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%Prelude

Solution: In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:

↑ 耶穌我君王 Jesus, You Are My King

 □ Jesus my Lord, I lift up my hands and give You praise With my whole heart bow down before You I raise my voice proclaiming Your name I will worship You, adore You all my days

↑ 恩典已降臨 Grace Falls Upon Us

You turn poverty to wealth Turn weakness into might Mourning turns to dancing And blindness to sight!

∇alleys all become a plain
 The crooked is made straight
 Everything is possible with our God

☐ O Your grace falls upon us
 Joy wells up from within our hearts

Your grace is power that, makes all burdens light

O Your grace falls upon us
Joy wells up from within our hearts
By faith there's nothing that's impossible with God

🕆 聖殿充滿讚美 His Praise Fills the Temple

☐ His praise fills the temple His peace fills my heart
His joy and his glory He did wondrously impart
The blessed name of Jesus brought me freedom
from sin

Now his praise fills the temple and His Spirit dwells within

№Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:153-160

- **153** Look on my suffering and deliver me, for I have not forgotten your law.
- **154** Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise.
- **155** Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek out your decrees.
- **156** Your compassion, Lord, is great; preserve my life according to your laws.
- **157** Many are the foes who persecute me, but I have not turned from your statutes.
- **158** I look on the faithless with loathing, for they do not obey your word.
- **159** See how I love your precepts; preserve my life, Lord, in accordance with your love.
- **160** All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Praise

- ↑ 信徒齊來頌主 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
- ☐ Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

☐ Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll
condescend:

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

☐ Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore, Singing
forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

%Special Music

↑ 大哉權能主

Great is the Lord Almighty with Jesus Shall Reign

☐ The Lord Reigns, He is a Mighty God The Lord God Reigns (x2)

☐ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moon shall wax and wane no more.

 □ Great is The Lord Almighty He is Lord He is God Indeed Great is The Lord Almighty He is God supreme, Great is The Lord Almighty He is Lord, He is God indeed,

Great is The Lord Great is The Lord.

- ☐ To Him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown His head; His Name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.
- ☐ Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeats the loud Amen!
- The Lord Reigns, He is a Mighty God
 The Lord God Reigns (x 2)
 Great is The Lord Almighty He is The Lord
 He is God indeed
 Great is The Lord Almighty He is God supreme,
 Great is The Lord Almighty He is Lord,
 He is God indeed,
 Great is The Lord Great is The Lord......
 How Great He is!

Scripture Reading: <u>Isaiah 50:4-5</u>

- 4 The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
- **5** The Sovereign Lord has **opened** my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

Sermon: Living in the World, Waiting for the Morning Light by Pastor Hsu

Isaiah 50:1-2; 49:14-16, 24-25

- 1 This is what the Lord says: "Where is your mother's certificate of divorce with which I sent her away? Or to which of my creditors did I sell you? Because of your sins you were sold; because of your transgressions your mother was sent away.
- **2** When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst.
- 49:14-16 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me."
- 15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
- **16** See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.
- <u>24-25</u> Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives be rescued from the fierce?
- 25 But this is what the Lord says: "Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save

I. Living in a Busy World, but Staying Quiet Inside

1. When People Have Questions, God Gives Answers (Isaiah 50:1-2; 49:14-16, 24-25)

Sometimes when people suffer, they ask: "Does God still love me? Why won't He help me?"

People say: "It feels like God doesn't love me anymore, like a husband who leaves his wife. Has God left me too?"

But God answers: "It's not that I left you. You are the one who walked away from Me. I will never forget you! I have written your name on the palms of My hands."

People also ask: "Maybe God *can't* help me? Maybe His arm isn't strong enough to save me anymore?"

God answers: "My power has not changed! My arm is still strong. I *can* save you!"

2. People May Shame Me, but God Will Honor Me (Isaiah 50:6-7)

<u>Isaiah 50:6-7</u> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

7 Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Sometimes people attack us, make fun of us, or try to put us down.

But God is on our side. He will help us! He will make our faces strong like stone, so we can be brave and not afraid. We will not be ashamed or embarrassed, because God will honor us in His own way!

3. People May Accuse Me, but God Defends Me (Isaiah 50:8-9; Romans 8:31, 33-34)

<u>Isaiah 50:8-9</u> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

9 It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31, 33-34 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

<u>33-34</u> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Satan tries to accuse us, like a lawyer in court saying we are guilty.

But God is the one who helps us!

He calls us "not guilty" and stands up for us in court. No one can truly accuse us or stand against us!

People often wonder: "Am I valuable? Am I walking the right path?"

It's hard to feel safe or sure in this world.

But in Jesus, God says we are good, we are forgiven, and we are valuable. We can have peace in our hearts!

4. The World Is in Darkness, But I Walk in God's Light (Isaiah 50:10-11)

<u>Isaiah 50:10-11</u> Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God.

11 But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment.

People need light, but they try to make their own— They follow the ways of the world, but in the end, it only brings trouble and sadness.

But when we trust God, respect Him, and listen to Him, God becomes our light!

God's Word is like a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. It helps us walk in the right way, with peace and blessings. We'll even hear His voice saying, "This is the right way—walk in it."

Every day, we live in a noisy world— With doubts, accusations, shame, and chaos all around us. So how can we hear God's answer, feel His help, be made right, and find His light?

The key is: Listen to the voice of the Lord.

II. What Makes This Life Different? A Heart That's Close to God

1. Being Renewed Every Day (Isaiah 50:4-5; Lamentations 3:22-23)

<u>Isaiah 50:4-5</u> The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

<u>Lamentations 3:22-23</u> Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail

23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Every morning, God speaks to us. He prepares new love, truth, mercy, and words for us each day!

God wakes us up and opens our ears—so we can listen, understand, and know what He's saying.

He gives us hearts that are ready to learn. We should look for Him, listen carefully, and hear His voice.

When we receive God's word, don't ignore it. Don't turn away. Follow and obey Him, no matter the cost.

God renews us every day— He makes us into a "new version" of ourselves, so we can bless the people around us!

2. Helping Others Be Renewed Each Day (Isaiah 50:4)

<u>Isaiah 50:4</u> The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

God gives us ears that listen and tongues that speak like someone who has been taught. That means we receive the truth, and we also share it.

When we have a tongue that listens to God, we say the right words at the right time. We become God's messengers—speaking words that help tired people, and comforting those who are sad or weak.

Just one word from God can bring dry bones back to life, raise the dead, and give strength to the weary!

When we receive God's truth each day, our words can bring a little bit of heaven to earth. We can comfort, encourage, and bless the people around us with what we say.

∞Responsive Hymn

- ↑ 輕輕聽 Gently I Listen
- ☐ Gently now, I want to gently hear,
 I will turn my ear to my Shepherd near.
 Gently now, He is gently listening,
 My good Shepherd knows my voice and calling.
- ☐ You're the Great Shepherd, Lord of all life, All my days I'll follow Your voice and light. You're the Great Shepherd, Lord of all life, My good Shepherd knows my voice and life.

Announcement

- 1. Our church is launching a brand-new Youth Worship starting this Sunday! It will be held every Sunday at 10:30 AM in the Shining Hall (6th Floor) and is specially prepared for students from 6th grade to 9th grade. Through songs, messages, and group activities, we hope to help teens know the Lord and encounter Him personally. Mentors will accompany and guide the youth throughout the entire time. This worship service is only for youth and serving co-workers. Parents, please support with your prayers and encourage your teens to join joyfully!
- 2. Single Fellowship Mother's Day Special Gathering: "The Sign of Love" will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00 PM in B1. There will be worship songs, life testimonies, and a message. You're warmly invited to bring your family and celebrate Mother's Day together!
- **3.** This week's Bible reading plan is **Ezekiel chapters 7 to 9**. You can visit the Harmony Church website (http://www.ctfhc.org) to watch the *Logos Gateway* and *Bible Highlights* videos.

ॐThe 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

Solution 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.