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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:



☞**每一天有耶穌 With Jesus day by day**

♪ With Jesus day by day is better
than the previous day
With Jesus day by day I love Him more and more
Jesus saves and guards us
I am longing to see Him more
With Jesus day by day is better
than the previous day

☞**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

☞**如鹿切慕溪水 As the Deer**

♪ As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart desire
And I long to worship thee
♪ You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart desire
And I long to worship thee

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 29:1-4, 7-8, 10-11**

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.
7 The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.
8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
11 The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

☞Praise

☞**救主權能 Jesus Shall Reign**

♪ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
♪ To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.
♪ Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

☞Special Music

☞**祢提昇我 You Raise Me Up**

♪ When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.
♪ (You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be) *4
You raise me up to more than I can be.

☞**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 2:1-2, 10, 12-13, 19-22

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem.

2 They asked people, "Where is the child who has been born to be the king of the Jews? We saw the star that shows he was born. We saw it rise in the sky in the east and have come to worship him."

10 They were very happy and excited to see the star.

12 But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home to their own country a different way.

13 After the wise men left, an angel from the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Get up! Take the child with his mother and escape to Egypt. Herod wants to kill the child and will soon start looking for him. Stay in Egypt until I tell you to come back."

19 While Joseph was in Egypt, Herod died. An angel from the Lord came to Joseph in a dream

20 and said, "Get up! Take the child with his mother and go to Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are now dead."

21 So Joseph took the child and the mother and went to Israel.

22 But he heard that Archelaus was now king in Judea. Archelaus became king when his father Herod died. So Joseph was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he went away to the area of Galilee.

Sermon: Stars and Dreams

- Pastor Dong

Stars reveal in the sky, dreams manifest in the heart. From natural revelation to special revelation, they both tell us one thing: the coming of the Lord Jesus.

I. The Appearance of the Star - Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy

The appointed time arrives, and God's plan of salvation officially unfolds.

1. The wise can discern.
2. The foolish can be deceived.

II. Guidance by the Star

1. Shared dreams
2. Simultaneous departure

III. Mutual Confirmation of Dreams

1. Shared dreams
2. Simultaneous departure

IV. Fulfillment of Dreams

1. The king's rage.
2. The people's lament.

In the world, stars and dreams are exclamation marks. In the heavens, stars and dreams are exclamation points.

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 我奇妙救主 My Wonderful Lord

♪ I have found a deep peace that I never had known,
And a joy this world could not afford,
Since I yielded control of my body and soul
To my wonderful, wonderful Lord.

♪ I desire that my life shall be ordered by Thee.
That my will be in perfect accord With Thine own
sovereign will
Thy desires to fulfill My wonderful, wonderful
Lord.

chorus :

My wonderful Lord, my wonderful Lord.
By angels and seraphs in heaven adored!
I bow at Thy shrine, my Savior divine,
My wonderful, wonderful Lord

☞ Announcement

1. This morning's Beautiful Life Series Lecture is titled "Grace, Grace, Abundant Grace—The Life Story of Mr. and Mrs. Ye Long Ji" (Episode Four). Please invite your non-believing friends and family to watch.

2. On January 1st in the morning, there will be a collective spiritual retreat for all ministers. The venue is the main hall on the fourth floor, with simultaneous broadcasting in the B1 hall. Please prepare your hearts to participate. On that day, the Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting will be moved to the morning.

3. The registration for the 2024 Sunday Flower Offering schedule is now open. If you wish to contribute, please go to the reception desk and fill in your full name in block letters. The offering is 300 yuan each time. Please register as soon as possible to facilitate the work of coworkers.

4. The unified reading progress for this week is Psalms 124 to 126. Please refer to the Unified Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch "The Key to the Bible," "The Bible Is Worth Reading," and listen to Good News Radio's "Awakened Heart—Psalms (Part One)."

☞ The Lord's Prayer

☞ Doxology

☞ Benediction

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