Taiwan Harmony Friends Church Worship Service Jun. 08, 2025

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:



☆ 得救的人讚美主

- Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So \Box [Let the redeemed of the Lord say so]x3
- I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, praise the Lord!
- ☆ 這裡有榮耀 Glory
- Hallelujah *2 Glory's in this place
- Hallelujah *2 Healing overflows
- J 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

↑ 我全心跟隨祢 We Wholly Follow You

- J We worship You in holy place Inspire us to seek Your face Jesus we want to know You more
- ✓ (We wholly follow You! We wholly follow You! Teach us Your ways and show us Your heart We lay down our lives just for You)x2

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- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;
- 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
- 3 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
- 6 I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- 7 Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Praise

- ↑ 當歡欣喜樂 Rejoice and be Glad!歸
- Rejoice and be glad! The Redeemer has come! Go look on His cradle, His cross, and His tomb.

- O'er death is triumphant, And liveth again.
- Rejoice and be glad! For our King is on high,
- ^L He pleadeth for us on His throne in the sky.
- Rejoice and be glad! For He cometh again; He cometh to glory, The Lamb that was slain. Refrain
- J Sound His praises, tell the story, ^L/_{SEP} Of Him who was slain; Sound His praises, tell with gladness, sep He liveth again.

Special Music

- ☆ 詩篇二十四篇 Psalm 24
- \square The earth is the Lord's and the fullness (there of x2) The fish of the sea, and the creatures above, above The heavens sing the wonders of (His name x2) and worship Him, and so, so should we Alleluia.
- Can-ta-te Do-mi-num, the dark and light created, (On day one)

Can-ta-te Do-mi-num, the waters separated, (On day two) and then on day three,

He made land and trees, Can-ta-te Do-mi-num, (Day four)

✓ Can-ta-te do-re-mus. The sunlight, the moonlight, (heaven's lights) and all the stars that shine bright. Day five. Can-ta-te do-re-mus.

The fish and birds in heavenly fight Then up on day six, man made in God's image.

□ On day seven, rest; and it was good We offer our praise to You, Father of (Light x2) who gives us the brilliance of morning and shade of night.

Creation shouts the glories of Your name, and worships You, and so, and should...should we. Creation worships You, and so should we. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 12:3, 7-8 (NIV)

3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Mark 14:9

Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Sermon:

A Story That Will Be Remembered Forever

What kind of beauty will shine forever? What kind of story will be passed down for generations?

What kind of gift will bless the next generation? What kind of action will always be remembered? What kind of offering will touch Jesus' heart?

<u>John 12:1–8</u>

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

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I. Deeply Touching the Lord's Heart:

1. The disciples didn't understand Jesus' heart:

Even the great apostles didn't get it.

Peter tried to stop Jesus from doing what seemed like a "foolish" thing.

The disciples were busy arguing about who was the greatest.

James and John were fighting for the best position.

And Judas was busy planning to betray Jesus. (Mark 8:32–33; 9:34; 10:37; 14:10)

<u>Mark 8:32–33</u> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<u>9:34</u> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

10:37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

<u>14:10</u> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.

2. She Truly Understood Jesus' Heart:

Mary, the "little sister," understood Jesus' heart. She knew that Jesus was going to suffer and die soon.

So she poured perfume on Him to prepare for His burial.

She really listened to Jesus' words — and what she did deeply touched His heart!

3. Sitting Quietly at Jesus' Feet (Luke 10:39– 42)

Luke 10:39–42 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.
40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"
41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,
42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one.

Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Mary sat quietly at Jesus' feet and listened carefully. She understood what was **most important** to Jesus **at that moment** — what was on His heart, what He cared about most, and what was urgent.

Think about this:

Do I know what battle or mission Jesus wants me to focus on right now?

Do I know what the biggest problem in my family is — and what Jesus says is the solution?

Do I know how Jesus wants me to grow in my studies or job?

Do I know how my relationship with God is — and how I can live for things that last forever?

II. Giving What She Loved Most

1. Giving Her Money:

Mary gave a bottle of pure nard perfume. It was worth about a whole year's salary — very expensive and valuable!

2. Giving Her Dignity:

Mary used her hair — the most honorable part of herself — to wipe Jesus' feet. She served Him humbly. Even when others criticized and made fun of her, she gave her dignity to the Lord.

3. Giving Her Love:

Pure nard perfume was a woman's dowry — a special gift saved for marriage. Mary gave it to Jesus.

She didn't worry about her future marriage. She had already given her whole heart and life to Jesus!

4. Giving Everything:

Mary broke the jar of perfume.She didn't hold anything back — she gave it all to Jesus! (<u>Mark</u> <u>14:3</u>)

<u>Mark 14:3</u> While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard.She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

5. Giving at the Right Time:

Just a few days later, Jesus was arrested. This was her last chance — and she didn't miss it. She was the only one who anointed Jesus during His suffering.

6. Giving with a Thankful Heart:

Why was she able to give so much? Because she had experienced Jesus' love — He had brought her brother back to life! She wanted to spend her whole life thanking Him! (John 12:1)

John 12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

Think about this:

Do I remember how God saved me — from danger, from death, from sin? What is my "most precious thing" — my perfume? How can I give it to Jesus?

SResponsive Hymn

- ↑ 我的生命獻給祢 My Life I Give to You
- I give my life to Jesus, my greatest love, Fully surrendered, completely bowed down. By Your grace, I serve You every day, Your calling on me, I'll never doubt.

✓ My life I give to You, I'll carry the cross and follow You. May Your glory shine in all I do, My heart will never forget what You've done for me. Jesus, I love You, joyfully I follow Thee. Give me dreams that belong to You, Bring Your kingdom here as in heaven above. Give me strength to run without stopping, Like an eagle soaring high with Your love.

Announcement

Lord.

 Our church will host a special event titled "Amazing Grace Is Waiting for You – Hymn Writing and Music Performance" on Sunday, June 22, at 8:30 AM and 10:40 AM on the 4th floor.

Brother **David Lee**, the first blind lawyer in Taiwan, will share God's amazing grace through songs and his life story. We warmly ask all brothers and sisters to pray and invite your friends and neighbors, so they may hear the gospel and experience the love of the

2. This week's unified Bible reading is Ezekiel chapters 25 to 27. Please visit the CTFHC website (<u>http://www.ctfhc.org</u>) to watch "*The Bible Gateway*" and "*Bible Reading Is Great*!" and listen to the program "*Awakened Heart – Isaiah*" taught by Pastor Hsu on Good News Radio.

Source Frages 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.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Senediction

May the grace from Lord Jesus, the love from our heavenly Father and the guiding of Holy Spirit be with all of our brothers & sisters from now on and forevermore.

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.