



🌀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:



† 奉祿名得勝利

**In Your Name, We Overcome**

- ♪ Oh! Lord, only You can help the weak,  
Only You can conquer mighty foes.
- ♪ Oh! Lord, our hearts will trust in You alone,  
In Your name, we will overcome!

† 滿有能力 **I am Strengthened in Him**

- ♪ All of my hope lies in Jesus Christ alone  
For I know that He is my peace  
All of my joy lies in Jesus Christ alone  
He lives in me forever more
- ♪ Declare the One who's within me  
Is greater than the one in the world  
I'm not of this world. I belong to Jesus the King  
Declare the One who's within me  
Is greater than the one in the world  
I know that the King lives in me.  
I am strengthened in Him
- ♪ My Lord who lives in me.  
Conquers all of my enemies  
My Lord who lives in me. Is my portion my victory

† 願祿降臨 **Let Your Glory Fall**

- ♪ Longing for You, yearning for You  
Humbly I come. Kneel before Your holy place
- ♪ Longing for You. This is my cry, oh Lord  
Every day and night  
I'll never cease to seek Your face
- ♪ Your kingdom come reveal Your heart  
I seek Your face Lord; I long to see Your beauty  
Your kingdom come,  
let Your glory fall in this place  
Draw me closer, God, to a deeper place with You

🌀**Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:137-144**

- 137** You are righteous, Lord, and your laws are right.
- 138** The statutes you have laid down are righteous;  
they are fully trustworthy.
- 139** My zeal wears me out, for my enemies ignore  
your words.
- 140** Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and  
your servant loves them.
- 141** Though I am lowly and despised, I do not forget  
your precepts.
- 142** Your righteousness is everlasting and your law  
is true.
- 143** Trouble and distress have come upon me, but  
your commands give me delight.

**144** Your statutes are always righteous; give me  
understanding that I may live.

🌀Praise

† 因祂活著 **Because He Lives**

- ♪ God sent His son, they call Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He bled and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour  
lives. (\*)
  - ♪ How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy He brings;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days  
because He Lives. (\*)
  - ♪ And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the light of glory and I'll know He lives. (\*)
- (\*) Chorus :
- ♪ Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

🌀**Special Music**

† 聖城頌 **The Holy City**

- ♪ last night I lay asleeping.  
There came a dream so fair  
I stood in old Jerusales Beside the temple there  
I heard the children singing And ever as they sang  
(Methought the voice of angels  
From heav'n in answer ring ) x2
- ♪ Jerusalem, Jerusalem. Lift up your gates and sing  
Hossanah in the highest Hossanah to your King
- ♪ And then methought my dream was changed  
The streets no longer rang  
Hushed were the glad hossanahs.  
The little children sang  
The sun grew dark with mystery  
The morn was cold and chill  
(As the shadow of the cross arose.  
Upon a lonely hill ) x2
- ♪ Jerusalem, Jerusalem Hark how the angels sing  
Hossanah in highest Hossanah to your King
- ♪ And once again the scene was changed  
New earth there seemed to be  
I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea  
The light of God was on the streets  
The gates are opened wide  
And all who would might enter  
And no one was denied  
No need of moon or stars by night  
Or sun to shine by day.  
(It was the new Jerusalem  
That would not pass away) x22
- ♪ Jerusalem, Jerusalem Sing for the night is o'er  
(Hossanah in the highest Hossanah evermore ) x2

🌀**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 36:1, 20; 39:1-2**

**1** In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

**20** Who of all the gods of these countries has been able to save his land from me? How then can the LORD deliver Jerusalem from my hand?

**Isaiah 39:1-2**

**1** At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of his illness and recovery.

**2** Hezekiah received the envoys gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold, the spices, the fine olive oil—his entire armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

**☛Sermon: Three Battles in Life** - Pastor Dong

Through this battle, God shows us that there are three kinds of battles we must face in life:

The battle to survive, the battle of faith, and the battle to fear and honor God.

These are also: The battle between life and death, the battle to trust only in God, and the battle to keep honoring God.

Let's pray that God would lift up our wisdom and understanding, so that we can become winners in life—bringing glory to God and blessing to others!

**Isaiah 36:4-21** The field commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah: 'This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours?'"

**5** You say you have counsel and might for war—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me?"

**6** Look, I know you are depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces the hand of anyone who leans on it! Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him.

**7** But if you say to me, "We are depending on the Lord our God"—isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar?"

**8** "Come now, make a bargain with my master, the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses—if you can put riders on them!"

**9** How then can you repulse one officer of the least of my master's officials, even though you are depending on Egypt for chariots and horsemen?"

**10** Furthermore, have I come to attack and destroy this land without the Lord? The Lord himself told me to march against this country and destroy it."

**11** Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the field commander, "Please speak to your servants in

Aramaic, since we understand it. Don't speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people on the wall."

**12** But the commander replied, "Was it only to your master and you that my master sent me to say these things, and not to the people sitting on the wall—who, like you, will have to eat their own excrement and drink their own urine?"

**13** Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!"

**14** This is what the king says: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you!

**15** Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the Lord when he says, 'The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

**16** Do not listen to Hezekiah. This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me. Then each of you will eat fruit from your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, **17** until I come and take you to a land like your own—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

**18** Do not let Hezekiah mislead you when he says, 'The Lord will deliver us.' Have the gods of any nations ever delivered their lands from the hand of the king of Assyria?"

**19** Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they rescued Samaria from my hand?"

**20** Who of all the gods of these countries has been able to save their lands from me? How then can the Lord deliver Jerusalem from my hand?"

**21** But the people remained silent and said nothing in reply, because the king had commanded, "Do not answer him."

**Isaiah 37:1** When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the Lord.

**Isaiah 37:9-13** Now Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, the king of Cush, was marching out to fight him. When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah with this message:

**10** "Say to Hezekiah king of Judah: Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, 'Jerusalem will not be given into the hands of the king of Assyria.'

**11** Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries, destroying them completely. And will you be delivered?"

**12** Did the gods of the nations that were destroyed by my ancestors deliver them—the gods of Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Tel Assar?"

**13** Where is the king of Hamath, or the king of Arpad? Where is the king of Lair, or the king of Seleph, or the king of the cities of the Sea?"

**Isaiah 37:15-20** And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord:

**16** “Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

**17** Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.

**18** “It is true, Lord, that the kings of Assyria have laid waste all these peoples and their lands.

**19** They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands.

**20** Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are the only God.”

**Isaiah 37:26** Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. In days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass, that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone

**Isaiah 37:29** Because you rage against me and because your insolence has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will make you return by the way you came.

**Isaiah 37:36-38** Then the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!

**37** So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.

**38** One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer killed him with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son succeeded him as king.

**Isaiah 38:1-3** In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

**2** Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord,

**3** “Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

**Isaiah 39:1-8** At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of his illness and recovery.

**2** Hezekiah received the envoys gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold, the spices, the fine olive oil—his entire armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

**3** Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and asked, “What did those men say, and where did they come from?”

“From a distant land,” Hezekiah replied. “They came to me from Babylon.”

**4** The prophet asked, “What did they see in your palace?”

“They saw everything in my palace,” Hezekiah said. “There is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.”

**5** Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the Lord Almighty:

**6** The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the Lord.

**7** And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

**8** “The word of the Lord you have spoken is good,” Hezekiah replied. For he thought, “There will be peace and security in my lifetime.”

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20** This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live **20** and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### **I. The Battle to Survive (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)**

The powerful army of Assyria, with 185,000 soldiers, was only 50 kilometers from Jerusalem. Could Hezekiah survive this?

Hezekiah reminds us that our own strength is often too small.

But there's a greater kind of battle—one that takes place on a higher level—that determines who wins in real life.

### **II. The Battle to Trust God Alone (Isaiah 37:15-20; 36:4,7-10,15,18,20; 37:1,10-11)**

King Hezekiah firmly believed what Moses said in **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**.

Hezekiah believed that God is the one true God, the Creator of everything, and the supreme ruler of all things. He is invincible, as stated in **Isaiah 37:16**.

Hezekiah was not shaken by anything or anyone. He prayed and called out to God with unwavering faith, relying solely on Him.

The result was beyond human logic—miraculously, they achieved a great victory!

### III. The Battle to Keep Fearing and Honoring God (Isaiah 37:26; Deuteronomy 30:20; Isaiah 37:29, 36-38; 36:5; 38:1-3; 39:1-8)

Continue to persist in loving God, obeying His commands, honoring God in all things, and relying solely on Him.

This is the battle of life and death, blessings and curses, as Moses taught—Deuteronomy 30:20.

Hezekiah lost the battle on the highest spiritual level. He fell into the depths of selfishness, leading his nation toward destruction!

The most important battlefield in our lives is the third level: the battle to keep fearing and honoring God.

If we stop loving God, listening to Him, and relying on Him, we will lose in every other battle.

But if we keep honoring God in all things, we will win completely—until the day we see Him face to face!

Having peace and wealth on the outside doesn't mean there's no battle.

In fact, a life that feels stable and successful may mean we are standing in the middle of the biggest battle—the third-level battle.

King Hezekiah won the second-level battle because he prayed without giving up.

If we keep praying like that, we can also keep winning the third-level battle—by holding on to loving God, listening to Him, and trusting Him, even when everything seems to be going well.

Let's ask God to help us turn our desperate, passionate prayers into a daily habit.

#### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 我站立敬畏 祢 I stand in awe of You

♪ You are beautiful beyond description

Too marvelous for words

Too wonderful for comprehension

Like nothing ever seen or heard

♪ Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?

Who can fathom the depth of Your love?

You are beautiful beyond description  
Majesty enthroned above

♪ I stand, I stand in awe of You

Holy God, to Whom all praise is due

I stand in awe of You (x2)

#### ☞ Announcement

#### 1. Easter Music Worship Concert

Our church will have a special Easter Music Worship Concert on Sunday, April 20. There will be two services—one at 8:30 AM on the 4th floor, and another at 10:40 AM in the B1 hall. The choir will sing, people will share their stories, and the gospel message about Jesus will be shared. Please pray for this event and invite your friends and family so they can experience God's love and the hope of eternal life.

#### 2. Adult Sunday School

New classes for Adult Sunday School will begin on Wednesday, April 9 (midweek class), and Sunday, April 13 (Sunday class). We invite everyone to join and grow in God's Word. To sign up, scan the QR code on page 6 of the bulletin.

#### 3. Moss Exhibit: "Tiny but Beautiful"

The opening of our special moss exhibit, "*Tiny as Moss, Yet Blooming Like Peonies*," is today at 12:50 PM. Everyone is welcome to come with friends and family to enjoy and learn about God's amazing creation through these tiny plants.

#### 4. "Hippo Professor's Secret Recipe" Lecture

There will be a fun and inspiring lecture on Saturday, April 12 at 2:00 PM on the 4th floor. Professor Zhang Wenliang will talk about "How Newton Made Physics Less Boring and Scary." All are welcome—believers and friends—come and grow in both knowledge and faith!

#### 5. Bible Reading This Week

This week's Bible reading is **Lamentations chapters 3 to 5**. You can watch "Bible Gateway" and "Bible in Focus" on the Harmony Church website: <http://www.ctfhc.org>

#### ☞ 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

#### ☞ 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.*