

∞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,耶穌,是我心樂歌 Jesus, Jesus, a song of my heart

□ Jesus, Jesus, a song of my heart
 Jesus, Jesus leads me everyday
 He always aside me, He will never leave me
 Till I get to the heavenly home.
 Jesus, Jesus, is my best friend
 Jesus, Jesus, leads me in His light
 We praise his mercy and grace
 Walk with Him in his light all day.

† 這是耶和華所定日子 This is the Day

- ☐ [For this is the Day the Lord has made
 All the people sing and shout Your praise
 The enemy has been defeated
 For Your glory we shout for victory] x2
- You're my strength, my God my King
 In You my hope is found
 You are the author of my song
 You are my saving grace
- ☐ We'll march through the nations Sharing good news, lifting Your mighty name We raise a banner of victory Give thanks to You, my God and King!

† 唯有祢 Only You

Only You only You only You are my true love
Only You Oh Lord My King
I'm willing to know You more
All my heart my being is to deeply worship You
Holy, Holy Glorious, Glorious King
I love You Jesus

∞ Responsive Reading: <u>Psalm 135:1, 3-6, 13</u>

- 1 Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD,
- 2 you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.
- **3** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.
- **4** For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession.
- 5 I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.
- 6 The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.
- **13** Your name, LORD, endures forever, your renown, LORD, through all generations.

Praise

† 讚美耶穌 Praise Him! Praise Him!

□ Praise Him! Praise Him!
 Jesus, our blessed engraved Redeemer!
 Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
 Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
 Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
 Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
 In His arms He carries them all day long: (Refrain)

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, our blessed engraved Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.
(Refrain)

(Praise Him!x2) Tell of His excellent greatness. (Praise Him!x2) Ever in joyful song!

∞Special Music

- ⇒ 古老福音的頌讚 'Good Old Gospel Singing'
- When We all Get to Heaven
 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
 Sing His mercy and His grace.
 In the mansions bright and blessed.
 He'll prepare for us a place.
 When we all get to Heaven,
 What a day of rejoicing that will be!
 When we all see Jesus,
 We'll sing and shout the victory! * *
- What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

 [(Leaning*2), safe and secure from all alarms; (leaning*3) on the everlasting arms.]*2
- ✓ What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought

since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
(since Jesus came into my heart!)*3
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Everybody sing it Making it ring until the whole world sings along

Scripture Reading:

<u>Isaiah 40:25</u> To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you."

Sermon: God's Four Comforts (Part 4) — God Himself ∼ Pastor Dong

Isaiah 40:12-31

- 12 "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?
- **13** Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord, or instruct the Lord as his counselor?
- 14 Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding?
- 15 Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales. He weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.
- **16** Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.
- 17 All the nations are as nothing before him; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.
- **18** With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him?
- 19 As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold, and fashions silver chains for it.
- **20** A person too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot; they look for a skilled worker to set up an idol that will not topple.
- 21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
- 22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
- 23 He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
- 24 No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.
- 25 "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?' says the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.
- **27** Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God'?

- 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
- **29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
- **30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
- **31** but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

The Fourth Comfort: God Himself (Isaiah 40:12–31)

God Himself — God's comfort is God Himself

- His great power cannot be compared His power is shown through His creation.
 □ Isaiah
 40:12
- 3. His greatness cannot be compared

 □ Isaiah
 40:15–17
- 4. His image cannot be compared, nothing can be like Him ☐ Isaiah 40:18–20
- 5. His high position and authority cannot be reached <u>Isaiah 40:21–26, 10</u>
- 6. His justice lasts forever \square Isaiah 40:27–28
- 7. His provision is beyond imagination \(\preceq \frac{\text{Isaiah}}{40:29-31} \)

He is the one true God who cannot be compared with anyone.

He is the greatest, most powerful, highest, and most glorious.

His love is beyond what we can imagine. \square **Isaiah** 40:12–31

His name is: "He Is" (The Self-Existent One: "I Am") He is the God who gives you everything you need. How can I receive this comfort, and let God Himself be my comfort?

I. Know God Deeply:

Look at how God introduces Himself — and know Him deeply!

The more we know Him, the more we enjoy Him!

The more we know Him, the more we have His heavenly wisdom and perspective. We walk

with Him, experience His kindness, and live with joy and victory!

The more we know Him, the more we will love Him. We won't be able to stop serving Him, praising Him, worshiping Him. We won't want to leave Him or sin against Him.

The more we know Him, the more we become like Him. We will have more of His heart and shine more of His glory.

Let us know God with all our hearts and give Him our best!

II. Let Go of "I'm the Boss of My Life" (Isaiah 40:18–20; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 1:19–24)

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Romans 1:19–24 Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

- 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
- 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal human beings and birds and animals and reptiles.
- 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

What stops people from knowing God? On the outside, it looks like **idols**. But the real reason is **control**!

People want to control everything. They want to be in charge of their own lives. They don't want the Most High God to rule over them.

But if someone doesn't want God, how can they truly know God?

The sad and ironic thing is: People who try to control everything will always end up being controlled by **Satan**.

If we come to the true God with a humble and respectful heart,

our minds will be opened!

What is the key to knowing God and knowing Him more deeply?

The answer is the same: Have a heart that fears (respects) God and honors Him as King. (Don't try to be your own king.)

III. Wait for God (Isaiah 40:27–30)

There are three of the hardest and most painful problems in life:

□ Isaiah 40:27, 29–30

Lost $-\frac{\mathbf{v27a}}{\mathbf{reated unfairly}}$ Treated unfairly $-\frac{\mathbf{v27b}}{\mathbf{reated variety}}$ No strength $-\frac{\mathbf{v29-30}}{\mathbf{reated variety}}$

God's answer to people who are troubled by these problems brings new understanding and hope.

Isaiah 40:28–31

How can we experience this God?

The answer is: Wait for God

☐ Isaiah

40:30-31

What does "wait" mean? The original word means: Like a vine wrapping tightly around a tall tree that reaches to the sky!

To wait for God means to **hold tightly to Him**—to depend on Him closely, to pray again and again without giving up, to stick to Him, just like a vine tightly wrapping around a tall tree.

"Waiting for God" is the key to receiving the power and wisdom of the great God!

<u>Isaiah 30:15-16</u> This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

16 You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.' Therefore you will flee! You said, 'We will ride off on swift horses.' Therefore your pursuers will be swift!

God has already shown us the secret to enjoying Him: Get up and work hard to know Him, be humble, and honor Him as King.

Get up and work hard to wait for Him — by praying without stopping, holding on to Him, and sticking close to Him!

Then you will enjoy this God who is called "I AM". You will enjoy everything that He is!

∞Responsive Hymn

† 你是我的一切 You Are My All In All

✓ You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all Taking my cross my sin my shame, Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all Chorus:

☐ (Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name)*2

Seeking you as a precious jewel Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all When I fall down you pick me up When I am dry you fill my cup You are my all in all (chorus)

% Announcement

 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

Lord.

2. This week's unified Bible reading is Ezekiel chapters 28 to 30. Please visit the CTFHC website (http://www.ctfhc.org) 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.

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 heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

9 Benediction

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.