



Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

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Jesus Loves You
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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:



☞ 至於我 As for Me

♪ As for me I will behold Your face in righteousness
I will be satisfied when I awake to see You
I want to be You be You Lord
As for me only behold Your face

☞ 這裡有榮耀 Glory

♪ Hallelujah *2 Glory's in this place
Hallelujah *2 Healing overflows
♪ Hallelujah *2 Freedom's in this place
Sound of praise like many waters
Living God Your presence is here
♪ You're the Alpha, Omega Forever the living God
I worship with all my heart Glory to the lamb
You're the righteous sun that shines on us
All nations will come before You
You're the holy one, bright morning star
Who was, is and who is to com

☞ 開啟雙眼 Open My Eyes

♪ Open my eyes gaze upon Your glory.
Lift up my voice
Give the glorious King praise

♪ Lord I love You I give You praise.
Hallelujah I exalt You

☞ Responsive Reading: **Psalm 33:13-22**

- 13 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;
- 14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
- 15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
- 16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- 18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- 19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
- 20 We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- 21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
- 22 May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

☞ Praise

☞ 讚美耶穌 Praise Him! Praise Him!

♪ Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, our blessed engraved Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long: (Refrain)
♪ Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, our blessed engraved Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.
(Refrain)
(Praise Him!x2) Tell of His excellent greatness.
(Praise Him!x2) Ever in joyful song!

☞ Special Music

☞ 喔主 我讚美祢 O Lord, I will Praise You
♪ If the sky and galaxies declare Your holy Name,
If all creation finds the words,
Your power to pro-claim!
Then how can I articulate with words
and with my days,
Your glory and Your majesty,
and live a life of praise and live a life of
♪ [Praise You. O Lord, I will Praise You.
My voice will join the chorus
that all creation sings,
Praise You, O Lord, I will praise You,
My Master, my Redeemer, my Savior] and King.
♪ If stars can find a way to tell the glory of their King,

and if the very firmament can find a way to sing,
how can I keep silent then and not burst in-to song,
in praise of my Redeemer,
Who has loved me all a-long?
Then Lord I have to []*2 ,(my Savior)*2 and King

☞Scripture Reading:

John 3:26-31

26 Then they came to John and said, “Teacher, remember the man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River? He is the one you were telling everyone about. He is also baptizing people, and **many are going to him.**”

27 John answered, “**A person can receive only what God gives.**

28 You yourselves heard me say, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only the one God sent to prepare the way for him.’

29 The bride always belongs to **the bridegroom**. The friend who helps the bridegroom just waits and listens. **He is happy** just to hear the bridegroom talk. That’s how I feel now. **I am so happy** that he is here.

30 He must become more and more important, and I must become less important.

31 “The one who comes from above is **greater than all others**. The one who is from the earth belongs to the earth. He talks about things that are on the earth. But the one who comes from heaven is greater than all others.

Sermon: Four Secrets to Joy ~ New Year, New Joy
- Pastor Dong

The joy that surpasses all earthly happiness, found in heaven but absent on earth, is the joy humans most need!

The world doesn't lack earthly happiness or the happiness it offers; rather, it lacks heavenly joy, the superlative joy surpassing all earthly happiness! John the Baptist explained this joy that surpasses all earthly happiness quite clearly:

I. Finding glory in Jesus alone, finding satisfaction in Jesus being lifted up ~ John 3:29

John 3:29 The bride always belongs to **the bridegroom**. The friend who helps the bridegroom just waits and listens. **He is happy** just to hear the bridegroom talk. That’s how I feel now. **I am so happy** that he is here.

Those who focus solely on themselves cannot find happiness!

First: Their hearts are narrow, how can their ears hear the truth? How can they tolerate others being better than them?

Second: They won't have good relationships, their emotional intelligence will be lacking, and they won't have genuine friends!

Third: Achievements, fame, glory, applause, and popularity, no matter how much, will be empty and forgotten!

Fourth: Those who focus on Jesus, will Jesus forget them? He who rules everything, who owns everything, of course, He won't forget

How could John the Baptist have such a heart?

II. He knew clearly who he was and who Jesus was ~ John 3:28-30

John 3:28-30 You yourselves heard me say, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only the one God sent to prepare the way for him.’

29 The bride always belongs to **the bridegroom**. The friend who helps the bridegroom just waits and listens. **He is happy** just to hear the bridegroom talk. That’s how I feel now. **I am so happy** that he is here.

30 He must become more and more important, and I must become less important.

He knew: Jesus is the highest, the greatest, the most glorious God, the Highest from heaven.

He knew himself: not the focus, not the savior, just a friend of Jesus, serving Jesus.

Key to knowing Jesus: objective thinking, reverent attitude, maintaining humility, continuous service, continuous humble reading of the Bible, meditation on the Scriptures, discussing what is read!

Matthew 3:11 “I baptize you with water to show that you have changed your hearts and lives. But there is someone coming later who is able to do more than I can. I am not good enough to be the slave who takes off his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

III. He knew the mission of his life ~ John 3:28; 2 Timothy 4:9-10, 16, 6-8; Psalm 90:9-101

John 3:28-30 You yourselves heard me say, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only the one God sent to prepare the way for him.’

2 Timothy 4:9-10, 16, 6-8

9 Do your best to come to me as soon as you can.

10 Demas loved this world too much. That is why he left me. He went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia. And Titus went to Dalmatia.

16 The first time I defended myself, no one helped me. Everyone left me. I pray that God will forgive them.

6 My life is being given as an offering for God. The time has come for me to leave this life here.

7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have served the Lord faithfully.

8 Now, a prize is waiting for me—the crown that will show I am right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give it to me on that Day. Yes, he will give it to me and to everyone else who is eagerly looking forward to his coming.

Psalm 90:9-10 Your anger can end our life. Our lives fade away like a whisper.

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.

He was paired with Jesus, determined throughout his life to point people to Jesus, to let Jesus be honored alone!

See how clearly he understood his mission: "He must become greater; I must become less." (**John 3:30**)

Knowing one's mission, dedicating oneself completely to fulfilling the mission entrusted by God, transcending the troubles of this life, obtaining eternal glory! On earth as it is in heaven!

IV. John understood a timeless truth: "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven." ~ **John 3:27**

John 3:27 John answered, "A person can receive only what God gives."

Glory can only be given by God!

Only what God gives is true glory, eternal and infinite in value!

True glory cannot be attained by yourself, only God can bestow it!

How joyful it is! Through John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit lets us see the truth of obtaining joy and the secrets of having a joyful heart!

Do you look forward to having this joy, a heart that is satisfied with joy?

Blessings to you: Joyful New Year! New joy in the New Year!

Philippians 3:13-15 Brothers and sisters, I know that I still have a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.

14 I keep running hard toward the finish line to get the prize that is mine because God has called me through Christ Jesus to life up there in heaven.

15 All of us who have grown to be spiritually mature should think this way too. And if there is any of this that you don't agree with, God will make it clear to you.

☞ Responsive Hymn

✠ 祢配得至聖尊榮

Jesus Shall Take The Highest Honor

- ♪ Jesus shall take the highest honor
Jesus shall take the highest praise
Let all earth join heaven in Exalting His name
Which is above all other names
- ♪ Let's bow the knee in humble adoration
For at His name every knee must bow
Let every tongue confess He is Christ
God's only Son Sovereign Lord,
we give You Glory now

Chorus:

- ♪ (For all honour and blessing and power
Belongs to You! Belongs to You!)*2
Lord Jesus Christ, son of the Living God

✠ 榮耀神羔羊 **Glory to the Lamb**

- ♪ Glory glory glory to the Lamb
Glory glory glory to the Lamb
- ♪ For He is glorious And worthy to be praised
he Lamb upon the throne And unto Him
We lift our voice in praise The Lamb
upon the throne

☞ Announcement

1. Next Sunday, we will continue to hold two worship services at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to sanctify themselves during the Chinese New Year and offer gratitude together. Throughout the Spring Festival, please uphold the unity of the saints, draw closer to the Lord, fulfill filial duties, maintain regular schedules, and welcome a victorious year ahead.
2. "The Exhibition of Musical Props in Cross Village" will be displayed at Friendship Corner on the first floor every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sundays from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM in February. Visitors are welcome, but please refrain from touching the items on display.
3. This week's unified Bible reading progress covers Psalms 139 to 141. Please refer to the church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) for resources such as "Keys to the Bible" and "Bible Really Looks Good" to enhance your understanding.

☞ 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!