiritually connected through our prayers and encouragements. As we experience this chaotic time, help us be still

before you. Help us come before your presence and have time with you. So we are connected to you once more. As we worship you this time, let your Holy Spirit capture our hearts, so we kneel before you and confess your Lordship. We are yours. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39 (NRSV)

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: the love of God

The love of God.

How are you doing in this unusual situation? Someone might have to go to work, many people are stuck with children at home, like me. It's good that we are together, but a little too much. :) I hope and pray that God's love and peace be poured down upon you and your family. Also, God of peace will be with you in this emotionally and physically and financially challenging situation.

Today's scripture is one of my favorite ones. This basically tells us that God's love is with us no matter what. No matter what. Any situation, anything we did good or bad, any kinds of evil desires we have, any forbidden places we go, anything. Literally, nothing can separate us from God's love.

That's the message and conclusion of the day.

When I was in Korea, in my junior high school, everyone was talking about communicating the spirit, like the wizzy board. It was viral among our friends at that time. I don't want to talk about all the details. It is a spiritual thing. And it was not a good thing. But, at that time, it seemed too interesting to resist calling out the evil spirit and to ask questions.

So, my friend and I started. We said our spell and waited. We had the sign that the spirit came. We asked the spirit, "are you afraid of God?" He and I challenged the evil spirit with the Bible open. We were able to feel the force trying to run away from the Bible. That is the only memory I have about evoking the evil spirit.

The spell was not Korean, but I knew the meaning of it. And that gave me a trouble for a long time. The meaning was "come evil spirit upon me. I want to give you my soul." Knowing the meaning of the spell and the experience of the evil spirit, I was

afraid. I had the faith that my soul was captured by the evil spirit. I was afraid for many many years. Many many years.

Today Bible verse is the verse that I read repeatedly when I experienced the fear. From the year of 1996, until about 2003 or 2004, I felt so sorry to God for selling my soul to the evil spirit. I was haunted by this thought for many many years.

Let me read v35 and 37-39 one more time.

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Nothing. Nothing. Nothing.

Not even death, not even Angel, not even rulers, present things, hardship, distress, power. I can list all the powerful things in our lives... BUT, Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. AMEN? If we are to have the in-person worship, I would ask you to say AMEN. (Amen means "I agree with you, I give you my consent, I confess faith in you. I believe that it is true.")

I read this love of God over and over and over and over and over until this message comes in my heart for many many years. If you say you know something, many times, it stays and ends in your surface level knowledge. For the knowledge to be us and to be in us, it has to come into our hearts. If we want to live the promises from the Bible, and truth, and love of God, then it has to come into our hearts and we have to have it in our hearts. Sometimes, it happens instantly. “Aha moment” is a good example. It’s like we experience the tipping point. It changes from that moment. But, to get there, many repetition is needed. So I read it, recited it, wrote it, and typed it on the computer over and over. Repeatedly, I said to myself. **“God’s love is inseparable. No one can separate me from God. Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

Many of us are in panic emotionally. Some might be going through very hard time. May this inseparable love of God stay in your hearts. May this love of God give you confidence. May this unending love of God give you strength to hang in there. And this love of God for you give you peace in this stormy situation.

Remember the love of God for you and be confident. Stay safe and healthy, and if you need to talk to me about anything or any help I can offer you, please contact me through my email or you can call me or text me. And remember, sisters and brothers in St. Andrew’s, even though I am new, you are in my prayers and my thoughts. (revsoonghuh@hotmail.com / 647-208-5381)

Let us pray.

Loving Father God, thank you so much for your unending and inseparable love for

us. Give us faith that we can trust your love with all that we are, so we have confidence in our daily lives because of your love. This is not the best time for everyone. But, we believe that you are still faithful to us in providing us what we need. Loving Father God, as we go through this difficult time, give us wisdom so we may protect ourselves and others with safety and health. Give us courage so we can do what we need to do and we stop when we need to stop.

Continue to pray for the Prayer of the people

Because of your love that cannot be separated by anything in this whole creation, we can come to you and we rely upon you. We are coming to you with our hearts' desires and our hopes and prayers.

First of all, we pray for Canada. We are trying to flat the curve. We closed schools, stores, businesses, and churches. We try to keep social distance to stop the virus from spreading. As we work together, help us and strengthen us. And please stop this virus and help us restore our regular life again.

We pray for our government. They are trying to help us. They closed the borders and they are planning to help people in various ways. Let the help go to the right people who are actually in need and let all the help not be wasted and abused. Pour out your wisdom upon the prime minister and his cabinet and all the politicians, use them as your hands and feet for the protection of Canada. And help all the frontline workers who are exposed to the danger of the virus, protect them and help them to properly equip all the safety equipments. Let their sacrificial services be recognized by others and bless them with your power and love.

We pray for our church, St. Andrew's. Although we are staying closed for all the gatherings and worship services, help us think of one another and pray for each other

to maintain our connectedness while our physical distance still is remaining. As we worship you and share your love through online connection, help us stop from our busyness and help us make time for you, so we can ponder upon with the materials we are provided. Let this global crisis become the pathway to you and to your love. God of love, thank you for your love. We are yours and we know that you are holding us. We give you thanks and all our praises. Be lifted up and be glorified through our lives. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray Amen.

Before benediction, I want to offer you a song.

My peace I give unto you

My peace I give unto you. / It's a peace that the world cannot give

It's a peace that the world cannot understand

Peace to know, peace to live My peace I give unto you

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And the Love of God,

And the intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

Be with us all, now and always.

Amen.

Ponder upon questions:

1. Have you experienced that you are drifted away from the love of God?

2. Do you believe in today's message: inseparable love of God for YOU?
3. What does the love of God mean for you?