

Zion Fortieth Anniversary Song

(By Papa Albert Zehr, January 2023)

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. The story of Zion now forty years old,
锡安的故事已有四十年,
With praise and thanksgiving now let it be told!
如今借着颂赞和感恩来述说!
The longing to know Him and to please His heart,
认识祂、讨祂心喜悦,
Now still is our purpose as it was from the start!
这起初的立志仍是我们现在的渴望!

2. The name church of Zion was not just a name,
锡安教会这名字并非只是个名字,
To host the Lord's presence was always the aim.
承载主的同在永远是标杆.
As Christ pleased his Father in all that he said,
正如基督如何借着祂所说的一切讨祂的父喜悦,
So, we only move forward as Spirit we're led.
我们也单单顺从圣灵的带领往前行.

3. Now God through a prophet said I have a plan,
神借着一位先知说, 我有一个计划,
He called forth a quartet, thus Zion began.
祂呼召出一个“四重奏”— 于是有了锡安 (教会) .

God called the Chiu's, Cheung's, Chans, Tse's and some more,
神呼召了赵家、张家、陈家、谢家和其他人，

They fasted and prayed and God opened the door!

他们禁食祷告，神便敞开了门！

Chorus

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4. He added more faithful, said, no need to fear,

祂加添更多忠心的人，说：不用惧怕，

Step out bold in faith and I will make things clear.

凭信心放胆踏出去，我必使万事都明朗。

While many folks were happy to meet once a week,

也许很多人一周聚集一次就很开心，

They met every morning just His Presence to seek!

他们却是每天清晨聚集只为寻求祂的同在！

5. With many hard trials and challenges to face,

这期间要面对很多艰难试验与挑战,

The bold intercessors made the prayer room home base.

但勇敢的代祷者们使祷告室成为锡安的基地.

The daily agenda was called direct from the throne,

每天的行程都是回应从宝座而来的呼召,

And they all walked together leaving no one alone!

他们也是彼此同行, 不落下任何一个人!

6. The first daily question, “Have you heard from the Lord?”

每天的第一个问题是“你可否听到主的话?”

To just follow tradition, they could not afford.

如果只是流于传统, 他们不可能走到今天.

To enter God’s presence was always the goal,

进入神的同在一直是目标,

So worship and praising had to stay central role!

敬拜和赞美必须永远是核心!

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7. The Lord began adding from the east and the west,

主开始从东从西再加添更多人，

As all honored each other there was no contest.

他们都彼此尊荣，没有争竞。

Releasing forgiveness, and dealing with offence,

释放饶恕，处理冒犯，营造了爱与和谐，

Created love and harmony and no need for suspense.

不必再为与人的关系而焦虑。

8. What fathers and mothers had gained by God's grace,

为父为母借着神恩典所得着的，

Belongs to the children who submit in their place.

也属于所有顺服在儿女位份的人。

But they're given the freedom to discover much more,

不仅如此，儿女们有自由去发现更多，

Generations together find what God has in store.

以至于世世代代可以一起寻得神所预备的一切。

9. When each gift is honoured and given a place,

当每个恩赐都被尊荣、都有自己的位置，

There's no competition and we all win the race.

没有争竞，我们必一同在这赛程中得胜。

The agenda is His, and we all let ours go,

时间表都是祂的，我们都愿意放下我们一切筹算，
Then he opens the heavens, revelation can flow.
这样祂就能敞开天门，启示就能不断涌流。

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10. When the worship is deep and God's presence is strong,

当我们的敬拜极深，神的同在极厚重时，

Then the saints all feel safe and they gladly belong.

众圣徒都在平安稳妥中欢喜找到归宿。

Before we eat breakfast, we'll feast on the Word,

每顿早餐前，我们先享受祂话语的盛宴，

When our spirits are fed nothing negative is heard.

当我们灵里饱足，耳边就不会再有负面的声音。

11. No need to perform or to put on a show,

不必表现或表演，

If the Spirit is in us organically we'll grow.

若是圣灵在我们里面，我们自然会成长。

As a family of God, we truly are blessed,

作为神家中的一员，我们实在蒙福，

Our dear Abba Father gives us only the best.

我们亲爱的阿爸只会把最好的赐给我们。

12. O, God, we give you glory for all you have done,

哦，神啊，我们为着祢所成就的一切归荣耀给祢，

You loved us so much that you gave us your Son.

祢如此爱我们，甚至把祢的爱子给了我们。

We thank you for your grace and presence each day,

我们每天都为着祢的恩典和同在感谢祢，

And we offer ourselves to go with you all the way.

我们也把自己献给祢，在一生的道路跟随祢。

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