



# Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

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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:



† 在祢面前有滿足的喜樂 **Fullness of Joy**

♪ In Thy presence is fullness, is fullness of joy (x3)  
At Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

† 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

† 在至高之處 **In the Highest**

♪ In the highest I give thanks  
I raise up my hands to give You glory  
Angel armies Give praise to You Jesus  
Greatest glory is unto You  
♪ In the highest place give Him all glory

There is peace on earth with those whom He is pleased  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Jesus You are worthy of it all

## ☞Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118:14-17, 19-21**

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.
- 15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"
- 16 The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"
- 17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
- 19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.
- 21 I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my salvation.

## ☞Praise

- † 天使歌唱在高天  
**Angels We Have Heard on High**
- ♪ Gloria\*4 Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
♪ (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo) x2  
♪ Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song  
♪ Come to Bethlehem and see Him  
whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King  
♪ (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo)\*2 Glo-ri-a Glo-ri-a

## ☞Special Music

- † (新歌)啊 聖善夜 **O Holy Night**
- ♪ O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
- ♪ (A thrill of hope)\*2, (the weary world rejoices)\*2  
(for yonder breaks)\*2, (a new and glorious morn)\*2  
Fall on your knees. O hear the angel voices.  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!
- ♪ Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever.  
His power and glory forever-more proclaim!  
His power and glory ever-more proclaim!  
(O holy night!)\*3. O night divine.

## ☞Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 63:7-10 (NIV)**

7 I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, **the many good things** he has

done for Israel, according to his **compassion** and many **kindnesses**.

**8** He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will **be true to me**”; and so he became their Savior.

**9** In all their distress he **too was distressed**, and the angel of his presence **saved** them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he **lifted them up** and **carried them**

all the days of old.

**10** Yet they **rebelled** and **grieved his Holy Spirit**. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

### ☞ **Sermon: Remembering God's Faithfulness**

- Pastor Hsu

As we approach the end of the year, let's reflect on what we've experienced over the past twelve months.

#### **I. Remember the Lord's Mighty Arm: Isaiah 63:7, 11**

**Isaiah 63:7, 11** I will **tell of the kindnesses** of the Lord, **the deeds** for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, **the many good things** he has done for Israel, according to his **compassion** and many **kindnesses**.

**11** Then his people recalled<sup>▮</sup> the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them,

#### **1. God's Guidance in the Past : Isaiah 63:11-14**

**Isaiah 63:11-14** Then his people recalled<sup>▮</sup> the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them,

**12** who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown,

**13** who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble;

**14** like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name.

The Lord's mighty arm worked powerfully alongside Moses, performing miracles. He parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could walk through it on dry ground. He led them safely across the sea and brought them to rest.

**A crisis became a miracle!**

**Reflect:** How has God saved and guided you this year? Think specifically about the times He turned your challenges into miracles.

#### **2. The Lord's Embrace Today: Isaiah 63:7-9**

**Isaiah 63:7-9** I will **tell of the kindnesses** of the Lord, **the deeds** for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, **the many good things** he has done for Israel, according to his **compassion** and many **kindnesses**.

**8** He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will **be true to me**”; and so he became their Savior.

**9** In all their distress he **too was distressed**, and the angel of his presence **saved** them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he **lifted them up** and **carried them** all the days of old.

God's mighty hand holds us close, carrying us, comforting us, and watching over us.

The Lord shares in our suffering and is always with us. This truth is fully revealed through the cross, where God's presence and love are clearly displayed.

We must remember His unfailing love and goodness and reflect on the great things He has done and accomplished in our lives!

**Reflect:** Remember the Lord's kindness and the amazing things He has done for you. How has God comforted and encouraged you in your times of need or difficulty this year?

#### **3. The Lord's Salvation for the Future : Isaiah 63:4-6, 9, 16**

**Isaiah 63:4-6, 9, 16** It was for me the day of vengeance; the year for me to redeem had come.

**5** I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm achieved salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me.

**6** I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground.”

**9** In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**16** But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

God's mighty arm will act to save us and defeat our enemies.

When no one else can help, God's power is enough—*nothing is impossible for Him!*

He is our Redeemer, our closest family protector, who rescues His people and delivers them from their enemies.

**Reflect:** What worries or fears do you have about the future? Declare boldly: *God will save me!* Trust in His power to bring deliverance and protection for you and your loved ones.

## II. Draw Near to God's Presence:

### 1. Turn Away from Rebellion: Isaiah 63:10; Acts 5:31, 3:12-13)

**Isaiah 63:10** Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them.

**Acts 5:31** God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

**3:12-13** When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

**13** The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go."

We often rebel against God—being stubborn, hard-hearted, and resistant to His guidance. This grieves the Holy Spirit, and God may discipline us as a loving Father, turning against our sin to lead us back to righteousness.

Ask God for a Repentant Heart and Forgiveness of Sins, and Repent Without Delay

When we receive God's grace, it's easy to become prideful. We must stay vigilant and always remember our weaknesses!

**Reflect:** What are the areas of your life where you feel weak or stubborn? How can you remind yourself to return to the Lord quickly when you fall? Let His Spirit guide you back to His presence!

### 2. Receive Justification: Isaiah 63:16-17, 8

**Isaiah 63:16-17** But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

**17** Why, LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

**8** He said, "Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me"; and so he became their Savior.

Even when we rebel and cause shame to our ancestors, even when we are accused or stray from God's path, we must boldly return to Him!

God, through the work of the cross, justifies us and calls us His faithful people—not because of our perfection but because of Christ's righteousness.

**Reflect:** In God's eyes, I am completely holy. How does this truth encourage and empower me?

### 3. Partnering with the Lord: Isaiah 63:5, 15, 17

**Isaiah 63:5, 15, 17** I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm achieved salvation for me,

**15** Look down from heaven and see, from your lofty throne, holy and glorious. Where are your zeal and your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us.

**17** Why, LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

God seeks people to partner with Him, to help and support His work. How can we work with God? By earnestly praying, obeying His Word, fearing Him, and relying on His mercy and salvation. We are called to be active participants in His mission.

**Reflect:** How can I take action to work with God—sharing the gospel and building His church?

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 祂的愛 His Love

♪ I can't express it all but I will.

I can't confess it all but I will.

I don't know it all but I will.

I can't be You but I will be like You.

[Chorus]

♪ How beautiful Your love is!

How Your love makes my life so rich and abundant!

How amazing and great Your love is!

How Your love makes me so grateful!

### ☞ Announcement

#### 1. Christmas Play: "Jingle Bells, Rings of Happiness"

Our church's Christmas play, *Jingle Bells, Rings of Happiness*, will be performed on **Saturday, December 14 and 21, at 2:00 PM**, and on **Friday,**

**December 20, and Tuesday, December 24, at 7:30 PM** in the 4th-floor auditorium. We warmly invite you to bring friends and family aged six and up to join us and experience the joy of salvation together. (There will also be activities for children aged 3 and above during the same time.)

2. **"Gazing at the Sky • Light and Shadow of Architecture" Photography Exhibit**

A special architectural photography exhibit, *Gazing at the Sky • Light and Shadow of Architecture*, is open **Monday to Saturday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sunday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** in the 1st-floor Cloud Hall. The exhibit runs until **December 20**. Everyone is welcome to visit and invite friends and family to reflect on the beauty of buildings and think about eternal life.

3. **Christmas Outreach Prayer Meeting**

To prepare for Christmas outreach, the "Tomorrow's Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting" will be held in the **B1 auditorium**. We encourage everyone to participate in unity as we pray together for revival.

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

This week, we will read **Jeremiah chapters 4 to 6**. Please visit the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *Logos Gateway* and *Bible Stories in Focus*.

☞ **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.*