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🎵 **Prelude**

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

✝ **來感謝耶和華 Give Your Thanks To The Lord**

🎵 Give your thanks to the Lord All ye, sons of God
Give your thanks to the Lord For He is good
🎵 Give Him praise, Give Him thanks
Let us dance in His presence
Give your thanks to the Lord For He is good

✝ **這是耶和華所定日子**

This Is The Day The Lord Has Made

🎵 [For this is the Day the Lord has made
All the people sing and shout Your praise
The enemy has been defeated
For Your glory we shout for victory] x2
🎵 You're my strength, my God my King
In You my hope is found
You are the author of my song
You are my saving grace
🎵 We'll march through the nations
Sharing good news, lifting Your mighty name
We raise a banner of victory
Give thanks to You, my God and King!

✝ **世界之光 Light of The World**

🎵 Jesus, the Hope of the world
The Bright morning star,
That shines through the darkness.
Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.
To You, all honor and praise, forevermore.
🎵 All the nations worship the Lord,
In the light of Your grace,
We will lift up the name of Christ,
🎵 All the heavens shout out your praise
[Glory, honor and praise.]x3
Light of the world. Glory, honor and praise.

🎵 **Responsive Reading: Psalm 24**

1. The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
2. for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.
3. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?
4. The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
5. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.
6. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
8. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

🎵 **Praise**

✝ **天使歌唱在高天**

Angels We Have Heard on High

🎵 Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
🎵 (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo) x2
🎵 Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song
🎵 Come to Bethlehem
and see Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
🎵 (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo) x2
🎵 Glo-ri-a Glo-ri-a

🎵 **Special Music**

✝ **救主已降生 Christ is born**

🎵 Hear the joyous news
Wonderous glorious news
News that came on that first Christmas morn
Through the ages long
It does echo on
Gloriously that Jesus Christ is born

From the land of far
Following the star
Wise magi to find the promised king
Shepherd on the plain
Heard the glad refrain
Hail their hearts will feel the wonder
hear the angel far to singing
Glory to God in the highest *2

Christ is born *2
Christ that He is born

🔗Scripture Reading:

Luk 2: ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

🔗Sermon: 2021 Truly Merry Christmas

---Minister Tung

I. HE is -- seated on high [v.14]

1. **the Lord our God, the Lord is one:** Who is HE? HE is the sovereign Lord whose kingdom rules over all, HE is the creator of the heavens and the earth, HE is the only glorious God, HE is the Ruler of all, Glory to God in the highest, it is right that the fear of God is in our heart!

2. **HE is our father with supreme love -- we owe him thanksgiving:** Who loves us like the Lord, who owns such fervent love for us that HE made His only son Christ Jesus born into our world so that it was our pain he took, and our diseases were put on him, and on whom God's punishment had come. Sacrifice, salvation, and redemption this great, it is right that we give glory to God in the highest!

3. **HE is the King who overcomes all -- firmly put our faith in Him:** Christ Jesus has trampled Satan, overcame death, besieged the underworld realm, and shattered the power of the hades. All of God's children live a reborn new life in Jesus, it is right that we give glory to God in the highest!

4. **HE is the King of glory -- glory to Him:** God created us, redeemed us, and honored us, with only one purpose: every single moment and every day we live in the world, we testify, lift, glorify and proclaim His presence through every move, every choice, and every decision we make!

II. I am -- a man living on the earth God created

[v.14, Heb 11:6] (believe that HE exists and that HE rewards those who earnestly seek him -- to please God)

1. **Tracing the star** **[Mat 2:** ¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ... ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **Rev 22:16** "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."]

Jesus is the star of brightness, the star of salvation, the star of truth, the star of eternity, it is wise for us to follow Him, be it ever so dark, dangerous, chaotic, scary, worn-out, disheartened; simply follow Him faithfully, firmly, and bravely. HE will light up our everyday, guide our every footstep, we should be the ultimate star trackers!

2. Live under the rule of God immediately:

[Mat 1:24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **Mat 2:** ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. ¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, **Luk 1:38** "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. **Luk 2:16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.]

True faith is to submit every thought to come under the authority of Christ; only after we have submitted ourselves to unreasonable demands or hardship can we experience the most incredible blessings and miraculous signs, only then can the Lord's perfect will fully deploy in your life. Today is your match point: submit every thought of yours under the authority of the Lord!

3. **Pilgrimage:** **[Mat 2:1,2; Luk 2:16]** In their pilgrim trip two thousand year ago, the Magi from the east found and worshiped the Holy Infant and they became the first witnesses to

the mercy, the hope, the everlasting peace, and the eternal redemption; don't belittle or discontinue nor give up your every-day pilgrimage. As long as you're tracking the Lord, HE will be with you, and this rule never-fails!

4. **Presenting gifts:** 【Mat 2:11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.】

When can we appreciate the grace: a King lived the life of a slave, resting in a manger instead of sitting on a King's throne, King's scepter traded for a pair of straw sandals, King's glorious crown couldn't free Him from the crucifix, Jesus' incarnation, all these were for just one cause -- God loves the mankind, His Holy Son came into our world simply for delivering us His salvation.

Therefore, isn't it right that we present to Jesus the best gift we can offer?

5. **Happily enjoy:** 【Mat 1: ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ... ²³"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." Luk 1:46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord】 Immanuel -- God with us, this is the ultimate goal of God's salvation. As a result, this is not only your choice but also your privilege, this is a gift for you and a precious wishing for every moment of your entire lifetime. God with you, God bless you, God loves you. First, wholeheartedly believe in Jesus, incessantly believe in Him; but if not, make all efforts to have faith in Him. Secondly, allow Jesus' dominion over you, allow Him to cleanse you, heal you, enrich you, guide you, and honor you. Thirdly, amplify the Lord to the extreme; this is your most pleased gift to Him, and HE is looking forward to your doing so. HE will say to you, good child, my name is I Am Who I Am!

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 祂為了我們 We Are the Reason

- ♪ As little children,
We would dream of Christmas morn,
Of all the toys and gifts we knew we'd find.
But we never realized. A Baby born one blessed night
gave us the greatest gift of our lives.
♪ We were the reason that He gave His life.
We were the reason that He suffered and died.

To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live!

- ♪ As the years went by, we learned more about gifts,
The giving of ourselves and what that means.
On a dark and cloudy days, a man hung crying in the rain
Because of love, because of love.
♪ (We are the reason that He gave His life.
We are the reason that He suffered and died.
To a world that was lost,
He gave all He could give to show us the reason to live.) (Refrain)
♪ I've fin'ly found a reason for living,
It's in giving ev'ry part of my heart to Him.
In all that I do, ev'ry word that I say,
I'll be giving my all just for Him!
(Refrain x 2)
♪ (He is my reason to live, reason to live!) x2

☞ Announcement

1. Our church will share the gospel in Christmas with 35 music concerts this year. Please pray for our mission and welcome to invite friends and family to join the concerts. Hope that we all win back the precious souls for Jesus in the end of 2021.
2. This Sunday (Dec. 5th) at 10:30 am is our Beautiful Life Online Sharing "God's Love with Us - Testimony of Brother Hung and Sister Wai". Next Sunday is "The Pearl in The Palm - Testimony of Sister Xie" Welcome brothers and sisters to invite family and friends to attend the events on our YouTube channel.
3. Children Sunday School will hold "Christmas Joyful Parties" on Dec 5th, 12th & 19th starting at 8:30 and 10:30. Welcome brothers and sisters inviting friends and family to join the event.
4. The flower decoration for the worship services in 2022 is now gathering the offerings from brothers and sisters! If you're moved to offer for the flower decoration on Sunday, please register at the door after worship service. (200 NTD/ per blank, please register on the usher table with your full name.)
5. Starting from Dec. 5th, Pastor Hsu will preach "The Book of Corinthians" on Good News Broadcasting Association (FM 90.9). Welcome all the brothers and sisters listen to the radio program or search the related information on net for learning more words from God.
6. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **2 Samuel 11-13**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. We could all go listening to Pastor's daily sharing on www.ctfhc.org.
7. If you are looking for someone to pray for you or you want to know more about Jesus, please scan the QR code of the "Prayer and Devotion Form 代禱與決志表". We will contact you as soon as possible to pray for you and introduce the Gospel to you.

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☞ 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!*