

Worship Service Dec.18th 2022

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☞Prelude

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

† 在祢面前有滿足的喜樂 **Fullness of Joy**

♪ In Thy presence is fullness, is fullness of joy (x3)
At Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

❖祢真配得 **Your Are Worthy**

♪Your are worthy, worthy to be praised
Lamb of God is worthy of praise
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, All nations rise to adore.

♪ I'll lift up my voice
Praise Your great name with joy
For Your name is high, worthy of praise
I lift my hands to You, Praise You with all my heart
You're my King, my God, I worship You

† 我們歡迎君王降臨 **We Long to Meet**

♪ Center of this World Jesus.
Center of my Life Jesus
Every creature was made
to bow down at Your name
You are the coming King

♪ We long to meet, glorious King
We long to see Your splendor and beauty
Lord, we cry out to You, come and heal our Land
♪ We long to meet, glorious King
Lifting on high Your Powerful name
Rend the heavens oh Lord, let Your glory come
We shout and praise to welcome You, our King

Bridge:

♪ Fill us we pray fill us right now
Holy Spirit rain down on us
No eye has seen, no ear has heard
We long to see, see the glorious King

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9-16**

9. How can a young person live a pure life? By obeying your word.
10. I try with all my heart to serve you. Help me obey your commands.
11. I study your teachings very carefully so that I will not sin against you.
12. Lord, you are worthy of praise! Teach me your laws.
13. I will repeat the laws we have heard from you.
14. I enjoy following your rules as much as others enjoy great riches.
15. I will study your instructions. I will give thought to your way of life.
16. I enjoy your laws. I will not forget your word.

☞**Praise**

† 新生王歌 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,**

♪ *Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!*"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
♪ Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."**

♪ Come, Desire of nations, come!
Fix in us Thy humble home:
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head;
♪ Adam's likeness now efface,
Stamp Thine image in its place:
Final Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love.**

☞**Special Music**

† 基督是我們的以馬內利 **Christ our Emmanuel**

♪ Far away, far away shines a light,
Leading us, guiding us on through the night;
Clear in the sky and brighter than the dawn,
Pointing our way to where a child is born.
Can it be here we will find him?
In a simple stable, can it be Messiah we behold?
♪ Softly enter, this is he;
Worship him, honor him, bow your knee.
Son of God, yet child of man,

In excelsis gloria.

♪ Lullaby, lullaby, Jesus sleep!
Angels over you watch will keep.
Mary will sing a tender lullaby,
Joining the song of angel choirs on high.
Morning will come, he will waken,
He will be forsaken,
Left to die alone upon the tree.
Lullaby, lullaby, holy child,
Born of Mary undefiled.
Suffering, dying, death defying,
Christ our Emmanuel.
Son of God, yet child of man,
In excelsis gloria.

🔗Scripture Reading:

Revelation 19

6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah!

For our **Lord God Almighty reigns.**

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

For the **wedding of the Lamb** has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

8 **Fine linen, bright and clean**, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the **righteous acts** of God’s holy people.)

9 Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the **wedding supper of the Lamb!**” And he added, “These are the **true words** of God.”

🔗Sermon: A heart for Jesus - The Most Beautiful Wedding

---Pastor Hsu

Rev. 1:3

Great blessings belong to the person who reads the words of this message from God and to those who hear this message and do what is written in it. There is not much time left.

Rev. 19:9

Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Great blessings belong to those who are invited to the wedding meal of the Lamb!” Then the angel said, “These are the true words of God.”

How do we face tomorrow? There are wars, earthquakes, diseases, and crisis during the end times. There is also the joyful wedding of the lamb God has prepared for us. Those in attendance are greatly blessed!

1 – The Most Beautiful Groom

1. Christ is king:

Rev. 19:6

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah!

For our **Lord God Almighty reigns.**

a. Jesus is the Lord –

Lord of all, my Lord who guides and protects me!

b. Jesus is God –

the greatest, mighty, awesome, victorious God.

c. Jesus is almighty –

there is nothing he can’t do.

d. Jesus will reign –

He eliminates the power of evil and brings eternal peace!

2. The Sacrificial Lamb:

Rev. 19:7 & 9

2 Cor. 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Tim. 2:13

if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Jesus is the lamb who suffered on the cross; He is holy but came to bear our sin; He is rich but came as poor; He is supreme but made a condemned prisoner.

Jesus is the ultimate lamb for the Passover, the sin offering, and the substitution of Isaac.

What qualified us to be God’s children? What do we have to offer? It is entirely Jesus’ sacrificial love.

We break our end of the covenant – but **God keeps His**. We are faithless; **He remains faithful**. We are weak but **He is strong**.

2 – The Most Beautiful Bride:

Rev. 19:8

1. Loved:

Hosea 2:19

I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.

Isaiah 54:6

The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.

Jeremiah 3:14

“Return, faithless people,” declares the LORD, “for I am your husband. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion.

Israel is Jehovah’s wife

2 Cor. 11:2

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Eph. 5

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

The church is Christ’s new bride

Rev. 3:21

To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Rev. 6:11

Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters,^[a] were killed just as they had been.

Rev. 21

2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The victorious is the bride, bright and clean in fine linen, taking a seat at that wedding table.

The relationship we seek in marriage – an absolute, surpassing love – can only be found in Christ Jesus.

2. Holiness:

Jesus gave His bride a bright and clean fine linen to wear. It is extremely honorable and beautiful.

Bright – glorious, splendid, brilliant

Eph. 1:4

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

Eph. 5:27

and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Colossians 1:22

But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

Zechariah 3:4

Then the angel said to the other angels standing near him, “Take those dirty clothes off Joshua.” Then the angel spoke to Joshua.

He said, “Now, I have taken away your guilt, and I am giving you a new change of clothes.”

Clean – pure and without blemish

Romans 8

33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

We are weak but with Jesus dressing us with holiness, no one can charge or condemn us (). We are free.

3. Living out Christ:

Matt. 25:21

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

Matt. 25:40

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Rev. 14:13

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

The saints receive **a new dress**.

Given – God’s grace

Righteous acts – the victorious follow God’s words and are remembered

Every faithful act of love and faith are remembered. They are valuable and prepare us for God’s kingdom

Our lives need the glory that comes from the reflection of the Lord’s glory.

4. Praise:

Rev. 19

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!”

6 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Rev. 19:9

Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Jeremiah 29:11

I say this because I know the plans that I have for you." This message is from the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.

Luke 21:28

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

All of God's people, no matter age and situation, honor and praise Him. Sounds of praise are like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder.

A deep understanding of Jesus helps us deliver a sincere praise. The promise of the wedding are true words of God. When we know the true words, we can hold our head high because the day of our salvation is near.

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 誰能使我與神的愛隔絕 **Who Can Separate Us**

♪ Great is the love of God,
How wide and high, and how deep!
Sparing not even His only Son,
So that we all might be free.
Those He has justified who can accuse?
Who else but God can condemn?
If God is for us, then who can be against us?
Who can separate us from His love?
♪ Shall persecution, calamity, Or suffering or famine,
Or nakedness or danger or the sword?
No, neither height nor depth, Or life or death,
Or things here now or things not yet,
Can part us from God's love in Christ our Lord!

☞ Announcement

1. The Beautiful Life Lecture Series this week is themed "The Guitar Dream of A Prodigal Son-Testimony of Brother Chang". Please invite our relatives and friends to watch it. Please scan the QR Code or refer to the link below.
<https://thfc.pse.is/miracles>
2. The Christmas Gospel Hymn Worship Service will be held on Dec 25th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m., both in the first conference hall on the 4th floor. Welcome all of our family and friends to join the service together.
3. There are still 8 music events of Christmas. Brothers and sisters are all invited to pray earnestly, invite the needed, and win precious souls for our Lord at the end of the year.

4. The Sunday school for children will hold the special session themed "Happy Christmas Party" on 12/11, 18 and 25 (Sun.) at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. The events are all free of charge, please promote the invitation passionately.
5. The flower decoration for the worship services in 2023 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. (300 NTD/ per blank, please register on the usher table with your full name.)
6. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Job 4-6**. 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 "Clear Heart-Revelation" on Good News Broadcasting Association from Dec 10th (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!