



All breaths coming from Him
I will sing to Jehovah yeh,
my salvation and my portion
He delivers us from Satan
and be king to forevermore

†感謝耶穌 Thank You Jesus

Oh I thank You Lord, for You're faithful and kind
All days in my life, You are on my side
I offer my heart, for Your mercies and grace
for me they are prepared
Thank You Jesus, thank You Lord
Oh Your love fills up my heart
Your mighty grace I receive today
Praise I dedicate

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☞Prelude

☞**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

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Great and Powerful Almighty God

♪ [Great and powerful almighty God,
Great and powerful Lord] x2
Lift up your banners, let the song be heard,
praise be to my King
Great and powerful almighty God,
Great and powerful Lord

† 向耶和華歌唱 Sing to the Jehovah

♪ Shall not be afraid, chosen people
But lift up your head-s high
Clouds, fire surround thee alone
You have God to trust in
Brave soldiers fight for the Lord
Raise your hands to proclaim
The river ceased; the sea is dry
God's mighty power is displayed
♪ I will sing to Jehovah, yeh,
my salvation and my portion
He is God Almighty, eternal God,

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24**

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.
23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

☞Praise

❖有福的確據 Blessed Assurance

♪ Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
♪ Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain:

♪ This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

🎵 Special Music

† 詩篇 24 篇 Psalm 24

♪ The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof, thereof.
The fish of the sea, and the creature above, above.
The heavens sing the wonders of His name, and
worship Him, and so should we.
Alleluia.

♪ The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
thereof.
The fish of the sea, and the creature above, above.
The heavens sing the wonders of His name, and
worship Him, and so should we.

♪
(on day one) Cantate Dominum, the dark and light
created,
(on day two) Cantate Dominum, the water separated,
(and then on day three) He made land and trees.
(day four) Cantate Dominum,
(Heaven's lights) Cantate adoremus.
The sunlight, the moon light, and all the stars that
shine bright.
(day five) Cantate adoremus.
The fish and birds in flight.
Then upon day six, and then upon six.
Man made in God's image.
One Day seven, rest; and it was good.

♪
We offer our praise to You, Father of light, of light, who
gives us the brilliance of morning and shade of light,
Creation shouts the glories of Your name, Your name,
and worships You, and worship You, and so should
we.
Creation worships You, and so should we. Amen.

📖 Scripture Reading:

2Co 4:7-10

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that
this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.
⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not
abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We
always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so
that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

🎙️ Sermon: Our Life Can Be So Wonderful (III) — God's Unsurpassed Power

---Pastor Tung

We need more perseverance, determination and
overwhelming capability than we desired and
prayed for, because the challenges in waiting for us
far exceeds our imagination!

V. The unsurpassed power from God enables us to remain undestroyed when struck down.

【**2Co 4:3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it
is veiled to those who are perishing.】

While our worldly flesh eventually perishes,
our spirits do not perish in Hades; for those of
us who owns eternal life do not fear physical
death!

【**Jhn 3:16** "For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life. **1Co 15:** ⁴¹The sun has one kind
of splendor, the moon another and the stars
another; and star differs from star in splendor.
⁴²So will it be with the resurrection of the
dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it
is raised imperishable; ⁴³it is sown in dishonor,
it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it
is raised in power; ⁴⁴it is sown a natural body,
it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a
natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
Phl 1: ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to
depart and be with Christ, which is better by
far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I
remain in the body. **Phl 3:21** who, by the
power that enables him to bring everything
under his control, will transform our lowly
bodies so that they will be like his glorious
body.】

Paul personally experienced this resurrection
【**Act 14:** ¹⁹Then some Jews came from
Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over.
They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the
city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the
disciples had gathered around him, he got up
and went back into the city. The next day he
and Barnabas left for Derbe.】

Put our faith in the message the Holy Spirit
conveyed from God to us, so that we will
have no fear when facing death! 【**Jhn 3:16**】

VI. We share Jesus' death as well as his life.

【**2Co 4:** ¹⁰We always carry around in our
body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus
may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we
who are alive are always being given over to
death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be
revealed in our mortal body.】

The death of Jesus: he humbled himself and
became obedient to death! 【**Phl 2:** ⁶Who,
being in very nature God, did not consider
equality with God something to be grasped,
⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very
nature of a servant, being made in human
likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a
man, he humbled himself and became
obedient to death--even death on a cross!
2Ti 3: ⁴But mark this: There will be terrible
times in the last days. ²People will be lovers
of themselves, lovers of money, boastful,
proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents,

ungrateful, unholy, ³without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. ⁶They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, ⁷always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. ⁸Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth--men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. ⁹But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone. **】**

Shatter self-centeredness that had deeply rooted in our heart, so that we may thoroughly put our old-selves to death!

The life of Jesus: by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil! Inwardly, we are being renewed day by day, and by the power that enables Jesus to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body when we are resurrected! **【2Co 4:16** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **Phl 3:21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. **】**

Q: Why then, with the unsurpassed power of God many saints had to go through immense sufferings and torments?

1. They experience comfort from God through their troubles so that they may know how to pass on the Godly comfort to others in distress. **【2Co 1: 4**who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. ⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in your patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. **】**

2. Refine their faith in God's invincible supremacy to be worthy of receiving the genuine reward when Jesus Christ is revealed. **【1Pe 1: 6**In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, **】**
3. Transformed into warriors. **【Hew 11:34** quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. **】**
4. Cut off from sin. **【1Pe 4: 1**Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. ²As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. **Psm 119:71** It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. **】**
5. To have a part in Jesus Christ's glory. **【Rom 8:17 17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. **Mat 5: 10**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **】**
6. They may be overjoyed when Jesus Christ's glory is revealed. **【1Pe 4: 12**Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. **】**
7. The Holy Spirit rests on them. **【1Pe 4: 12-13, 14**If syou are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for

the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.】

Q: How did Paul possess God's unsurpassed power?

This power naturally come with faith in Jesus' Gospel! 【**2Co 4:7; Rom 1:16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.】

Q: Why did the Gospel generated immense power in Paul yet has little effect in some Christians?

The first knack is not to give up hope and continue on believing in God! (Refer to the previous serial sermon on this subject.)

The second knack is to view oneself as a clay jar while cherish the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus. 【**2Co 4: 7-8; Phl 3:8** What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ】

The third knack is to meditate the Lord and all those witnesses about the works of God surrounding us. 【**Heb 3: 13** But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. **Heb 12:** ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.】

Come back to the right position and firmly proclaim that **I am a jar of clay**. Consider the cloud of witness surrounding us that encourages us. Think about the wonders God once worked on you, hold firmly to what you believed without losing up your stand!

God's unsurpassed power in you will guide your way on the right track, working in you in full measure more than all your desires or thoughts!

☞ **Responsive Hymn**

† **叫我抬起頭的神** The Lifter of My Head

- ♪ Lord, You are my solid Rock
I shall not be moved
Wish You as my Provider who is there to fear
- ♪ Lord, You are my Shepherd
I shall not want
With You as my Banner. There will be victory
- ♪ For You are my shield and my defender
Glory of my life
And You are the lifter of my head
- ♪ Weeping may remain at night
But at dawn we will rejoice
You're my solid Rock, Lord, You are my Help

☞ **Announcement**

1. CECC has announced the country will lower its Level 3 epidemic control restrictions to a level 2. However, for protecting all the brothers & sisters, the church will remain closed until the end of August.
2. The 1st floor of the church will be opened every Wednesday from 9am to 8pm for everyone to give offertory. Welcome brothers and sister follow the guideline at 1F and make the best of it.
3. Today (Aug. 22nd) at 10:30am is the Beautiful Life Online Sharing "Testimony of The Chens – Decoding The True Happiness". Welcome brothers and sister to invite family and friends to attend the event on YouTube.
4. Please pray for the summer camp plans of Youth Fellowship and Student Fellowship. May Holy Spirit be with our students and mentors so that their spiritual life and gifts can be improved as heaven warriors. Also, please pray for the ceasing of the virus contamination, the recovering of all the business and the reopening of the church.
5. The Progress of Bible speed reading plan for this week is: **Judge 19-21**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. A new series of Pastor's daily-Joshua to Samuel is launched. We could go listen to Pastor's daily sharing on www.ctfhc.org.
6. If you are looking for someone to pray for you or you want to know more about Jesus, please scan the QR code or click on the "Prayer and Devotion Form 代禱與決志表" below the video. We will contact you as soon as possible to pray for you and introduce the Gospel to you.

☞ **Offertory**

☞ **Baptism**

☞ **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

☞ **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

☞ **Benediction**

May the grace from Lord Jesus, the love from our heavenly Father and the guiding of Holy Spirit be with all of our brothers & sisters from now on and forevermore.

*Today, our worship service together is coming to an end.
Emmanuel! May our good Lord bless you!*