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☞Prelude

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

† 祂又真又活 **He is Alive**

♪ Joy, I need joy, need joy from the Lord;
joy, the decision of faith
Praise I need the praise lift my praise to Lord
Cause He reigns everything
He does everything
♪ Everything behind has the Lord's merciful hands
He sees You He does things He's really alive
In the Lord's timing
beautiful things have been made
He knows You. He is able. He's really alive

†高聲唱哈利路亞 **Come let us Sing**

♪Jesus You are worthy of my praise
I will sing always of Your wonderful works
Your living power has transformed my days
Jesus Christ you are the Lord
♪ Come let us sing Hallelujah
Come let us sing glory to the Lamb of God
Let everyone testify the power of Your life
Come let us sing Hallelujah
Come let us sing glory to the Lamb of God
Let all the people bow down
And all the tongues proclaim. Jesus is alive

† 愛更真實 **Love is More Real**

Jesus emptied my life
and filled it with His *Love
Now this love is more real to me
because it comes from Jesus my Lord
*[Peace] *[Joy]

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 119**

145 Lord, I call to you with all my heart.
Answer me, and I will obey your laws.
146 I call to you.
Save me, and I will obey your rules.
147 I get up early in the morning to pray to you.
I trust what you say.
148 Late into the night I stay awake
to think about your word.
149 I know your love is true, so listen to me.
Lord, you always do what is right, so let me live.
150 Here come those who have evil plans to hurt me.
They live far away from your teachings.
151 But you are near me, Lord,
and all your commands can be trusted.
152 Long ago, I learned from your rules
that you made them to last forever.

☞Praise

† 有福的確據 **Blessed Assurance**

♪ Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
♪ Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain:

♪ *This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;* x2

☞**Special Music**

† 我拿什麼奉獻給祢？

What Shall I Give Thee, Master?

♪ What Shall I Give Thee, Master?
Thou who didst die for me,
Shall I give less of what I possess,
Or shall I give all to Thee?
♪ Jesus, my Lord and Savior;
Thou hast giv'n all for me;
Thou didst leave Thy home above.
To die on Calvary.
♪ *What Shall I Give Thee, Master?
Thou hast giv'n all for me;
Not just a part, or half of my heart,
I will give all to Thee.*
♪ What Shall I Give Thee, Master?
Thou hast redeemed my soul;
My gift is small but it is my all.
Surrendered to Thy control.
♪ Jesus, my Lord and Savior;
Thou hast giv'n all for me;

Thou didst leave Thy home above.
To die on Calvary. **

♪ Jesus, my Lord and Savior;
Thou hast giv'n all for me;
Thou didst leave Thy home above.
To die on Calvary. **

盡情的敬拜 Love You with All My Heart

♪ Lift up my heart, Lord I worship You
With my life, I respond to Your love
O my Lord, help me care about You alone
Love You with all my heart

🔗Scripture Reading:

Mat 18

23“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

25Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

27The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

29“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

30“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

31When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

33Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

34In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon - Promoter or killer of happiness?

– Minister Tung

I. Killer of happiness v.28-35

1. Turn ungrateful right away: v.28

Having been given such a great mercy worthy of ten thousand bags of gold, any common person would be moved to tears of gratitude and bear in mind forever with an effort to pay back the favor. But as soon as he had been

released by his master with all his debts canceled, he turned ungrateful and became hostile and cold-blooded against his fellow servant with pressing for repayment!

2. Press for repayment: v.28-30

What kind of logic and mindset is this? While you are forgiven by the Sovereign Lord you don’t spare others; while the Sovereign Lord has canceled all your debts you persecute your debtor for interest; while God treats you with forgiveness and kindness, you treat others with bitterness and hatred. You hurt the Sovereign Lord with pride and presumption. When one shamefully persecutes others instantly an instant retribution will come home to roost!

3. Instant retribution: v.32-34

Absolutely, the master burst into rage and called him wicked with an instant trial followed by an instant sentence that threw him into the jail until he repays every single penny he owed. This is the fairest sentence: if you don’t treat others with mercy, honesty, and kindness, then the Sovereign Lord will retract all mercy, blessings, and love you received from Him!

4. Instant repent: v.35

Put down the finger that accuse others, stop throwing at others with hurting words, drop the stone with which you attack others; no one can stand the Lord’s wrath, or His unmask, nor His blow. Give ears to alerts, teaching, and reproach, call to the Holy Spirit for an awakened heart, a repentant heart, and a fearing heart!

II. Promotor of happiness v.23-27

1. Think of the Lord’s grace all the time:

Frequently ask yourself: why does Jesus treat me so kindly? Why does the heavenly Father love me so much? Why can I live in such incredible happiness? What exempted me from being judged, from being pressed to repay, from being held in custody, from being locked up and tagged? Repeatedly and carefully recount these favors, taste such grace all the time, be deeply grateful for such grace, keep this grace firmly in mind, and we can be eternal children of grace.

2. Demonstrate the Lord’s grace through our deeds:

I know how it feels when I am forgiven, therefore, I am willing to forgive others; I know how it feels when I am understood, therefore, I am willing to understand others; I know what acquittal and making up with others is, that is the taste of love, as a result, I

am willing to put down everything just to love you. Now, we can love and we must love for the Lord loved us first. Our demonstration of love in our life is the demonstration of Jesus, a testimony to Jesus, and glorification of Jesus!

3. Repay the grace of the Lord

We ought to think, to feel, to distinguish, to commute, to respond, to act with love, because love covers over a multitude of sins; **this is** the most practical, sincere, and quickest way to repay the Lord's grace. The Sovereign Lord used to teach us: "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Today, isn't the brother who most needs your forgiveness, your pardon, your mercy, and your help one of the least of your fellows?

☞ Responsive Hymn

† 我們愛 We will love

♪ You and I were made to love each other
Every dream will complete His plan
We will carry each other, when hopes are gone
So we can make a difference in this world

Chorus:

We will love, because He loved us first
God made us not the same but we're together
to sing a song of love
We will love, because He loved us first
No matter what we'll choose to stay together
So we will smile, and we'll forgive
For Your love will bring us heaven on earth

☞ Announcement

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series this week is "Unfailing Love– Sister Li Xia's Life Story" (Part II). Please invite your non-believing friends and family to watch it.
2. The Family Fellowship's brand-new event for 2023, "Master Chef in Action," will take place for four weeks starting on 5/9, every Tuesday evening from 19:30 to 21:00. Four experienced chefs will share the cooking skills in a relaxed way. This is not just about sharing delicious cuisines, but also about passing on love. Brothers who are in high school or above are welcome to participate. Please refer to the registration URL (<https://thfc.pse.is/4xcttz>) or scan the QR code to register.
3. The Bible Reading Plan this week is **Psalm 22-24**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words.



☞ 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!

☞ Offertory

☞ Baptism