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☞ **Prelude**

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

† **得救的人讚美主**

Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So

♪ [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!

† **願祢國降臨 Your Kingdom Come**

♪ I shall give thanks among all nations
I shall sing praises before all people
May Your glory high above the world
Use my life to witness Your love
And to testify Your faithfulness
May Your glory high above the world
♪ May Your Kingdom come
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
In my life as it is in heaven

† **從亙古到永遠 You Reign Eternally**

♪ You have been our dwelling place
through all generations
Lord, You set Your throne in the heavens
before all time

You are girded with might and robed in glory
The earth's foundation shall not be moved

♪ Lord, the glory of Your kingdom is among us
All Your plans, so full of wisdom,
shall come to pass
There's no changing with You,
all Your ways are faithful
You reign forever, Ancient of Days

♪ I give You glory, I rise to praise Your holy name
O King eternal, Your reign will know no end
You are the one Lord, the true God
The soon coming King
You rule from age to age, You reign eternally

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 28**

- To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.
- Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.
- Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy.
- The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
- The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
- Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

☞ **Praise**

† **聖哉聖哉聖哉 Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty**

♪ Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Unto everlasting days our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
♪ Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee;
Heaven's elders cast their crowns down by the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim worship too before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
♪ Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

☞ **Special Music**

† **You Raise Me Up**

♪ When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.
♪ (You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains

You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be) *4
You raise me up to more than I can be.

☞ Scripture Reading :

Psalms 73:28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

Psalms 119:71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

☞ Sermon : A Big Red Envelope from Our Heavenly Father

---Pastor Tung

I. Draw near to Jesus: Psalms 73:28 · 119:71

Q : Living in an age like this, feeling stuck in life, too tired to talk, too busy to even to breath. Some may think ‘take time to be near to Jesus’ is just not possible. Is it really so?

A1 : Need to be restored

Luke 24:15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.

We must draw near to Jesus, for we didn’t even know that our physical and emotional strength had dried up; we need the Lord’s love to restore and rekindle us, and we need His power to cover and shelter us.

A2 : Need to rest

Mark 6:31-32 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

Mark 9:2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

Jesus knows our anxiety and weariness. Jesus is happy to take us—with Him alone—to a solitary place, so we can set things aside, rest assured and secured. Drawing near to God is the key to real rest.

A3 : Need recharge

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed...

Mark 6:46,48 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.

Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them.

After every battle, Jesus always takes time to be near to God—you see, even Jesus needs to regain strength. Every day is a battle, isn’t it? It consumes and drains our energy. Only by drawing near to God, can one be renewed in strength, vigorous, full of passion and be a warrior. Brothers and sisters, time to get recharged.

A4 : Need guidance :

Psalms 25:5 ‘Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long’, prayed David. Yes, those who pursue God shall receive guidance from Him. Draw near to Jesus. He will surely show you a wonderful new way, every step of the way is happier and more glorious. Draw near to Jesus. Now!

A5 : Need change of direction

Psalms 46:10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Those who gradually turn away from the Lord and run after other gods (career, money, grades, degrees, love, marriage, children, having fun) will suffer, and their sorrows, troubles, dangers, fear, and emptiness shall multiply. Draw near to Jesus—to ensure you are staying on the ‘narrow road’. Brothers and sisters, is it time to have a change of direction?

[Prayer]

May the Holy Spirit guide me day by day to enter into our gracious Savior’s green pastures and still waters. Grant restoration over my body, soul, and mind. May I rest, recharge, and follow your guidance—turn to the eternal path of righteousness. Renew my strength and carry me through the End of the Age, Satan’s schemes, and world’s battle fields. May I follow Jesus, Jesus alone, joyfully and happily. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

II. Joy in the midst of Suffering **Psalms 119:71**

Q : Why is life filled with troubles, suffering unexpected, beyond control, unexplainable and unbearable? Worse yet, happiness and blessings turn sour into disasters and nightmares. Why?

A1 : to purify us

Job 23:10 But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. Suffering enables us to discover, quickly, honestly and in-depth, one’s most hidden sin: deep down, yet we got so used to it.

Suffering compels us to make up our mind to ask Jesus to forgive, to cleanse, to root out our sin and set us free, becoming holy and blameless.

A2 : be more godly

Psalms 119:67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I obey your word.

Indeed, suffering is the express train to godliness, enabling us to fix our eyes on Jesus, lean on Jesus, and hold tight to Jesus. Just as Job exclaimed, ‘My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.’

A3 : be stronger

Proverbs 17:3 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

1 Peter 1:6-7 In all 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 the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Suffering is God’s tailor-made must-have special training course for each and every one of His children. Suffering will change us from inside out, becoming worthy and useful, be a champion, more than conquerors.

A4 : be more humble

Job 42:5-6 My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.

Suffering reveals reality and shows our true colors. With humbleness, I shall seek God’s face and learn to cherish, be grateful and continue to live in God’s blessing.

A5 : be blessed more and more

Job 42:12 The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

God the Father knows suffering does us great good. God never stops pouring grace upon us and won’t settle for anything less than His abundant blessings. Suffering is the gateway to God’s blessing.

[Prayer]

Dear Lord Jesus, through my troubles and trials, deliver me out of my sorrows, anxiety, anger, whining, doubt, even my unbelief. So I may receive your comfort, be strengthened and put my hope in you. In faith, I proclaim: suffering will purify me to be more godly, more humble, stronger, more blessed, and to be more like a man after God’s heart. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

☞Responsive Hymn

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I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary

♪ There are things
as we travel this earth’s shifting sands,
That transcend all the reason of man;
But the things that matter the most in this world,
They can never be held in our hand.

♪ I believe in a hill called Mount Cal-vary
I’ll believe whatever the cost;
And when time has surrendered
and earth is no more.
I’ll still cling to that old rugged cross.

♪ I believe that the Christ who was slain on that cross.
Has the power to change lives to-day;
For He changed me completely. A new life is mine.
That is why by the cross I will stay.

♪ I believe in a hill called Mount Cal-vary
I’ll believe whatever the cost;
And when time has surrendered
and earth is no more.
I’ll still cling to that old rugged cross.

♪ I believe that this life with its great mysteries.
Surely someday will come to an end;
But faith will conquer the darkness and death
And will lead me at last to my friend.

♪ I believe in a hill called Mount Calvary
I’ll believe whatever the cost;
And when time has surrendered
and earth is no more.
I’ll still cling to that old rugged cross.

☞ Announcement

1. This Sunday (Jan. 2nd) at 10:30 am is our Beautiful Life Online Sharing “Start from Heart- Testimony of Minister Boon”. Welcome brothers and sisters to invite family and friends to attend the events on our YouTube channel.
2. New series of Adult Sunday School will start from Jan 9th and Jan 12th. Welcome brothers and sisters register the courses to equip your life with God’s words.
3. “A Signature Lecture by NTU Professor Chang – How to Lead Children & Students to Enjoy Learning in The Nature- Enjoy in Learning.” will be held on Jan 15th at 13:30 at 4th Floor. Welcome brothers and sisters invite friends and family to attend the lecture.
4. The Cultivation Center will hold “The Bible Study Camp- The Glory Shall Not Be Taken by The World” during the spring break from Jan 25th to 26th. (The material of the courses would be the Books of Corinthians.)
5. The Chinese New Year is on the corner, our church has printed 4 kinds of lovely spring couplet. Welcome brothers and sisters not only hang up

them at home but also give them to your family and friends as a greeting gift.

6. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **2 Samuel 23-1 kings 1**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. We could all go listening to Pastor's daily sharing preach "the book of Corinthians" 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!*