



Taiwan Harmony Friends Church

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Jesus Loves You
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☞**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:



† 得救的人讚美主

Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So

♪ [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!

† 震動天地 **Shake the Heaven and Earth**

♪ Hallelujah celebrate, Hallelujah shout for joy
For you have won the victory
Hallelujah celebrate, Hallelujah shout for joy
For you have risen from the grave
♪ Lord, come again in power
Lord, come and shake the heaven and earth
Let every tribe and tongue return to you
Lord, come again in glory
Your glory fills the earth
Your peace and blessings rain upon our land

† 盡情的敬拜 **Love You with All My Heart**

♪ Jesus, The holy, justice Lord
Shows wisdom and power of God
How wide, long and high and deep is Your love
Full of abundant and endless grace
♪ Jesus, You reigns o'er everything
Deserve all praises and glories

With my heart and my soul I give my praise
To the Lord who's enthroned and loves me so
Lift up my heart, Lord I worship You
With my life, I respond to Your love
O my Lord, help me care about You alone
Love You with all my heart

☞Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118:22-29**

- 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
- 23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
- 25 Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

☞Praise

- † 齊來信主聖徒 O Come, All Ye Faithful
- ♪ O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
- ♪ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
- ♪ Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, All glory in the highest;

Chorus

(O come let us adore him)x3 Christ the Lord.

☞Special Music

† 普世歡慶 **Joy to the World**

- ♪ Joy to the world The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
(And heaven and nature sing) x2 And heaven ()
- ♪ Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
(Repeat the sounding joy) x2
Repeat repeat the sounding joy
- ♪ No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
(Far as the curse is found) x2
Far as far as the curse is found
- ♪ He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
(And wonders of His love) x2
And wonders wonders of His love

☞ **Scripture Reading: Mark 1:35; Matthew 14:12-13, 20-23; Luke 6:12-13; Matthew 26:36, 41**

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Matthew 14:12-13, 20-21, 23 John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone.

Luke 6:12-13 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles.

Matthew 26:36, 41 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

☞ **Sermon: 2024: The Perfect Ending – Prayer!**
- Minister Dong

I. Winning at the Starting Line: Mark 1:35

Mark 1:35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

1. Losing for Sure:

When we wake up early, we often have too many excuses—no time, no space, no energy, no mood to pray. Day after day, we get stuck in a never-ending cycle of rushing, anger, and exhaustion, all leading to defeat.

2. Winning for Sure:

If we want to win from the very start, we should follow Jesus' schedule. Get up early to pray, find a quiet space to pray, pray alone, and begin the day with

prayer. This is the way to start a victorious day and live a winner's life!

II. Winning at the Crisis Point: Matthew 14:12-13

Matthew 14:12-13 John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

1. Crisis:

In the most shocking, painful, fearful, and lonely moments, we can choose to complain, lose our faith, and seek revenge. But then what happens? The crisis turns into a bigger disaster, an even worse nightmare!

2. Turning Point:

As God's children, we always have the power to choose. Jesus chose to pray, and we can choose to pray too. The crisis will turn into an opportunity, a dead end will become a way forward, and a sad song will turn into a joyful one!

III. Winning at the Peak: Matthew 14:13-23

Matthew 14:13-23

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

18 "Bring them here to me," he said.

19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a

mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone.

1. Immersion:

The miracle of feeding 5,000 people, the cheers and applause, the powerful sense of achievement—how many people become prideful because of this? The highest point of success can also be the most dangerous moment!

2. Stay Alert:

John 2:24-25 (NIV)

24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.

25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

John 2:24-25 - Whether it's the god of this world or the applause of the world, nothing can tempt or trap Jesus. He made the clear and firm choice—to go up the mountain alone to pray!

IV. Winning at Decision- Making: Luke 6:12-13

Luke 6:12-13 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and **spent the night praying to God.**

13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles.

1. Bad Choice:

Life is full of decisions, and relying on our own experience, intelligence, connections, information, and intuition is always the worst option!

2. Best Choice:

In crucial moments—ask Jesus. At critical times—ask Jesus. When making decisions—ask Jesus. At every crossroads—ask Jesus. This is always the best choice!

V. Winning in Times of Suffering: Matthew 26:36, 41

Matthew 26:36, 41 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called **Gethsemane**, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

41 "**Watch and pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

1. Disconnected:

Life is filled with suffering, and difficulties will come knocking at any time. Many people's faith collapses in these moments. They stop praying, no longer seek

God in prayer, and suffering reveals the truth—those who are disconnected from prayer are defeated by their struggles.

2. Hotline:

Those who keep their prayer hotline open, especially in times of crisis or facing great challenges, will pray. They will pray immediately, fervently, and with focus. They continue to pray because they must draw strength for the battle, the responsibility, the loyalty, and the obedience to fulfill the Father's mission!

VI. Winning in the Prayer Temple: 1 Corinthians 6:19, Romans 8:26

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.

Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

1. Destroying:

Satan uses all his power to destroy the prayer temple—that's us! He continually tries to quench the fire of prayer, block our steps in prayer, and cause the temple of prayer to weaken and eventually collapse.

2. Rebuilding:

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit; we are the temple of prayer. Let us put on the armor of prayer once again, return to the front lines of prayer, reorganize the prayer army, rebuild the altar of prayer, and reclaim the power and victory found in prayer!

🎵 Responsive Hymn

† 得勝的宣告 **You Are My Victory**

♪ By faith, I can see the promised land ahead
By faith, I will follow You 'till the end.
Take my unbelief and put my trust in You.
In all battles, You're my victory.

♪* My hope, my strength, is all in Jesus's name.
My peace, my joy, no one can take away.
Set a feast before me,
In the presence of my enemies
I declare: You are my victory *

♪ I will praise You, praise You, Jesus.
Let Your blessings come down.
I will praise You, praise You, Jesus.
Let Your glorious grace abound.

♪ I will shout, shout, shout in victory
All my battles, You have won.
I will shout, shout, shout in victory

All my fears and troubles, gone.
I will sing, hallelujah,
I will bring You all my praise. And declare **

*another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God
bless you all.*

☞ **Announcement**

1. Our church's Christmas play,
"Jingle Bells, Ringing Happiness",
will be performed this Friday at 7:30 PM and this
Saturday at 2:00 PM in the 4th-floor sanctuary.

Doors open 30 minutes before the show. Seating is limited, so be sure to invite your friends and family to join us and experience the joy of salvation together. (Activities for children ages 3-6 will be available during the same time.)

2. Next Sunday's worship services will feature a
Christmas Gospel Choir Concert.
Brothers and sisters, let us join our hearts in thanksgiving for the saving grace of Jesus Christ's birth through choir praise and biblical truths. Invite your friends and family to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and share its blessings.
3. On **Saturday, December 28, at 2:00 PM**, our church will host a **music testimony concert** titled **"Dancing Through Life on Musical Notes"** in the 4th-floor sanctuary. World-touring pianist Sandra Wright Shen will perform and share her story. Invite your friends and family to enjoy this beautiful celebration of life through music.
4. This week's unified Bible reading plan:
Jeremiah chapters 7 to 9. Visit Harmony Church's website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *The Key to the Bible* and *Bible Insights*.

☞ **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*