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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:



☞得救的人讚美主

**Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So**

♪ [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3  
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!

☞奔向愛我的神 **So I Will Run**

♪ Heavenly King, mighty and great.  
Yet You overflow with grace.  
You show Your love to those who keep  
All Your covenant and ways  
♪ Faithful and true, You're here with me.  
Full of mercy and saving grace.  
Time and again, You hear my prayer.  
Go before me and lead the way.  
♪ So I will run to the God who saves me  
Lift up a shout, praising His name  
Glorifying the Father  
♪ So I will run to the God who loves me  
I will not fear, I will not faint  
Trusting You alone, covenant God. \*Repeat\*

☞世界之光 **Light of the World**

♪ Jesus, the Hope of the world

The Bright morning star,  
That shines through the darkness.  
Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.  
To You, all honor and praise, forevermore.

♪ All the nations worship the Lord,  
In the light of Your grace,  
We will lift up the name of Christ,  
♪ All the heavens shout out your praise  
[Glory, honor and praise.]x3  
Light of the world. Glory, honor and praise.

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:8-15**

**8** Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

**9** He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

**10** All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

**11** For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

**12** Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

**13** They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.

**14** The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

**15** My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

☞Praise

☞天使歌唱在高天 **Angels We Have Heard on High**

♪ Gloria\*4 Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
♪ (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo) x2  
♪ Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song  
♪ Come to Bethlehem and see Him  
whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King  
♪ (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo)\*2 Glo-ri-a Glo-ri-a

☞**Special Music**

☞來吧 慶祝聖誕節 **Come on, It's Christmas!**

♪ [Come on along as we celebrate a joyous holiday  
Come on it's Christmas!  
Let's sing a song filled with joy and cheer;  
My fav'rite time of year Come on, it's Christmas!  
Let's deck the Halls, trim the tree and light  
The lights 'cause after all,  
It's gonna be a special night  
It's time to sing, time to celebrate;  
Our fav'rite holiday is here.]  
♪ Hear the sleigh bells ring, Hear the choirs sing;  
Friends and family gather around the tree  
See the blinking lights twinkling through the nights

‘Tis the season celebrate, it’s almost Christmas Day  
 ♪ [ ] Ringing singing, loud and cheer bringing  
 laughter happiness and cheer  
 Smiling faces filled with joy,  
 treats and treasures for ev’ry girl and boy  
 ♪ [ ] Deck the hall with boughs of holy, fa (la)\*8  
 ‘Tis the season to be jolly, fa (la)\*8  
 Sing, we joyous all together fa (la)\*8  
 While I tell of Yuletide treasure fa (la)\*8  
 ♪ [ ] It’s time to sing, time to celebrate;  
 Our fav’rite holiday is here.  
 Come on (it’s Christmas) \*2

### 🔗Scripture Reading:

#### Luke 19:10

The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.”

#### John 10:10

A thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came to give life—life that is full and good.

### Sermon: The Arrival of the Son of Man

- Pastor Sue

The term "Son of Man" originally means "the image and mission of the Messiah in the world".

Daniel 7:13-14 “In my vision at night I looked, and there in front of me was someone who looked like a human being.[a] He was coming on the clouds in the sky. He came up to the Ancient King, and the King’s servants brought him before the King.

**14** “The one who looked like a human being was given authority, glory, and complete ruling power. People from every nation and language group will serve him. His rule will last forever. His kingdom will continue forever. It will never be destroyed.

Revelation 1:13 I saw someone among the lampstands who looked like the Son of Man. He was dressed in a long robe, with a golden sash tied around his chest.

### I. Who are the Lost?

#### 1. The lost state of Zacchaeus, the tax collector

Wealthy but not fulfilled; enjoying life but lacking true joy; having servants but no true friends

#### 2. The lost state of the Jews

Engaging in worship but lacking a sincere heart (superficial); having a covenant but being unfaithful to it (conforming to the world); observing the law but not understanding its essence (external behavior).

#### 3. The prodigal son in the church

Receiving grace but not embracing it (lost); growing but not maturing enough (immature); having life but not seeking its abundance (weak).

A three-generation "Christian" faith.  
 Who is He? Who am I? Worshiping and serving Him with a sincere heart and honesty.

**Response:** Lord Jesus, do you see me as the elder son living in the Father’s house but still spiritually impoverished?

### II. He Came to Seek and Save

Luke 15 tells us that we all:

- Wander like sheep without direction.
- Lose value like lost coins.
- Wander like lost people without belonging.

The process:

Poverty/Awakening/Return/Acceptance/Mission

"A Graduate Student Who **Loves Comparisons**"  
 German theologian Karl Barth in "Ethics":

- "Calling" is when a person encounters Jesus Christ, obeys the call of the Lord, and enters into fellowship with Jesus Christ.
- It's not people seeking grace in their "scenes"; it's the Word becoming flesh, grace finding people in their suitable "positions."

**Response:** Lord Jesus, please guide me in trusting Your **grace** and **finding my suitable "position."**

An **elderly** brother experiencing physical decline, a sister taking Bus **No. 3**.

### III. Zacchaeus's Transformation

Listen - Run - Climb Down - Receive - Restore

Sharing the good news: Excellent information about the Heavenly Father, the Kingdom, Grace, the Heavenly Path, the Heavenly Family, and the World to Come.

**Response:** Have I truly felt and deepened my understanding of this excellent information?

#### Luke 15 Joy in Heaven

**1** Many tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus.

**2** Then the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to complain, “Look, this man welcomes sinners and even eats with them!”

**3** Then Jesus told them this story:

**4** “Suppose one of you has 100 sheep, but one of them gets lost. What will you do? You will leave the other 99 sheep there in the field and go out and look for the lost sheep. You will continue to search for it until you find it.

**5** And when you find it, you will be very happy. You will carry it

**6** home, go to your friends and neighbors and say to them, ‘Be happy with me because I found my lost sheep!’

**7** In the same way, I tell you, heaven is a happy place when one sinner decides to change. There is more joy for that one sinner than for 99 good people who don’t need to change.

**8** “Suppose a woman has ten silver coins,[b] but she loses one of them. She will take a light and clean the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it.

**9** And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors and say to them, ‘Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I lost!’

**10** In the same way, it’s a happy time for the angels of God when one sinner decides to change.”

#### Story About Two Sons

**11** Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons.

**12** The younger son said to his father, ‘Give me now the part of your property that I am supposed to receive someday.’ So the father divided his wealth between his two sons.

**13** “A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool.

**14** After he spent everything he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money.

**15** So he went and got a job with one of the people who lived there. The man sent him into the fields to feed pigs.

**16** He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

**17** “The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, ‘All my father’s hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat.

**18** I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you.

**19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.’

**20** So he left and went to his father.

#### The Younger Son Returns

“While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming and felt sorry for him. So he ran to him and hugged and kissed him.

**21** The son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

**22** “But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet.

**23** And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat.

**24** My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!’ So they began to have a party.

#### The Older Son Complains

**25** “The older son had been out in the field. When he came near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

**26** So he called to one of the servant boys and asked, ‘What does all this mean?’

**27** The boy said, ‘Your brother has come back, and your father killed the best calf to eat. He is happy because he has his son back safe and sound.’

**28** “The older son was angry and would not go in to the party. So his father went out and begged him to come in.

**29** But he said to his father, ‘Look, for all these years I have worked like a slave for you. I have always done what you told me to do, and you never gave me even a young goat for a party with my friends.

**30** But then this son of yours comes home after wasting your money on prostitutes, and you kill the best calf for him!’

**31** “His father said to him, ‘Oh, my son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

**32** But this was a day to be happy and celebrate. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.”

#### ☞ Responsive Hymn

##### ✠ 愛拯救我 Love Lifted Me

1. I was sinking deep in sin.

Far from the peaceful shore

Very deeply stained within. Sinking to rise no more

But the master of the sea. Heard my despairing cry,

From the waters lifted me. Now safe am I

(Love lifted me!)\*2 When nothing else could help

(Love lifted me!)\*3 When nothing else could help

Love lifted me

2. Souls in danger look above. Jesus completely saves

He will lift you by his love. Out of the angry waves

But the master of the sea. Billows His will obey

He your savior wants to be. Be saved today

(Love lifted me!)\*2 When nothing else could help

(Love lifted me!)\*3 When nothing else could help

Love lifted me

#### ☞ Announcement

1. This morning's Beautiful Life Series lecture is titled "Grace, Grace, Abundant Grace – The Life Story of

the Ye Long Ji Couple" (Episode Two). Please invite your friends and family to watch.

2. Our church's Christmas musical "The Top-Hat Man" will be performed on 12/22 and 12/23 at the church's fourth floor, and on 12/30 at the Taipei Silicon Valley International Conference Center. There are various Christmas special services for each fellowship. For details, please refer to the DM. Brothers and sisters, please fervently pray, invite others, and labor together to win precious souls for the Lord.

3. Registration for Sunday flower offerings in 2024 is now open. If you would like to make an offering, please go to the reception table and fill in your full name in regular script. The offering is 300 NT dollars each time. Please register as soon as possible for the convenience of our coworkers.

4. This week's unified Bible reading progress: Psalms 115 to 117. Please refer to the Unity Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) for the key to the Bible, the proper way to read the Bible, and listen to Good News Radio's "Awake Heart – Psalms (Part One)."

### **☞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!*