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Jesus Loves You
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✠ 祢是何等榮美 Lord Of Heaven And Earth

- ♪ Jesus, You are the prince of peace
Jesus, my hope eternally
Every breath I take, I worship Jesus,
my King, I worship You
- ♪ Lord of heaven and earth,
all creations bow down and worship You
There is no one compares with You
Jesus, I worship You

✠ Responsive Reading: **Psalm 97:1-2, 6-9, 11-12**

- 1** The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
- 2** Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 6** The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.
- 7** All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—worship him, all you gods!
- 8** Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, Lord.
- 9** For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 11** Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.
- 12** Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

✠ Prelude	.....	Choir
✠ Invocation	.....	Presider
✠ Praise	.....	Congregation
✠ Responsive Reading	.....	Congregation
✠ Prayer	.....	Presider
✠ Special Music	.....	Choir
✠ Scripture Reading	.....	Presider
✠ Message	.....	Pastor
✠ Responsive Hymn	.....	Presider
✠ Offertory	.....	Pastor
✠ Holy Communion	.....	Pastor
✠ Announcement	.....	Presider
✠ The Lord's Prayer	.....	Congregation
✠ Doxology	.....	Congregation
✠ Benediction	.....	Pastor
✠ Postlude	.....	Congregation

✠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:

✠ 祂又真又活 He is Alive

- ♪ Joy, I need joy, need joy from the Lord;
joy, the decision of faith
Praise I need the praise lift my praise to Lord
Cause He reigns everything
He does everything
- ♪ Everything behind has the Lord's merciful hands
He sees You He does things He's really alive
In the Lord's timing
beautiful things have been made
He knows You. He is able. He's really alive

✠ 主祢崇高 Be Exalted

- ♪ Oh, Lord! My heart will be stead-fast in You.
I will praise You with all of my soul.
Oh, Lord! My heart will be stead-fast in You.
Lift up my hands, to Your ho-ly place.
- ♪ Be e-xal-ted a-bove all hea-vens.
For You've done great things for all Your peo-ple.
Let Your glo-ry be a-bove the earth.
All that I am, ne-ver ceases to re-joyce in You.

✠Praise

✠ 快樂頌 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

- ♪ Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
- ♪ All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee.
- ♪ Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
- ♪ Mortals, join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,

victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Special Music

神隱藏的道路 God's Hidden Path

- ♪ Your path is hidden in the sea
Your leading is immeasurable
Your infinite wisdom no one can figure it out
Your boundless creativity transcends everything
It's so amazing that no one can hinder it
- ♪ My way forward is hidden in the sea
My future is to obey by faith
Sometimes the suspicion makes me
irritable and restless
But I know that You're holding me
So that I could bravely step along the way with
You
- ♪ You open our way in the sea
and protect us affectionately always
No matter amid the tribulation or
in the darkness of the night,
You will look after us and save us
- ♪ Shall not be afraid of the boiling sea
and the harsh mountain roads
I surrender all and I'm willing to follow You
You are the highest sovereign Lord
- ♪ The waters are terrified because of Your arms
The abyss of darkness trembles
because of Your power
The whirlwind roars and the lightnings
shine the earth
- ♪ You will guide Your people
You promise that Your mercy and kindness
will never end
There's no god like You. How great You are!

Scripture Reading: **2 Peter 1:11, 13-16 (NIV)**

11 and you will receive a **rich** welcome into **the eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
13 I think it is right to **refresh your memory** as long as I live in the **tent** of this body,
14 because I know that I will soon **put it aside**, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.
15 And I will make every effort to see that after my **departure** you will always be able to **remember** these things.
16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about **the coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ in **power**, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Sermon: Packing Up

- Pastor Hsu

Peter is nearing the end of his life. What can he take with him? What does he want to leave behind? What is he striving for?

I. The Baggage We Can Take

1. The Baggage We Can Take: **(2 Peter 3:10-12, 1 Peter 1:24)**

2 Peter 3:10-12 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

1 Peter 1:24 "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

The Day of the Lord will come like a thief; everything in the heavens and earth will be destroyed and burned up, melted by fire!

All the beauty, glory, applause, achievements, and outward appearances on earth are like flowers and grass, withering and fading away!

Those who try to save their life will lose it; this world and its desires will pass away. Life is full of hard work and sorrow, and it quickly passes by, like flying away. **(Matthew 10:39; 1 John 2:17; Psalm 90:10)**

Matthew 10:39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

1 John 2:17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Psalm 90:10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

2. What we cannot lose in heaven:: **(2 Peter 3:13, 1:11, 5,7)**

2 Peter 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 1:11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; **7** and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

The heavens and the earth will be melted by fire, but God has prepared a new heaven and a new earth for us, where righteousness dwells.

True riches are in heaven, where God has prepared an eternal and abundant kingdom for us!

God grants us an inheritance, salvation, praise, joy, and a crown of glory that will never fade away. ([1 Peter 1:4,5,7; 4:13; 5:4](#))

[1 Peter 1:4](#) and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

[5](#) who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

[7](#) These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

[1 Peter 4:13](#) But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

[1 Peter 5:4](#) And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Who is rich in heaven?

Faith endures forever; by faith, we are remembered and pleased by God ([Hebrews 11:6](#));

[Hebrews 11:6](#) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Love endures forever; love for our brothers and for all people ([1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:3](#)).

[1 Corinthians 13:13](#) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

[1 Thessalonians 1:3](#) We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. The Testimony We Leave Behind ([2 Peter 1:12-16](#))

[2 Peter 1:12-16](#) So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.

[13](#) I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,

[14](#) because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

[15](#) And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

[16](#) For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Peter knew he was going to die a martyr's death, and he was eager to leave something behind.

- "Remind" you—bring to mind, remember;
- "Stimulate" you—awaken, stir up;
- "Remember" these things—what are these things?

1. Testify to the Lord's power: ([2 Peter 1:16, 2:9, 5-7](#))

[2 Peter 1:16](#)

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

[2 Peter 2:9](#) if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

[2 Peter 5-7](#) if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

[6](#) if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

[7](#) and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless

Q: In times of trouble, we ask, "Does God even care about me?"

A: **God is in control!** We have seen the power and majesty of Jesus during His transfiguration on the mountain.

God will take care of us! He will rescue those who live godly lives and punish those who do wrong.

Just like how God used a flood to punish the wicked people in Noah's time but protected Noah and his family,

and how He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah but saved Lot.

God's people will always receive His protection and mercy, but those who do evil will face God's punishment and judgment!

2. Testify to the Lord's return: ([2 Peter 1:16, 3:3-4, 6, 8-11](#))

[2 Peter 1:16](#) For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our

Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

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2 Peter 3:3-4 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

2 Peter 3:8-11 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.[a]

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

Q: Where is **real hope** in times of trouble?

A: Some people mock and follow their own desires. They deny that Jesus will return, reject the idea of judgment, and live recklessly.

In Noah's time, God judged the world with a flood. In the end times, God will use fire for judgment!

It's not that God is delaying or forgetting; He is being patient and giving people a chance to repent.

We know that God will judge the world, so we should strive to live holy and godly lives, and be ready to give an account to Him!

We can give our family and friends the best gift by helping them understand that "**God is in control**," "**God will be in control**," and "**God will return**," which fills us with hope!

By living a godly and pure life, our loved ones can have eternal life and enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✝ 我們有一故事傳給萬邦

We Have a Story to Tell to the Nations

♪ We have a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right;
A story of truth and sweetness,

A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light. step by step

♪ We have a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
A song that shall conquer evil,
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

Chorus:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

☞ Announcement

1. "**Love Can Create Miracles - Music and Song Concert**" will be held on Sunday, August 25, at 8:30 AM and 10:40 AM in the main hall on the 4th floor. Through touching life stories, choir performances, and sharing of truth, we will talk about God's mighty works. Feel free to invite your family and friends!

2. "**Sustainable Living: DIY Solar Cars**" will take place on Sunday, August 25, at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM in the Hope Halls on the 3rd and 5th floors. Kids will have the chance to make their own solar-powered cars. Children from 3 years old to 5th grade (who can participate independently) are welcome to join. Please invite them to come!

3. "**I Want to Know Your Heart**" Parent-Child Forum will be on Saturday, August 24, at 2:00 PM in the main hall on the 4th floor. Through skits, group discussions, experience sharing, and teachings, we aim to build parent-child relationships that are in line with God's will and full of love. Parents and students in middle school and above are encouraged to register. Please visit the link <http://thfc.pse.is/240824> or scan the QR Code to sign up.

4. **This Week's Bible Reading Schedule:** Read Isaiah chapters 19 to 21. For more resources, visit the Harmony Church website at <http://www.ctfhc.org> to view "Logos Gateway" and "Bible is Good to Read."

☞ The Lord's Prayer

☞ Doxology

☞ Benediction

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