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A worship service prepared by Chinatown Peace Church, Vancouver, B.C., for May 24, 2020, and shared with the Mennonite Church Canada community of faith

Worship participants

Ray Tsan	Worship host
Faith Liu and Jeffrey Ng	Music leaders
Kendy Chan, Katlyn Hui, Ethan Ngu	Scripture readers
Emily and Megan Lam, Margo and Randy Hoffman	Interviews
Tim Kuepfer	Sermon and communion

Order of Service

Welcome and Call to Worship	
Congregational hymn	How Great Thou Art
Passing of the Peace of Christ	The Chinatown Peace Church congregation
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-1	
Congregational hymn	King of Kings
Scripture Reading: John 16:5-28, 33	
Message: "Ascension Absence"	
Communion	
Hymn of Response	How Deep the Father's Love
Benediction	

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayedChorus:

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Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee How great Thou Art, How great Thou Art Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee How great Thou Art, How great Thou Art

Verse 2:

And when I think that God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin

King of Kings

Verse 1:

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light

Till from heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2:

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3:

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath

Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe

For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

Verse 4:

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

How Deep the Father's Love

Verse 1:

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2:

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that left Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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