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☞ **Prelude**

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

† **能力歸我神 Mighty is our God**

♪ Mighty is our God Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord Ruler of everything
Glory to our God Glory to our King
Glory to our Lord Ruler of everything
♪ His name is higher Higher than any other name
His pow'r is greater For He has created everything
(repeat two verses and bridge)
Mighty is our God. Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord. Ruler of everything

† **叫我抬起頭的神 The Lifter of My Head**

♪ Lord, You are my solid rock I shall not be moved
with 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

† **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 119**

81 I feel weaker and weaker as I wait for you to save me. But I put my trust in your word.
82 I keep looking for what you promised, but my eyes are feeling tired. When will you comfort me?
83 Even when I am like a dried wineskin on the trash pile, I will not forget your laws.
84 How long must I wait for you to punish those who persecute me?
85 Proud people have tried to trap me and make me disobey your teachings.
86 All your commands can be trusted. Those people are wrong to persecute me. Help me!
87 They have almost destroyed me, but I have not stopped obeying your instructions.
88 Show me your faithful love and let me live. I will do whatever you say.

☞ **Praise**

† **祢真偉大 How Great Thou Art**

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) *2
2. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

☞ **Special Music**

† **何等喜樂組曲 How Joyful It Is**

♪ Oh ~ oh ~ how joyful it is ~ oh ~ how joyful it is
We can have nothing to love, nothing to want,
nothing to ask for.
Only ask his will be done.
♪ God expose his glory, draws me close to him.
Everything on the earth is no longer connected
The God of Glory appears like a rock,
There is hope in wandering,

Walking together to heaven
 ♪ Oh ~ oh ~how joyful it is ~ oh ~ how joyful it is
 We can have nothing to love, nothing to want,
 nothing to ask for.
 God may you show us your glory.
 how joyful it is ~ oh ~ how joyful it is
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☞Scripture Reading:

Proverb 17:17

A friend loves you all the time, but a brother was born to help in times of trouble.

Proverb 18:24

Some friends are fun to be with, but a true friend can be better than a brother.

Proverb 27

5 Open criticism is better than hidden love.

6 You can trust what your friend says, even when it hurts. But your enemies want to hurt you, even when they act nice.

Jhn 15

14 You are my friends if you do what I tell you to do.

15 I no longer call you servants, because servants don't know what their master is doing. But now I call you friends, because I have told you everything that my Father told me.

☞Sermon: You Need A Good Friend

---Minister Tung

I. Toxic friend

2Sa 13: ³Amnon had a friend named Jonadab son of Shimeah. (Shimeah was David's brother.)

Jonadab was a very clever man. ... ³²But then Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah, said, "Don't think that all the king's sons were killed! Only Amnon is dead. Absalom has been planning this from the day that Amnon raped his sister Tamar. ... ³⁵So Jonadab said to King David, "Look, I was right! The king's sons are coming."

1Ki 12: ¹⁰Then the young men who grew up with him answered, "Those people came to you and

said, 'Your father forced us to work very hard. Now make our work easier.' So you should tell them, 'My little finger is stronger than my father's whole body. ¹¹My father forced you to work hard, but I will make you work much harder! My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with whips that have sharp metal tips.'" ¹²Three days later, Jeroboam and all the people came back as Rehoboam had said.

1. Criticize and excoriate

【Jam 4:11 Brothers and sisters, don't say anything against each other. If you criticize your brother or sister in Christ or judge them, you are criticizing and judging the law they follow. And when you are judging the law, you are not a follower of the law. You have become a judge.

Rom 2:1 So do you think that you can judge those other people? You are wrong. You too are guilty of sin. You judge them, but you do the same things they do. So when you judge them, you are really condemning yourself.】

You should cut ties with your friends who is prone to criticizing others easily, for you may become like him in excoriating others; you may fail to sense the plank in your own eyes or fail to see the rage of the Lord.

2. The poison of vipers is on their lips:

【Psm 140:3 Their words are as harmful as the fangs of a snake, as deadly as its venom.】

In their minds, mouths, and eyes are filled with poison, grievance, and anger, as if the entire world has wronged them; they not only ruin their own life but also life of others'.

3. False friendship:

【Psm 55: ¹²If it were an enemy insulting me, I could bear it. If it were my enemies attacking me, I could hide. ¹³But it is you, the one so close to me, my companion, my good friend, who does this.】

You benefit from discerning your friends who whisper sweet words and receive you in ingratiating manners yet trade their soul for gain. They nominally support your cause, but for an evil purpose; they seemingly advocate for your cause, but with a betrayal intention.

4. Caprice and betrayal:

【Psm 41:9 My best friend, the one I trusted, the one who ate with me—even he has turned against me.

Mat 26: ⁴⁹So he went to Jesus and said, "Hello, Teacher!" Then Judas kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Friend, do the thing you

came to do.” Then the men came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.】

They live an unprincipled life and take no sides for right from wrong, their position drifts with advantage and profit, they feel no remorse for their betrayal.

5. **Depressive and negative:**

Jhn 11:16 Then Thomas, the one called “Twin,” said to the other followers, “We will go too. We will die there with Jesus.”

20:25: They told him, “We saw the Lord.” Thomas said, “That’s hard to believe. I will have to see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe it.”

These characters are proxy for defeatism; you will be indoctrinated with gloomy thoughts that you will not succeed, that the chance of success is grim. You need to keep yourself away from such emotion lest you should become affected!

6. **Indulge oneself in a life of pleasure**

【Pro 21:17 Loving pleasure leads to poverty. Wine and luxury will never make you wealthy.

Jer 16:8 “Jeremiah, don’t go into a house where the people are having a party. Don’t go into that house and sit down to eat and drink.

Luk 8:14 “What about the seed that fell among the thorny weeds? That is like the people who hear God’s teaching, but they let the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life stop them from growing. So they never produce a crop.】

If you have a group of friends with whom the only common interest, passion, gambit, and goal is to search for pleasure and delicate food, you can find that their soul empty and life wasted—their lifetime is nothing more than a soap opera!

7. **Selfishness:**

【2Ti 3:2 People will love only themselves and money. They will be proud and boast about themselves. They will abuse others with insults. They will not obey their parents. They will be ungrateful and against all that is pleasing to God.】

There is one subject in his eye — my need and my profit, I am all that I care even at the cost of others’ right!

II. **beneficial friend**

【1Sa 14:7 The young man who carried Jonathan’s weapons said to him, “Do what you

think is best. Whatever you decide, I am with you all the way.”

1Sa 18:3 Jonathan loved David as much as himself, so they made a special agreement.

1Sa 20:17 Jonathan loved David as himself, and because of this love, he asked David to repeat this agreement for himself.

Jhn 15: 14-15:

2Ti 1: ¹⁶I pray that the Lord will show mercy to the family of Onesiphorus. Many times Onesiphorus encouraged me. He was not ashamed that I was in prison. ¹⁷No, he was not ashamed. When he came to Rome, he looked and looked for me until he found me. ¹⁸I pray that the Lord Jesus will make sure Onesiphorus receives mercy from the Lord God on that Day. You know how many ways this brother helped me in Ephesus.

You need such friends, and you yourself should be like these people to your friends.

1. **Unfailing loyalty:** At crucial moments, even to the extent of life and death, a beneficial friend will always back you up, protect you, and love you; he will not keep silent, turn his back towards you, nor run away from or betray you, you can trust in him as friend till death.
2. **Assiduous for the better:** Be responsible toward the Lord and yourself, reject escapism and prevarication, deal your school work and other duties with your best performance.
3. **Fervor:** A good friend gives you a feeling of shinning warmth, uprightness, goodness, joy, and love, these characters can refresh you, encourage you, and promote you.
4. **A friend in need:** In times of your worst conditions a good friend of yours does not turn away from you, instead, such a friend will provide you with most needed support, shelter, comfort and protection. You need a friend who can company you through your adversity!
5. **A friend who exhorts you in your face:** You need a friend who corrects you when you divert to a wrong path lest you should fall off a cliff into a burning pit.
6. **A friend sharing the same perception of value:** People who differ in their ways cannot take counsel with each other. A friend sharing your same sense of worth can make your race toward the Kingdom of Heaven a pleasure!

III. **Select your friends.**

1. **Pray:** Pray to Jesus for a friend who pleases the will of the Lord, wait patiently for this godly friend designated by Jesus who will be your lifetime blessing.

2. **Discern:** Call to Jesus for mature wisdom and acute perspicacity for discerning a friend's fallen astray.
3. **Break friendship decisively:** When a friend falls astray you should make a prompt decision to break ties with him and turn to alternative measures to redeem him. You should not underestimate the diffusive power of sin and evil! Break friendship decisively when necessary gives you a chance to a win-win outcome!
4. **Disbursement:** Earnestly, generously, bravely, happily, and persistently give out. Keep in mind: He who loves others is constantly loved; he who respects others is constantly respected.
5. **Grow up:** The most precious and sturdy friendship is side-by-side growth, combat, undertaking, learning, commitment, loving the lord; such is the best growth because Jesus is among us!

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 一起走天路

Let's Walk on The Road of The Cross

♪ Dear family,

let's join hands on the road of the Cross.

Our Heavenly Father is smiling at us.

Dear family,

let's joyfully walk on the road of the Cross.

The Lord Jesus promises to go with us

♪ Together, together, Lord will walk along with us.
 Together, together, joyfully join hands on the road.
 Together, together, no matter ups and downs.
 Let's walk hand in hand with joy

† 我們成為一家人 **We Are in One Family**

♪ *We've become a family (In Lord Jesus x2)

We are God's children

We've become a family (In Lord Jesus x2)

Enter into the kingdom of God*

We are washed up by His blood

We are brought into His light

We enjoy the resurrected life of Christ

We partake the joy of life

We are bound by the love of Christ

We are heir to the full abundance of our God

♪ **

Let us worship in one accord

Let us praise His love for all

Let us treat one another with a tender heart

Whether we sing joyful songs

Or we grief our broken hearts

Jesus leads us through each Stormy day and night

☞ Announcement

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series is "The Journey of Faith – The Life Story of Brother Kuo Tai-Chi (Part 2)". Please invite our relatives

and friends to watch.

2. The Humanities and Arts Center will hold "Breaking into the Splendid and Wonderful Nation – Huang Yao-Xian's Photography and Dong Xin's Painting Joint Exhibition" on Mar. 12th-20th. The opening ceremony will be held at 12:30 noon on Mar. 12th, followed by the exhibition from Monday to Saturday from 9:00-21:00 and Sunday from 8:00 to 17:00 in the Cloud Hall on the first floor. Looking forward to evangelizing through the presentation, interpretation and sharing of art. Please invite relatives and friends to visit and enjoy the blessings of heavenly kingdom.
3. The church will hold a testimony sharing event of the internationally renowned flutist Lin Zi-Ying on the fourth floor at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 18th. The theme is "A New Song - From the Valley of Tears to the Source of Abundance", which uses life and music to spread the love of the Lord. Please invite our relatives and friends to come.
4. The Spring season of Happiness GO-GO Courses will start on Mar. 21st (Tuesday). There are going to be 10 new courses. Please invite our relatives and friends to participate together.
5. April 9th is the Sunday Worship Service of the Gospel Hymns "Ode to the Resurrection Heart". May all the brothers and sisters invite the non-believing relatives and friends to attend the spiritual feast. The event would take place at Taipei Silicon Valley International Convention Center B2 (No. 223, Section 3, Bei-Xin Road, Xin-Dian District, New Taipei City). The church will arrange shuttle buses, so brothers and sisters who need to board are encouraged to fill out the journal questionnaire and hand over to the helpers around after the worship service today.
6. The Bible Reading Plan this week is [Job 37-39](#). Hope we all root our faith in God's words. Welcome everyone to listen online for Good News Radio's "Clear Heart- The Book of Matthew" preached by Pastor Hsu.

☞ 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!