



🎵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:



† 真是快樂日 **What a Joyful Day**

♪ What a joyful day I sing praises to Him every day  
What a joyful day living for my Lord  
♪ What a joyful day everything becomes better  
To live with His promise I lean on day and night

† 我要全心讚美 **My Heart will Praise You Lord**

♪ With all my heart I will give thanks  
And enter Your court  
Offering my praise to You Lord  
It's the fruit of my lips  
♪ In Your presence free of worries. Joy overflows  
Always grateful always praying. My hope is in You  
♪ My heart will praise You Lord  
I'll dance before Your throne  
One day with You is better than a thousand  
elsewhere  
My heart will praise You, Lord  
I'll never stop praising your name.  
The righteous will declare your victory

† 當我看到主祢的聖潔

**When I Look Into Your Holiness**

♪ When I look into Your holiness  
When I gaze into Your loveliness  
When all things that surround become shadows  
In the light of You  
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart  
When my will become enthroned in Your love  
When all things that surround become shadows  
In the light of You  
♪ I worship You I worship You  
The reason I live is to worship You  
♪ No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 119:97-104**

97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.  
98 Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.  
99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.  
100 I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.  
101 I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.  
102 I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.  
103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

🎵Praise

† 美哉主耶穌 **Fairest Lord Jesus, We Love You**

♪ Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.  
♪ Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.  
♪ All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,  
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;  
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,  
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.  
♪ Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be Thine

🎵Special Music

† 復活頌組曲 **Praise of Resurrection Medley**

♪ Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!  
Angels, people, lift your praise, Hallelujah!  
Sing the triumph, loud and strong, Hallelujah!  
Earth and heaven join the song, Hallelujah!  
♪ Glorious King has left the grave, Hallelujah!  
Death, O death, where is your sting? Hallelujah!  
Jesus gave His life to save, Hallelujah!  
Now He reigns, our risen King! Hallelujah!  
♪ He lives! He lives! My Savior lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives! He lives! Salvation now is mine!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart!  
♪ Rejoice, rejoice, O saints, arise,  
Lift your voices, sing in praise!  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ our King,

Now and forever reigns!  
He is hope for those who seek,  
Strength for those who pray,  
No one else is kind and good  
Like Jesus Christ today!

♪ Crown Him now, our risen King,  
He alone is Lord of all!  
Hear the songs from heaven ring,  
Every voice and trumpet call!  
Wake, my soul, arise and sing  
Of His mercy, great and free!  
Praise the One, the Lord Almighty,  
King of all eternity!

♪ Crown Him now, the Lord of Life,  
He who reigns forevermore!  
Hell defeated, Christ is risen,  
Fear and doubt are gone!  
Now He reigns in highest heaven,  
All His glory we proclaim!  
By His cross the grave is broken,  
Now His people rest in peace.

♪ Love's redemption is complete, Hallelujah!  
Victory won in perfect peace, Hallelujah!  
Grave could never hold our Lord, Hallelujah!  
Christ has opened heaven's door, Hallelujah!  
(Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Christ is risen!)\*2

#### ☞Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-5, 11**

**1** Your God says, "**Comfort, comfort** my people."

**2** Speak **kindly** to Jerusalem and tell her that **her hard times are over**, her **sins are forgiven**, and she has received enough punishment from the Lord for all her sins

**3** A voice is calling: "**Prepare the way for the Lord** in the desert; make a straight road for our God in the dry land.

**4** Every **valley** will be —raised up, every **mountain and hill** will be made low; the rough ground will become smooth, and **the uneven places** will become flat.

**5** Then **the glory** of the Lord **will be seen by everyone together**. The Lord himself has spoken."

**11** He will **take care of** His sheep like a shepherd. He will **hold** the little lambs **in His arms**, **carry** them **close to His heart**, and gently **lead** the mother sheep.

#### ☞Sermon: **Jesus' Love Is Closer Than I Thought**

- Pastor Hsu

When I and those around me face problems and feel discouraged, how can we find comfort? Where can we find a way out?

### **I. Jesus Is Ready to Hold Me!**

#### **1. Victory in Life's Battles (v.1-2; 2 Cor. 2:14; John 19:30)**

**Isaiah 40:1-2** Your God says, "**Comfort, comfort** my people."

**2** Speak **kindly** to Jerusalem and tell her that **her hard times are over**, her **sins are forgiven**, and she has received enough punishment from the Lord for all her sins

**2 Cor. 2:1** But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

**John 19:30** When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Before this passage, God's people were attacked by enemies and faced sickness, but the Lord tells them their battle is over—they have won!

God gives us victory through Christ! Jesus shouted on the cross, "It is finished!"

No matter what troubles we face, Jesus leads the way, Jesus has won, and through Him, we will also win!

#### **2. Forgiveness of Sins (v.2; Isaiah 53:5-6)**

**Isaiah 40:2** Speak **kindly** to Jerusalem and tell her that **her hard times are over**, her **sins are forgiven**, and she has received enough punishment from the Lord for all her sins

**Isaiah 53:5-6** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Arguments at home and work, sadness and struggles—all come from selfishness, greed, and desires in people's hearts.

Jesus forgives our sins and took our punishment. God placed all our sins on Him.

Jesus suffered, was wounded, and punished so that we could be healed and have peace. He gives us a new heart—holy, loving, and full of joy!

#### **3. Jesus' Loving Arms (v.10-11)**

**Isaiah 40:10-11** See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

**11** He will **take care of** His sheep like a shepherd. He will **hold** the little lambs **in His arms**, **carry** them **close to His heart**, and gently **lead** the mother sheep.

With His strong arms, the Lord fights for us, taking away sin's darkness and Satan's plans!

With His loving arms, He gathers the lambs, holds them close, and gently leads those who care for others.

We receive love from Him and share His love with others!

## II. The Key to Feeling Jesus' Love: Meeting Him!

### 1. Seeing His Glory (v.5)

**Isaiah 40:5** Then the glory of the Lord will be seen by everyone together. The Lord himself has spoken."

Everyone will see God's glory. When we see Him, we will understand what He has done for us—we will know that He carries our burdens, forgives our sins, and wins our battles!

### 2. Listening to His Word (v.8)

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Everything on earth is temporary, like flowers and grass, but the Word of the Lord lasts forever. God reveals Himself to people through His truth. Jesus, the Word made flesh, shows us God's power and love!

## III. How Can We Meet the Lord? (v.3-4)

**Isaiah 40:3-4** A voice is calling: "Prepare the way for the Lord in the desert; make a straight road for our God in the dry land.

**4** Every **valley** will be raised up, every **mountain and hill** will be made low; the rough ground will become smooth, and **the uneven places** will become flat.

To see God's glory, we must prepare the way for the Lord and build a "spiritual highway"—so we can quickly come to Him, see Him, hear Him, and receive His comfort and love!

### 1. Removing Pride (v.3-4, 6-8)

**Isaiah 40:3-4** A voice is calling: "Prepare the way for the Lord in the desert; make a straight road for our God in the dry land.

**4** Every **valley** will be raised up, every **mountain and hill** will be made low; the rough ground will become smooth, and **the uneven places** will become flat.

**6** A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

**7** The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

**8** The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

The mountains and hills must be made low—pride in our hearts must be removed!

Human beauty and success are like grass and flowers—they do not last!

We must humble ourselves before God, recognize that we are small, and see that He is great! Say: "I can't, but God can!"

### 2. Removing Low Self-Worth (v.4)

**Isaiah 40:4** Every **valley** will be raised up, every **mountain and hill** will be made low; the rough ground will become smooth, and **the uneven places** will become flat.

The valleys must be filled—low self-worth and weakness must be removed! The world tells us lies, saying, "I am not good enough." But Jesus sees us as valuable and loved! Jesus loves us, we are His children, and He fights for us and holds us close!

### 3. Removing Dishonesty (v.4; Psalm 18:26)

**Isaiah 40:4** Every **valley** will be raised up, every **mountain and hill** will be made low; the rough ground will become smooth, and **the uneven places** will become flat.

**Psalm 18:26** to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.

The rough places must be made smooth—dishonesty and deception must be removed! Come to God with honesty, no more twisting the truth, but fully obeying Him! Whatever God says, I will believe and follow—then I will experience His love, peace, and joy!

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 祢愛的大能 The Power of Your Love

♪ Lord, I come to You Let my heart be changed,  
Renewed.

Flowing from the grace That I found in You  
Lord, I've come to know The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away By the pow'er of Your love

♪ Lord unveil my eyes Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love As You live in me

Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day, by the power of Your Love  
♪ Hold me close Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your Love

### ☞ Announcement

1. **"Tiny Moss, Like a Peony in Bloom" – A Micro Moss Exhibition** will be held from April 6 (Sun) to April 18 (Fri) in the Cloud Hall on the first floor. The opening ceremony will take place on April 6 (Sun) at 12:50 PM. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to invite friends and family to witness the amazing beauty of God's creation and experience His love and wisdom.

2. **"The Journey of Parenting – Deng Yiren Family's Testimony and Worship Night"** will be held on March 30 (Sun) at 1:00 PM in the Main Chapel on the fourth floor. The Deng family will share how God has wonderfully guided and blessed them in raising their children. Feel free to invite non-Christian friends and family to join.

3. This week's Bible reading schedule: Jeremiah 49–51. Please visit the Harmony Church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *Logos Gateway* 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 another before dismissing. Emmanuel, may God bless you all.***