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☞ **Prelude**

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

† **興起歡唱 Arise And Sing**

♪ Arise and sing Ye children of Zion  
For the Lord has delivered Thee (2X)  
♪ Open your hearts and rejoice before Him (3X)  
For the King is your God

† **敞開心不停讚美 Endless Praise**

♪ I come into Your temple  
Joy abounding in Your presence  
Lord, You are my God  
I will glorify Your name  
♪ Love that reaches to the heavens  
Faithfulness beyond all measure  
Your salvation set me firm on higher ground  
♪ I give my heart to You oh through and through  
Lord just as I am I come to You  
Turning back to childlikeness  
Abba Father how I love You  
♪ I give my heart to You oh through and through  
All my praise and honor just for You  
I'm rejoicing in Your presence  
In endless praise

† **在至高之處 In the Highest**

♪ In the highest I give thanks  
I raise up my hands to give You glory  
Angel armies Give praise to You Jesus  
Greatest glory is unto You  
♪ In the highest place give Him all glory  
There is peace on earth  
with those whom He is pleased  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Jesus You are worthy of it all

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 66**

1. Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
2. Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
3. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
4. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."
5. Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!
6. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.
7. He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.
8. Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

☞ **Praise**

† **救主權能 Jesus Shall Reign**

♪ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
♪ To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.  
♪ Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

☞ **Special Music**

† **十字架 In The Cross**

♪ Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
♪ Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Shed His beams around me.  
♪ In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.  
♪ The cross, it standeth fast — Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Defying every blast — Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
 The winds of hell have blown,  
 The world its hate hath shown,  
 Yet it is not overthrown—Hallelujah for the cross!  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah for the cross;  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, It shall never suffer loss!  
 ♪ It is the old cross still—Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
 Its triumph let us tell—Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
 The grace of God here shone  
 Thru Christ, the blessed Son,  
 Who did for sin atone—Hallelujah for the cross!  
 (Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah for the cross;  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, It shall never suffer loss!)\*2  
 ♪ In the cross, in the cross  
 Be my glory ever,  
 Till my ransomed soul shall find  
 Rest beyond the river.

### 🔗Scripture Reading:

**1Ch 11:** <sup>22</sup>Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. <sup>23</sup>And he struck down an Egyptian who was seven and a half feet tall. Although the Egyptian had a spear like a weaver's rod in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.

### 🔗Sermon: Killing A Lion in A Pit on A Snowy Day ---Pastor Hsu

In the face of crisis, are we escapees or brave fighters?  
 In Hebrew, Benaiah means "Yahweh builds up".  
 Who can be built up, blessed, and raised by God?

#### I. Triumphant song

- 1. Have peace:** **【1Ch 11:22-23; 1Ki 2:** <sup>25</sup>So King Solomon gave orders to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he struck down Adonijah and he died. ... <sup>34</sup>So Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up and struck down Joab and killed him, and he was buried on his own land in the desert. ... <sup>46</sup>Then the king gave the order to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he went out and struck Shimei down and killed him. The kingdom was now firmly established in Solomon's hands.】

Benaiah was a valiant warrior and he performed great exploits, he struck down a strong enemy and brought about peace! He served in the armies of David and Solomon, he struck down Adonijah, Joab, and Shimei, so that the kingdom was firmly established in Solomon's reign.

Whoever flees from the terror will fall into a pit; whoever engages in spiritual warfare will gain victory for the strength he put into strife!

- 2. Share God's glory:** **【1Ch 11:** <sup>24</sup>Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty men. <sup>25</sup>He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty, but he was not included among the Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard. **2Sa 20:23** Joab was over Israel's entire army; Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and Pelethites; **1Ki 2:35** The king put Benaiah son of Jehoiada over the army in Joab's position and replaced Abiathar with Zadok the priest. **Heb 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.】

Benaiah fought valiantly and performed great exploits, he was given great honor and appointed in charge of King David's bodyguards, as well as Solomon's commander in chief. King David commemorated Benaiah's valor throughout his kingship! A warrior's brevity, confidence, courage, and fearlessness are honored by the crowd.

- 3. God the Lord thinks upon us:** **【1Ch 11:10**

These were the chiefs of David's mighty men--they, together with all Israel, gave his kingship strong support to extend it over the whole land, as the LORD had promised--; **Rev 20:12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.】

The Holy Bible takes note of the mighty fighting men, and God the Lord thinks highly of them and keeps their bravery in his memory! In front of the Lord's throne of judgement is the book of life, a book of records to be kept in his mind, he remembers and awards those who had the fear of the Lord.

The Lord looks at people with a differential opinion, David, the widow, the Apostles, you, and me ...

- 4. A blessing will be on your seed through all generations:** **【1Ch 11:22** Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men. **1Ch 27:** <sup>5</sup>The third army commander, for the third month, was Benaiah son of Jehoiada the priest. He was chief and there were 24,000 men in his division. <sup>6</sup>This was the Benaiah who was a mighty man among the Thirty and was over the Thirty. His son Ammizabad was in charge of his division.】

He was originated from Kabzeel, one of Judah's farthest towns in the direction of the limits of Edom to the south, but this town was remembered and honored for the sake of Benaiah! His father was Jehoiada the priest and he fought bravely in wars, and he was appointed a high rank in the king's palace; his son Ammizabad continued his service in the king's army, and the Lord remembered and blessed his descendants!

## II. Battle hymn

- 1. Fight face to face: [1Ch 11:22, Phl 4:13]** I can do everything through him who gives me strength. **Mak 9:23** "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." **1Jn 4:4** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **1Jn 5:4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **Heb 12:** <sup>10</sup>Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.】

How would a common person act on a clod, snowing day, when traveling is difficult and dangers abound with lions roaring on the way? Benaiah faced confrontations valiantly and killed the lion in a pit!

What is the lion that confronts me in the face? Is it income? Mood? Romance? Evasion? Career? Familial relations? Am I trying to deny the lion, avoiding it, put blames on others, or feeling afraid?

Benaiah hopped into the lion's den and fought with it bravely, he relied on the Lord's power in winning over the lion and killed it! I can do everything through him who gives me strength! Everything is possible for him who believes! The one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world, because Jesus has overcome the world! Discipline produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it!

Ask the Lord with the right question: in my undergoing adversity and crisis which weakness in me is being disciplined, trained, and cut away by Jesus? What characters in me is more similar to Jesus? What can I do for my competitors? What is my competitors' real intention? What is the

right and just investment in the eyes of the Lord? How shall I prepare myself in order to bless others? Turn passive into active, don't ask "WHY", ask "HOW"!

- 2. Crisis vs. change for the better: [1Ch 11:23]** Egyptians' weapon was a big crisis to the Israelites, but it became a turning point in favor of the Israelites in the Lord's almighty hand! Moses had a setback at the age of 40, and he was wondering in the wilderness at the age of 80; David had been pursued by the king and later by his own son; Paul had been put into the prisons for spreading the Gospel; and Jesus was crucified on a wooden cross. For every crisis, it is a change for the better in the hands of the Lord!
- 3. Be faithful, even to the point of death: [1Ki 1:8]** But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei and Rei and David's special guard did not join Adonijah. **1Co 4:2** Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.】

Joab conspired for his own benefit, yet Benaiah served David faithfully. God requires His servants must prove faithful. Am I faithful toward Jesus? Toward truth? Toward my missions? Toward my families? Toward my pastors? Those who are faithful God will bless and expand his territory of service, honor, and prosperity!

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

#### ❖ 凡事都能做 All Things Are Possible

- ♪ Faith is trust in the Lord,  
though my eyes cannot see  
Put my trust in the cross, know my life is in Him
- ♪ All things are possible in the Lord,  
For He is my hope  
Through mountains or valleys  
He'll always be with me
- ♪ All things are possible in the Lord,  
For He is my hope  
By faith, I will trust Him  
He'll always be with me

### ☞ Announcement

- This Sunday (May 15<sup>th</sup>) at 10:30 am is our Beautiful Life Online Sharing "Life of Sweetness - Testimony of Sister Wei". Welcome brothers and sisters to invite family and friends to attend the events on our YouTube channel.
- Due to the outbreak of Taiwan Omicron cases, in order to protect brothers and sisters from physical contact, all the services will be held online from May 13<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. The church will assess the

outbreak news to make adjustments on when to return physical services. Please give your offertory through online transit or give offertory when the church is opened again. Thank you for your cooperation and please pray for each other.

3. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **2 Kings 9-11**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words. We could all go listening to Pastor Hsu's daily preaching in the radio program "The Book of Ephesians" on Good News Broadcasting Association (FM 90.9).

#### ☞ 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!*