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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:



☞ **讚美祭 We Offer Heart to Praise You**

- ♪ We offer heart to praise You
To enter Lord Jesus' court (*2)
- ♪ We offer a grateful heart
To give You worship and thanksgiving
We offer a cheerful heart
To offer it to praise You
- ♪ Stand up and bless the Lord, The Lord!

☞ **主的喜樂是我力量 The Joy Of The Lord Is My Strength**

- ♪ You are my joy, You are my strength
My hope is in salvation's song
I will cling to You when I'm lost
I will trust in You in the dark
I will sing and dance, rejoice in You my God
- ♪ I praise Your name in times of sorrow or in joy
I praise Your name with the rising and the setting sun
I worship You, my God, My praise will never cease
I dance and sing to You, my King,
I dance and sing and freely praise
I shout to You, You are my God, my glorious King

☞ **君王就在這裡 Worthy Is The King**

- ♪ Jesus, my King. You're seated on the throne
Hallelujah. Your glory fills this place.
- ♪ Sing, worthy is the King. We offer all our praise.
Crown You Lord of lords. Give glory to Your name.
- ♪ Sing, worthy is the King. You're robed in majesty.
Hosanna unto the glorious King of kings.
- ♪ Higher and higher, we lift Your holy name.
Higher and higher, we lift a shout of praise.
Louder and louder, declare that You are Lord.
until that day, I see You face to face.

☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 65:1-5, 11-13**

- 1** Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- 2** You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
- 3** When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
- 4** Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
- 5** You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
- 11** You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.
- 12** The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
- 13** The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

☞ **Praise**

☞ **祢信實何廣大 Great is Thy faithfulness**

- ♪ Faithful You are Faithful, King of kings,
Lord of lords, You are Faithful
Faithful You are Faithful, King of kings,
Lord of lords, I Worship You
- ♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.
- ♪ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain:
- ♪ Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

☞ **Special Music**

☞ **必有恩惠與慈愛 Surely Goodness and Mercy**

- ♪ [Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.]
- ♪ [] and ever.
- ♪ Goodness shall follow me when I am tested.

Mercy shall follow me through every trial.
Every season, every stage, in my youth, as I age,
(The Lord of love sustains me.)*3 all of my life,
Through all of my life.

♪ [] forever and ever.

♪ (I shall live in the house of the Lord forever.)*3

In the house of the Lord.

()*2 house of the Lord. ()*2

🔗 Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray continually,

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Sermon: Gratitude in Everything (Part 1)

- Pastor Dong

God loves us, and it is His will for us to give thanks in all things – even in times of adversity!

Is it important to give thanks in everything?

How can we gradually become someone who gives thanks in all things?

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

3 And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—

4 was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

5 I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.

6 Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,

7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 11:23-29 Are they servants of Christ?

(I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak?

Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 demonstrates how giving thanks in all things enables:

I. **Strength in Weakness - 2 Corinthians 12:10, 11:23-29**

In **2 Corinthians 12:10**, Paul speaks of having the grace to be strong whenever he is weak. This grace allows saints to rejoice in all weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties. Naturally, this places them in the ranks of those who give thanks in all things, standing on the mountaintop!

II. **The Value of True Knowledge**

How can one enjoy and grasp this grace of being strong whenever weak?

First: Recognizing one's major crisis: Pride! - 2 Corinthians 12:7

2 Corinthians 12:7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Second: Understanding that God allows suffering to prevent pride. 2 Corinthians 12:7

Third: Knowing and believing that Christ will cover the weak and those in pain with great power. 2 Corinthians 12:9

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

This faith enables those in pain to experience God's comprehensive power, revealing that all healing and victory come from God's mighty power!

This faith frees Paul from self-pity and pride; it opens Paul's heart, elevates him, and broadens his horizons. Thus, naturally, he becomes someone who gives thanks in all things!

Q: How could Paul come to know God so deeply and believe in Jesus so strongly?

III. The Secret of Knowing and Believing

There are two keys to knowing and believing in this revelation of truth:

1. As a "Heavenly Warrior," Rise Up and Fight

Engage in spiritual warfare 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 2 Corinthians 4:4-5; 2 Timothy 4:7; 1 Corinthians 15:55-58

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4-5 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

2. As a "Messenger of Love," Love God and Love People

Be ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20; 2 Corinthians 7:2-3; 2 Corinthians 11:7-15; 2 Corinthians 12:13-15; Ephesians 3:17-20) - loving people, loving the flock, being in harmony and working with Jesus, with Jesus present.

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 7:2-3 Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one.

3 I do not say this to condemn you; I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you.

2 Corinthians 11:7-15 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge?

8 I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so as to serve you.

9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so.

10 As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in the regions of Achaia will stop this boasting of mine.

11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

12 And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about.

13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

2 Corinthians 12:13-15 How were you inferior to the other churches, except that I was never a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

14 Now I am ready to visit you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you, because what I want is not your possessions but you. After all, children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

15 So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well. If I love you more, will you love me less?

Ephesians 3:17-20 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Blessed be! I declare:

What battle should I fight right now?
I won't evade it!

What truth should I defend and uphold?
I'll stand firm, I'll defend!

Which path should I run on right now?
I'll sprint!

Standing on the frontline of the present, as a
mighty warrior, I will come to know Him more
deeply, believe in Him!

Who should I love right now?
I'll sacrifice, I'll love!

Who has offended and hurt me right now?
I'll forgive!

To whom should I apologize and make amends
right now?
I'll apologize, I'll make amends!

I will be intimate with Christ, knowing Him deeper
and wider, firmly believing in Christ!

This "faith" will make me strong whenever weak,
becoming someone who gives thanks in all things!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✦ 感恩組曲 Gratitude Suite

- ♪ I offer gratitude in all things, in everything,
shining with the radiance of gratitude.
In everything, I thank God,
(for He has abundantly given you everything) *2
- ♪ (Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son) *2
- ♪ (And now let the weak say I am strong
let the poor say I am rich because of
what the Lord has done for us) *2 (Give thanks) *2

☞ Offertory

☞ Holy Communion

☞ Baptism

☞ Announcement

1. Series of lectures on "Life Essentials" will be held at 2:00 PM on June 1st (Saturday) at the Cloud Hall on the first floor. The theme is "Does God Really Exist in the World?" Through fun games, group discussions, and sharing from the Bible, we will answer questions and gain a deeper understanding of the value and meaning of life. High school, college, and graduate students are welcome to join.

2. "Sister You Shufen's Career and Life Sharing" will be held at 6:30 PM on June 15th (Saturday) at the Cloud Hall on the first floor. Social youths are welcome to join.

3. This week's unified Bible reading progress: Ecclesiastes chapters 9 to 11. Please visit the church's website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch "The Key to the Bible" and "Bible, It's Worth Reading" programs; you are also welcome to listen to the Good News Radio program "A Sober Mind—The Book of Hebrews."

☞ 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!