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☞Prelude

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



For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:

☞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.

☞獻上讚美祭 **Sacrifice Of Praise**

♪ [(Praise His holy name) \*2  
Praise the name above all names  
Faithful to the end. Mercy never fails  
Your love endures forevermore]

♪ This is our sacrifice of praise.  
We are one in Your great love  
all generations will come shout for joy  
Counting our blessings and Your grace.  
We will enter in Your gates  
Let Your presence come down overflow

☞主我敬拜祢 **Lord, I Worship You**

♪ Lord, I worship You, I bow down to worship You  
Lord, I worship You, I fall down to worship You  
The host of heaven worship You,  
the angles surround Your Throne  
Lord, I lift up my hands, I fall down to worship You

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 5:3-7, 11-12**

- 1 Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.
- 2 Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
- 3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
- 4 For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.
- 5 The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong;
- 6 you destroy those who tell lies. The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest.
- 7 But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

☞Praise

☞ 祢真偉大 **How Great Thou Art**

- ♪ 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.
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2
- ♪ When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*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.
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2
- ♪ 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!"
- ♪ (Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.) \*2

☞Special Music

☞ 無人像耶穌這樣愛顧我 **No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus**

- ♪ 1. I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus,  
Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true.  
I would tell you how He changed my life completely.  
He did something no other friend could do.
- ♪ 2. All my life was full of sin, When Jesus found me  
All my heart was full. Of misery and woe  
Jesus placed His strong.  
And loving arms around me  
And He led me in the way. I ought to go

Chorus :

No one ever cared for me like Jesus.  
There's no other friend so kind as He.  
No one else could take the sin and darkness from me.  
O how much He cares for me.

無人像耶穌充滿我心

### Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus

♪ [ I'd like to say Lord from the start,  
thank you for breaking through my heart.  
Thank you for tearing every chain apart. ]  
{ Nobody fills my heart like Jesus  
Nobody thrills me like you do  
Nobody fills my heart like Jesus  
(Nobody Lord but you)\*2 } [ ]  
When I was lost You made a way,  
just you turned the darkest night to day.  
You are my joy and Lord I'd like to say that { } \*2  
♪ When I am weak, my Lord you're strong.  
Loving me even when I'm wrong.  
Lord, you are my salvation and my song.  
Every day I'll make the choice,  
just listening following your voice.  
Being with you can't help but rejoice. For { } \*4

### Scripture Reading:

#### Revelation 21:3-4, 7, 11

**3** I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Now God's home is **with people**. He will **live with them**. They will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God.

**4** He will **wipe away every tear from their eyes**. There will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain. All the old ways are gone."

**7** All those who win the victory will receive all this. And I will be their God, and they will be my children.

**11** The city was shining with the glory of God. It was shining bright like a very expensive jewel, like a jasper. It was clear as crystal.

**Revelation 22:5** There will never be night again. People will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun. The Lord God will give them light. And they will rule like kings forever and ever.

### Sermon: Dawn in the Dark (Part 4) – Hope for the End Times

- Pastor Hsu

In the last days, **there will be a great judgment on Earth**: Revelation 6 - The Seven Seals, Revelation 8-9 - The Seven Trumpets, Revelation 11-14 - The Seven Proclamations, Revelation 16-20 - The Seven Bowls, and there will be a judgment and warfare on Earth.

**In Heaven, there will be great praises:**  
Revelation 4-5 - Praises before the Throne, Revelation

7 - Praises before the Throne, Revelation 10 - The Scroll, Revelation 15 - The Song of the Lamb, Revelation 21-22 - The New Heaven and Earth. Our hope is in Heaven!

## I. Hope for the New Heaven and Earth

### 1. Abundance:

Revelation 21:11,18 ; Revelation 22:1-2

**Revelation 21:18** The wall was made of jasper. The city was made of pure gold, as pure as glass.

**Revelation 22:1-2** The angel showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal. The river flows from the throne of God and the Lamb.

**2** It flows down the middle of the street of the city. The tree of life is on each side of the river,

We may experience lack on Earth - lack of peace, wisdom, resources. But God has prepared a heavenly home, a heavenly kingdom, where there is God's glory, golden streets, jasper city, the water of life, and the tree of life. Abundance without lack!

### 2. Peace: Revelation 21:4; Revelation 20:10, 14

**Revelation 20:10** And he (the one who tricked these people) was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur with the beast and the false prophet. There they would be tortured day and night forever and ever.

**Revelation 20:14** And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death.

On Earth, we face worries, tears, diseases, and death. In the end times, God will cast the devil, death, and Hades into the lake of fire. God Himself will wipe away our tears, shepherd us, and there will be no more death, sorrow, or crying. We will experience great peace!

### 3. Intimacy: Revelation 21:3; Revelation 22:4; 1

**Revelation 22:4** They will see his face. God's name will be written on their foreheads.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** The Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. And the people who have died and were in Christ will rise first.

**17** After that we who are still alive at that time will be gathered up with those who have died. We will be taken up in the clouds and meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with the Lord forever.

Thessalonians 4:16-17 In the Kingdom of Heaven, God will be with us personally, be our God, and we will be His people. We will see God's face and have

His name on our foreheads. We will have the closest relationships with our loved ones, family, and fellow believers in eternity.

#### 4. Reigning:

Revelation 22:5, 3; Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8:4-8

**Revelation 22:3** Nothing that God judges guilty will be there in that city. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will worship him.

#### **Genesis 1:26**

Then God said, "Now let's make humans<sup>u</sup> who will be like us.<sup>u</sup> They will rule over all the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. They will rule over all the large animals and all the little things that crawl on the earth."

**Psalm 8:4-8** And I wonder, "Why are people so important to you? Why do you even think about them? Why do you care so much about humans<sup>u</sup>? Why do you even notice them?"

**5** But you made them almost like gods and crowned them with glory and honor.

**6** You put them in charge of everything you made. You put everything under their control.

**7** People rule over the sheep and cattle and all the wild animals.

**8** They rule over the birds in the sky and the fish that swim in the sea.

We, as followers of Christ, will have authority. We will know the greatest Prophet - Jesus, serve as priests to God, and reign as kings with God, managing all of God's creation. Ruling in Heaven, laboring on Earth.

A comparison between the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-25).

#### **Luke 16:19-25** The Rich Man and Lazarus

**19** Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always dressed in the finest clothes. He was so rich that he was able to enjoy all the best things every day.

**20** There was also a very poor man named Lazarus. Lazarus' body was covered with sores. He was often put by the rich man's gate.

**21** Lazarus wanted only to eat the scraps of food left on the floor under the rich man's table. And the dogs came and licked his sores.

**22** "Later, Lazarus died. The angels took him and placed him in the arms of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

**23** He was sent to the place of death<sup>[a]</sup> and was in great pain. He saw Abraham far away with Lazarus in his arms.

**24** He called, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to me so that he can dip his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am suffering in this fire!'

**25** "But Abraham said, 'My child, remember when you lived? You had all the good things in life. But

Lazarus had nothing but problems. Now he is comforted here, and you are suffering.

## II. Being Overcomers

The key to receiving abundant eternal glory: Being overcomers (Revelation 21:7)!

### 1. Rediscovering Love: Revelation 2:4, 7

**Revelation 2:4** But I have this against you: You have left the love you had in the beginning.

**Revelation 2:7** "Everyone who hears this should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To those who win the victory I will give the right to eat the fruit from the tree of life, which is in God's paradise.

God reproved the Ephesian church for forsaking their first love. They were called to remember, repent, and do the first works. We should reflect on where we have departed from love, unforgiveness, neglect, and unkindness. We must quickly repent and turn to God!

### 2. Holding to Truth: Revelation 2:14, 17, 20, 26

**Revelation 2:14** "But I have a few things against you. You have people there who follow the teaching of Balaam. Balaam taught Balak how to make the people of Israel sin. They sinned by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sins.

**Revelation 2:17** "Everyone who hears this should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches! "I will give the hidden manna to everyone who wins the victory. I will also give each one a white stone that has a new name written on it. And no one will know this name except the one who gets the stone.

**Revelation 2:20** But I have this against you: You let that woman Jezebel do what she wants. She says that she is a prophet,<sup>[e]</sup> but she is leading my people away with her teaching. Jezebel leads my people to commit sexual sins and to eat food that is offered to idols.

**Revelation 2:26** "I will give power over the nations to all those who win the victory and continue until the end to do what I want.

God reproved the churches of Pergamum for following Balaam's doctrine and Thyatira for allowing Jezebel to teach. They were lured by power and led others into sexual immorality and idol worship. We must remain steadfast in the truth!

### 3. Living Out Our Faith:

Revelation 3:1-2, 5, 17-18, 21

**Revelation 3:1-2** "Write this to the angel of the church in Sardis:

“Here is a message from the one who has the seven spirits and the seven stars.

“I know what you do. People say that you are alive, but really you are dead.

**2** Wake up! Make yourselves stronger before what little strength you have left is completely gone. I find that what you do is not good enough for my God.

**Revelation 3:5** Everyone who wins the victory will be dressed in white clothes like them. I will not remove their names from the book of life. I will say that they belong to me before my Father and before his angels.

**Revelation 3:17-18** You say you are rich. You think you have become wealthy and don't need anything. But you don't know that you are really miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

**18** I advise you to buy gold from me—gold made pure in fire. Then you will be rich. I tell you this: Buy clothes that are white. Then you will be able to cover your shameful nakedness. I also tell you to buy medicine to put on your eyes. Then you will be able to see.

**Revelation 3:21** “I will let everyone who wins the victory sit with me on my throne. It was the same with me. I won the victory and sat down with my Father on his throne. “Everyone who hears this should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.”

God reproved the Sardis church for having a reputation of being alive but being dead inwardly, lacking perfection. God reproved the Laodicean church for their self-righteousness, urging them to buy gold, white garments, and eye salve from Him. We must live out our faith!

#### 4. Following Jesus: Revelation 17:14

**Revelation 17:14** They will make war against the Lamb. But the Lamb will defeat them, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings. And with him will be his chosen and faithful followers—the people he has called to be his.”

Jesus overcame all darkness. Jesus became our victory. We should closely follow Jesus, keeping our eyes on Him on the cross, believing in His love for us. We follow the Lord to the end!

#### ☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 我永恆的家在天上

##### My Eternal Home Is in Heaven

♪ [My eternal home is in heaven,  
Filled with warmth and tranquility.  
There is no darkness, it's beautifully picturesque,  
The streets shimmer with golden light.  
My eternal home is in heaven,  
filled with praise and singing.  
There are no curses, no sorrows,

The river of life sparkles like crystal,  
I will dance and sing in it. ]

(My eternal home is in heaven,  
filled with praise and singing.

There are no curses, no sorrows,  
The river of life sparkles like crystal,  
I will dance and sing in it.) \*2

♪ Though there may be hardships in this world,

♪ I have peace in my heart.

The appointed time is drawing near.

The name of the Lord is written on my forehead,  
Forever and ever, forever and ever.

♪ [ ] I will dance and sing in it.

#### ☞ Announcement

1. Today, in the morning, there's a lecture series called 'Beautiful Life' with the theme 'Wholeheartedly Towards You - Brother Li Xin's Life Story' (Part 2). Please invite your friends and family who haven't heard about this to watch it.

2. The Humanities and Arts Center will host an exhibition called 'Entering the Dazzling and Wonderful Kingdom' featuring the works of Deacon Huang Yao-Xian and the Dong Sisters from September 24 (Sunday) to October 6 (Friday). Brothers and sisters, please invite your friends to come and see the beauty of God's creation together.

3. The Talent Development Center will hold a 'Meeting God Camp' on Sunday, September 17th, at 1:00 PM in the Morning Star Hall on the fifth floor. Brothers and sisters are welcome to sign up on the spot to participate.

4. The church will hold a Thanksgiving service for Brother Chien-Chih Liang and Sister Yu-Ling Wang's wedding this coming Sunday at 3:00 PM. Brothers and sisters, please come and give your blessings to the newlyweds.

5. Our reading plan for this week is to read Psalms 79 to 81. You can check out the Bible keys and enjoy reading the Bible on the Unity Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>).

#### ☞ The Lord's Prayer

#### ☞ Doxology

#### ☞ Benediction

*Today, our worship service together is coming to an end. Emmanuel! May our good Lord bless you!*