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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:



☞因祢的慈愛比生命更好 **Thy Loving Kindness**

♪ Thy loving kindness is better than life x2
My lips shall praise Thee, Thus will I bless Thee
Thy loving kindness is better than life

☞敞開心不停讚美 **Endless Praise**

♪ I come into Your temple
Joy abounding in Your presence
Lord, You are my God
I will glorify Your name
♪ Love that reaches to the heavens
Faithfulness beyond all measure
Your salvation set me firm on higher ground
♪ I give my heart to You oh through and through
Lord just as I am I come to You
Turning back to childlikeness
Abba Father how I love You
♪ I give my heart to You oh through and through
All my praise and honor just for You
I'm rejoicing in Your presence
In endless praise

☞生命活水充滿我 **Living Water**

♪ Lead me to Your throne, to my hiding place
Cover me with song of Your joy
Hide me under Your wings
Lord, You're the giver of life
Lord, You're the everlasting light
In Your presence I'm set free
Your holiness shines on me
♪ Fill me Lord. Come, fill me Lord
Here, before Your throne, the living water flows
Cleanse me, make me whole(x2)

☞**Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1-8**

- 1 I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
- 6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

☞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

☞讚美與感恩組曲

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

* He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)

* We Bring the Sacrifice of praise

♪ (We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise) *5

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

♪ [(I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise!
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.) *2
He has made me glad! He has made me glad!
(I will rejoice for he has made me glad). *2] *2

* We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

♪ [(We bring the sacrifice of praise,
into the house of the Lord.) *2

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of
thanksgiving.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.] *2

♪ And we offer up to you the sacrifices of
thanksgiving.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

Praise! We bring the sacrifice of praise. Praise!!

🔑 **Scripture Reading:**

Luke 10:41-42

But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you **are getting worried** and upset about too many things.

42 Only one thing is important. Mary has made **the right choice**, and it will never be taken away from her.”

Mark 14:3, 6, 7

Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper. While he was eating there, a woman came to him. She had an alabaster jar filled with **expensive** perfume made of pure nard. She **opened** the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus’ head.

6 Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you giving her such trouble? She did **a very good thing** for me.

7 You will always have the poor with you,^[b] and you can help them any time you want. But you will **not always have me**.

John 21:7, 17

The follower Jesus loved very much said to Peter, “That man is the Lord!” When Peter heard him say it was the Lord, he **wrapped** his coat around himself. (He had taken his clothes off to work.) Then he **jumped into the water**.

17 A third time Jesus said, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad because Jesus asked him **three times**, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know everything. **You know that I love you!**” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.

Sermon: Gratitude - Know the Heart of Jesus!

- Minister Dong

I. Must Obtain the Best - Luke 10:41-42

1. Missing the Best -

Thinking and feeling too much often lead us into wrong perceptions, wrong choices, wrong priorities, wrong efforts, wrong sacrifices, and wrong satisfactions. Martha was so passionate, thoughtful, attentive, and diligent, but she completely missed understanding the heart of Jesus and thus missed out on the best blessings!

2. Seizing the Best -

Jesus doesn't visit every day, nor does He teach up close every day. Opportunities are rare, so how can we let them slip away? Mary immediately chose to sit at Jesus' feet, to listen intently, quietly, and eagerly. She understood the heart of Jesus!

3. Choosing the Best -

Our daily spiritual practices of prayer, Bible reading, and drawing close to Jesus are called the best blessings. They are the source of our strength, joy, wisdom, and peace. We must choose to rediscover the best blessings of 2024!

II. Offering the Best - Mark 14:3-9

Mark 14:3-9 Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper. While he was eating there, a woman came to him. She had an alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume made of pure nard. She opened the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus’ head.

4 Some of the followers there saw this. They were upset and complained to each other. They said, “Why waste that perfume?”

5 It was worth a full year’s pay. It could have been sold and the money given to those who are poor.” And they told the woman what a bad thing she had done.

6 Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you giving her such trouble? She did a very good thing for me.

7 You will always have the poor with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.

8 This woman did the only thing she could do for me. She poured perfume on my body before I die to prepare it for burial.

9 The Good News will be told to people all over the world. And I can assure you that everywhere the Good News is told, the story of what this woman did will also be told, and people will remember her.”

1. Only the Lord Deserves:

Breaking this costly perfume and offering it to Jesus should express that Jesus deserves such honor, gratitude, and love. Breaking it signifies offering it

without reservation, completely. Besides Jesus, who else deserves such precious perfume?

2. Who Deserves It? -

Amidst the hypocritical, filthy, and greedy, these people attack, falsely accusing, "Why waste? Why not help the poor?" How long will Jesus tolerate them? How long will Jesus grieve over them? Not too long!

3. You Must Be Willing -

Job said, "Man is born like a flower and flies away like a shadow." Moses said, "We labor and sorrow; it is soon gone." Today is the best time to offer without reservation your prime years, your wonderful life, your best gifts and talents to Jesus!

III. Loving You the Best - John 21:7,17

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1. No Obstacles Anymore:

No More Hindrance: Love can be like Peter: fearless, bursting with zeal, ecstatic, plunging into the sea, heading straight to Jesus. Nothing and no one can separate us from Christ's love, nothing can hinder our love for Jesus!

2. No More Self:

Peter could rush towards Jesus with such passion, boldly proclaiming, "You know that I love You!" It's because his love for Jesus outweighed all past failures, surpassed all shameful experiences, and overcame all lies of the devil. He firmly believed: I am a new Peter, the old things have passed away, everything has become new!

3. No Other Thought:

As Peter responded to Jesus three times, "Lord, You know that I love You!" he also accepted Jesus' entrustment and urgency: "Feed My sheep." Peter carried this divine mission throughout his life. Brothers and sisters, even though life may present many urgencies and necessities, remember, what matters most to Jesus must be our top priority; what is

most important to Jesus must be our foremost concern. Starting from 2024, let's seek His sheep, care for His sheep, accompany His sheep, feed His sheep, so that Jesus' sheep can come home!

🎵 Responsive Hymn

✠ 愛中相遇 See You Face To Face

- ♪ Everyday, how I long to see You face to face
Once again, I am coming back to Your embrace
Forever, You'll always be my joy and strength
lay down all my life to follow You
- ♪ Everyday, how I long to see You face to face
Once again, I surrender in Your light and grace
Forever, You'll always be my love, my friend
I will worship to glorify Your name
- ♪ I give my life, a living sacrifice
And with a pure heart, worship You, my king
Lord, may Your will be done. I live my life for You
Holy Spirit, come, come and reign in me
- ♪ Purified, sanctified, draw me after You
I'm running to Your arms
Take my heart, take my life, draw me after You
I live to worship You

🎵 Announcement

1. The "Craftsman Forum" lecture will be held on 2/24 (Saturday) at 6:30 PM in the B1 auditorium. The theme is "Personalized Service in the Modern Age - Frontline, Logistics, and Strategy," and all young people in the community are welcome to attend.
2. "The Exhibition of Musical Props in Cross Village" will be displayed every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sundays from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM on the first floor at the Friendship Corner. Visitors are welcome. Please refrain from touching the exhibits during your visit.
3. This week's unified Bible reading progress: Psalms 142 to 144. Please refer to the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) for "Keys to the Bible" and "The Bible Is Worth Reading" series.

🎵 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!