



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:



† 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!

† 眾城門抬起頭 All Ye Gate, Lift up Your Heads

- ♪ All ye gates lift your heads in praise
All ancient door be lifted up in His name
The King of glory, He is God Almighty
Shout for joy and give Him praise
- ♪ Lift your hands to the holy place
The world and all that's within shall go to Him
The King of glory, He is God Almighty
Shout for joy and give Him praise
- ♪ Here we stand oh Lord come and fill this temple
Glory and honor all to You God Almighty
- ♪ Here we stand oh Lord
Lift You up, the king of glory
Oh, Lord, here we stand to welcome You

† 諸天宣揚 All Heaven Declares

- ♪ All heaven declares The glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare With the beauty of the Lord,
Forever He will be The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow my knee And worship Him alone
- ♪ You are the Christ You are the Lord
Through Your Spirit in our lives We know who
You are

☞Responsive Reading: **Psalm 103:8-13**

- 8** The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
- 9** He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- 10** he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- 12** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

☞Praise

† 有福的確據 Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;* x2

☞Special Music

† 阿拉法俄梅戛 Alpha & Omega

- ♪ I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying
Behold the tabernacle of God is with men
And He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people
And almighty God will be with Them
- ♪ He shall wipe away the tears from their eyes
And there shall be no more death
Neither sorrow, nor crying and no more pain
For The former things are all passed away
- ♪ He that sat upon the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new"
And He said unto me, "Write these words
For they are faithful and true"
It is done (4 times)
- ♪ (He is The Alpha and Omega
The Beginning and The End
The Son of God, The King of Kings

Lord of Lords, He's Everything
Messiah, Jehovah
The Prince of Peace is He
The Son of Man, Seed of Abraham
Second Person in The Trinity) x 2

♪ He is The Alpha and Omega,
The Son of God, The King of Kings
He's Messiah, Jehovah
The Beginning of all, Almighty God.
He is The Alpha and Omega,
The Beginning and The End
The Son of God, The King of Kings
He is the King of Kings, He is Lord.

🔑 **Scripture Reading: John 17:1, 4, 5, 22**

1 After saying this, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. **Glorify Your Son**, so that the Son may **glorify You**."

4 "I have **brought glory to You** on earth by **completing** the work You **gave Me** to do."

5 "Now, Father, **glorify Me in Your presence with the glory** I had with You before the world began."

22 "I have given them the **glory** You gave Me, so that they may **be one** as We are one."

**Sermon: Ask the Lord to Glorify Me,
and I Will Glorify the Lord** - Pastor Hsu

I. Ask the Lord to Glorify Me

- 1. If we seek glory on earth, it leads to unbelief and harm. (John 5:41, 44; 7:18-19; Jeremiah 2:13)**

John 5:41, 44 "I do not accept glory from people."

44 "How can you believe when you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?"

John 7:18-19 "Whoever speaks on their own seeks their own glory, but the one who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is truthful, and there is nothing false in him."

19 Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

Jeremiah 2:13 "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Earthly glory is based on rules people make, applause, and media praise, but **Jesus refused this!**

If people honor each other but don't seek the glory that comes from the only true God, **how can they believe in Jesus?** Jesus was seen as weak, foolish, and shameful.

When people seek their own glory, their hearts **are filled with injustice**. It leads to comparison, competition, and stepping on others. They wanted to **kill** Jesus and harm others!

People have a huge desire for glory, but earthly glory **cannot satisfy them!**

- 2. Ask for Heavenly Glory, Which Brings Unity and Love (John 17:5, 22-24)**

John 17:5, 22-24 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—

23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

Jesus wants to give us heavenly glory, which was prepared before the world was created—**the best kind of glory!**

When people receive this heavenly glory, **they will be united** and understand God's love, which brings great joy and satisfaction, allowing us to **truly love one another!**

Why do people compare, compete, and fight? It's because they feel insecure, lack glory, have no peace, and are afraid of being embarrassed!

When we receive the highest glory, we no longer need to fight for earthly things, and we can share glory with others!

II. I Will Glorify the Lord (John 17:1, 4; 1 Samuel 2:30)

John 17:1, 4 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come.

Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

1 Samuel 2:30 "Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.

Who can enjoy the highest level of glory?

The key is this: we must do our best to glorify the Lord!

When we honor God, He will honor us. God will glorify those who give their all to glorify Him!

1. Ask—Through Prayer (John 17:5, 9, 20; Ephesians 1:17-18; 3:15-16)

John 17:5, 9, 20 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

Ephesians 1:17-18; 3:15-16 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

3:15-16 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Before Jesus was arrested, He **prayed to** God the Father to glorify Him. He also **prayed for** His disciples and **for** the future disciples so that they could experience this highest glory!

Paul **prayed for** the church, asking that we would understand the rich and **glorious** inheritance God gives us. He **knelt down** and asked God, according to His **glory**, to strengthen us, help us know His love, and fill us with the Holy Spirit!

2. Be Faithful—Complete the Mission (John 17:4; Psalm 50:23)

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

Psalm 50:23 Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,
and to the blameless[a] I will show my salvation.”

To glorify God in a concrete way means to faithfully **complete the tasks He has entrusted to us** and to obey His Word!

Those who **offer thanksgiving as a sacrifice** glorify God. When we give control to God, He has the absolute authority to decide how we will glorify Him.

Even in poverty, sickness, or tears, we completely submit to Him!

3. Love—Laying Down Your Life for Love (John 12:23-24)

John 12:23-24 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

The time for the Son of Man to be glorified has come. **A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies.** Jesus gave His life on the cross out of love for people, and this sacrifice produced many seeds, bringing abundant life!

To glorify God means to **love others persistently**, to let go of oneself for love, and to make sacrifices. Though it may seem weak and foolish to people, in God’s eyes, it is full of glory. God will honor those who love others!

☞ Responsive Hymn

✦ 抬起我的頭神/叫我抬起頭的神
The Lifter of My Head

- ♪ Lord, You are my solid rock I shall not be moved with You as my provider who is there to fear
- ♪ Lord, You are my shepherd I shall not want with You as my banner There will be victory
- ♪ For You are my shield and my defender
Glory of my life and You are the lifter of my head
- ♪ Weeping may remain at night
But at dawn we will rejoice
You’re my solid rock Lord, You are my help

☞ Announcement

1. New Song Release – "Masterpiece! God Says: You Are My Special Creation!"

A new song release event will be held on Saturday, 9/28 at 2:00 PM in the main hall on the 4th floor. This inspiring creation will be presented by youth from Harmony Church and Tao-Pu Pavilion Church. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to invite new friends to join!

2. New Adult Sunday School Classes

The new season of Adult Sunday School will begin on Sunday, 9/29, and continue on 10/2. The first class will be an opening ceremony, which will include encouragement from the pastors and testimonies. You can sign up by visiting the link: <http://thfc.pse.is/sschool> or by scanning the QR Code on page 6.

3. Fall-Winter "Happy GOGO" Classes Open for Registration

Registration is open for the Fall-Winter "Happy

GOGO" series. The courses will run from 10/15 to 12/6, offering 11 classes in total, spread over 8 sessions. Everyone is welcome to invite non-Christian friends and family to join and experience God's love. To sign up, scan the QR Code on page 6.

4. **"Meet the Professionals" Lecture Series**

On Saturday, 10/05 at 6:30 PM in the B1 hall, there will be a lecture titled "The Newbie's Adventure – Breaking Through Challenges." Young adults in the working world are encouraged to join and invite friends.

5. **This Week's Bible Reading Plan**

This week's Bible reading is from Isaiah chapters 37 to 39. Please check the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) for the *Logos Gateway* and *Bible Study* programs.

☞ **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 heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

☞ **Benediction**

Today's worship concludes here for now. Brothers and sisters, please feel free to communicate with one another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God bless you all.