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☞ **Prelude**

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

† **讚美祭 We Offer Heart to Praise You**

- ♪ We offer heart to praise You  
To enter Lord Jesus' court (\*2)
- ♪ We offer a grateful heart  
To give You worship and thanksgiving  
We offer a cheerful heart  
To offer it to praise You
- ♪ Stand up and bless the Lord, The Lord!

† **我要全心讚美 My Heart will Praise You Lord**

- ♪ With all my heart I will give thanks  
And enter Your court  
Offering my praise to You Lord  
It's the fruit of my lips
- ♪ In Your presence free of worries. Joy overflows  
Always grateful always praying. My hope is in You
- ♪ My heart will praise You Lord  
I'll dance before Your throne  
One day with You is better than a thousand elsewhere  
My heart will praise You, Lord  
I'll never stop praising your name.  
The righteous will declare your victory

† **聖潔全能主 Holy Is The Lord**

- ♪ Glory and honor and thanks to you alone,

who sit on the throne forever.  
Glory and honor and thanks to you alone,  
who was and is and is to come.

- ♪ Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Glory to the Lamb, I worship You.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
all glory honor praises unto you.

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 119**

- 161 Powerful leaders attack me for no reason,  
but the only thing I fear is your command.
- 162 Your word makes me happy,  
like someone who has found a great treasure.
- 163 I hate lies; they make me sick! But I love your teachings.
- 164 Seven times a day I praise you because your laws are fair.
- 165 Those who love your teachings will find true peace. Nothing can make them fall.
- 166 Lord, I am waiting for you to save me. I obey your commands.
- 167 I follow your rules. I love them very much.
- 168 I obey all your instructions and rules,  
because you know everything I do.

☞ **Praise**

† **常念主愛 Thy Love**

- ♪ Day and night do I think of thy love, oh ,Lord.  
It's high and It's depth oh how great.  
Pouring down like a great waterfall oh, Lord  
Thy love doth my being elate.  
Thou didst come down from hea'n for love's sake  
oh, Lord  
Forsaking thy glory and thy throne.  
Thou wast born son of man under Law oh, Lord  
Without any wealth called thine own.
- ♪ Like a savory feast is thy love oh, Lord  
My whole being to satisfied.  
How I thank thee for taking my place oh, Lord  
To endure the cross and to die.  
Thou hast rescue me from sin and death oh, Lord  
Thy blood washed my heart white as snow.  
Thou hast send thy spirit to help me oh, Lord.  
That I might please thee here below

**Chorus:**

- ♪ All my love is poured out at thine feet oh, Lord,  
None can satisfy my heart so well.  
Most delightful and precious art thou oh, Lord.  
I love in thine bosom to dwell.

☞ **Special Music**

† **讚美全能神 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

- ♪ Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration
- ♪ Praise to the Lord who over all things so  
wondrously reigneth

Shelters thee under His wings yea so gently  
 sustaineth  
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
 Granted in what He ordaineth  
 ♪ Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and  
 defend thee 1110  
 Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend  
 thee  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
 If with His love He befriend thee  
 ♪ Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him  
 All that hath life and breath come now with praises  
 before Him  
 Let the Amen sound from His people again  
 Gladly for aye we adore Him

### 🔗 Scripture Reading:

#### Matthew 24:42

" So always **be ready**. You don't know the day your Lord will come."

#### 2 Peter 1:5-6, 10-11

**5** For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;  
**6** and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, **perseverance...**

**10** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble,

**11** and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Sermon –

#### Alertness (Part 5) – Perseverance (Patience)

– Pastor Tung

What is the perseverance revealed in the Bible? Why do we need perseverance? How important is perseverance, and how should we live it out?

#### I. Perseverance has two aspects

1. Strong perseverance: Never giving up, never surrendering
2. Strong forgiveness: Not seeking revenge, embracing forgiveness and love

#### II. Everyone needs perseverance

##### Matthew 11:17

'We played flute music for you, but you did not dance; we sang a funeral song, but you were not sad.'

##### Matthew 11:20-21

**20** Then Jesus criticized the cities where he did most of his miracles. He criticized these cities because the people there did not change their lives and stop sinning.

**21** Jesus said, "It will be bad for you Chorazin! It will be bad for you Bethsaida! I did many miracles in you. If these same miracles had happened in Tyre and Sidon, the people there would have changed their lives

a long time ago. They would have worn sackcloth and put ashes on themselves to show that they were sorry for their sins.

##### Matthew 9:32-34

**32** As these two men were leaving, some people brought another man to Jesus. This man could not talk because he had a demon inside him.

**33** Jesus forced the demon out, and the man was able to talk. The people were amazed and said, "We have never seen anything like this in Israel."

**34** But the Pharisees said, "The ruler of demons is the one that gives him power to force demons out."

##### Matthew 12:22-24

**22** Then some people brought a man to Jesus. This man was blind and could not talk, because he had a demon inside him. Jesus healed the man, and he could talk and see.

**23** All the people were amazed at what Jesus did. They said, "Maybe he is the promised Son of David!"

**24** When the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man uses the power of Satan[a] to force demons out of people. Satan is the ruler of demons."

##### Jeremiah 17:9

Nothing can hide its evil as well as the human mind. It can be very sick, and no one really understands it.

##### Psalms 90:10-12

**10** We live about 70 years or, if we are strong, 80 years. But most of them are filled with hard work and pain.

Then, suddenly, the years are gone, and we fly away.

**11** No one really knows the full power of your anger, but our fear and respect for you is as great as your anger.

**12** Teach us how short our lives are so that we can become wise.

1. Frustration
2. Suffering
3. Burdens
4. Discipline

##### Hebrews 12:7, 10-11

**7** So accept sufferings like a father's discipline. God does these things to you like a father correcting his children. You know that all children are disciplined by their fathers.

**10** Our fathers on earth disciplined us for a short time in the way they thought was best. But God disciplines us to help us so that we can be holy like him.

**11** We don't enjoy discipline when we get it. It is painful. But later, after we have learned our lesson from it, we will enjoy the peace that comes from doing what is right.

5. Holding onto God's Word

##### Revelation 14:12

This means that God's holy people must be patient. They must obey God's commands and keep their faith in Jesus.

### III. Perseverance holds great value

1. Abundant blessings in life:

#### James 5:11

And we say that those who accepted their troubles with patience now have God's blessing. You have heard about Job's patience. You know that after all his troubles, the Lord helped him. This shows that the Lord is full of mercy and is kind.

#### Romans 5:3-4

**3** And we are also happy with the troubles we have. Why are we happy with troubles? Because we know that these troubles make us more patient.

**4** And this patience is proof that we are strong. And this proof gives us hope.

2. Obtaining holiness and peace:

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**"Discipline" makes us holy, bearing the fruit of peace!**

3. Receiving eternal life

#### James 1:12

Great blessings belong to those who are tempted and remain faithful! After they have proved their faith, God will give them the reward of eternal life. God promised this to all people who love him.

#### Matthew 10:22

Everyone will hate you because you follow me. But the one who remains faithful to the end will be saved.

#### 2 Timothy 2:12

If we remain faithful even in suffering, we will also rule with him. If we refuse to say we know him, he will refuse to say he knows us.

#### Luke 21:17-19

**17** Everyone will hate you because you follow me.

**18** But none of these things can really harm you.

**19** You will save yourselves by continuing strong in your faith through all these things.

4. Greatly pleasing God

#### 1 Peter 2:20

But if you are punished for doing wrong, there is no reason to praise you for bearing that punishment. But if you suffer for doing good and you are patient, this pleases God.

### IV. Secrets to obtaining perseverance

1. Follow Jesus looking upon the hope:

#### 2 Thessalonians 3:5

We pray that the Lord will cause you to feel God's love and remember Christ's patient endurance.

#### Romans 5:3

And we are also happy with the troubles we have. Why are we happy with troubles? Because we know that these troubles make us more patient.

#### James 1:3

You know that when your faith is tested, you learn to be patient in suffering.

#### Hebrews 12:2-3

**2** We must never stop looking to Jesus. He is the leader of our faith, and he is the one who makes our faith complete. He suffered death on a cross. But he accepted the shame of the cross as if it were nothing because of the joy he could see waiting for him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God's throne.

**3** Think about Jesus. He patiently endured the angry insults that sinful people were shouting at him. Think about him so that you won't get discouraged and stop trying.

Jesus' prayer as a paradigm of hope:

(1) "Gentle and humble gratitude":

#### Matthew 11:16-26

**17** 'We played flute music for you, but you did not dance; we sang a funeral song, but you were not sad.'

**19** The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and people say, 'Look at him! He eats too much and drinks too much wine. He's a friend of tax collectors and other sinners.' But wisdom is shown to be right by what it does."

**25** Then Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. I am thankful that you have hidden these things from those who are so wise and so smart. But

you have shown them to people who are like little children.

(2) "Watchful and continuous prayer":

**Matthew 26:44**

So he left them and went away one more time and prayed. This third time he prayed, he said the same thing.

**Luke 22:44**

Jesus was full of pain; he struggled hard in prayer. Sweat dripped from his face like drops of blood falling to the ground.

2. Follow Jesus' self-sacrificial love, which grants us perseverance:

**John 13:1**

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover festival. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go back to the Father. Jesus had always loved the people in the world who were his. Now was the time he showed them his love the most.

**1 Corinthians 13:7**

Love never gives up on people. It never stops trusting, never loses hope, and never quits.

3. Understand the reasons for suffering:

**2 Corinthians 7:10**

The kind of sorrow God wants makes people decide to change their lives. This leads them to salvation, and we cannot be sorry for that. But the kind of sorrow the world has will bring death.

There are two reasons for suffering:

1. Refinement

2. Discipline

Understanding the reasons for suffering enables us to break free and endure with ease!

**"Self-control deals with 'temptation,' while 'perseverance' deals with 'hardship'!**

Let us strive for 'perseverance' from today and be people who endure to the end! Then you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Peter 1:11

**☞ Responsive Hymn**

† 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.

**☞ Announcement**

1. The theme of Beautiful Life Sharing Series this week is "The New Vision of Glory– Brother Li Bing-Hung's Life Story" (Part 2). 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 5/23 & 5/30 (Tuesday) 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 28-30**. Hope we all root our faith in God's words.

**☞ 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!***