

∞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:



† 興起讚美 我主我王 Stand Up

- ☐ [Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting] × 2
- And blessed be Your glorious name O Lord which is exalted above all blessing and praise And blessed be Your glorious name O Lord which is exalted which is exalted

↑ 主袮崇高 Be Exalted

- ☐ Oh, Lord! My heart will be stead-fast in You. I will praise You with all of my soul. Oh, Lord! My heart will be stead-fast in You. Lift up my hands, to Your ho-ly place.
- ☐ Be e-xal-ted a-bove all hea-vens.
 For You've done great things for all Your peo-ple.
 Let Your glo-ry be a-bove the earth.
 All that I am, ne-ver ceases to re-joyce in You.

↑ 在這個時刻 In Moments Like These

- ☐ (Singing I love You, Lord.) x3 I love You.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1-7, 21

- 1 I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- **2** Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
- **3** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- **4** One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
- 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- 6 They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

∞Praise

† 有福的確據 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

- Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
- 2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
- 3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; x2

Special Music

- † 別無他名 No Other Name
- ☐ (No other name above the name of Jesus, No other name above the name of the Lord, No other name above the name of Jesus, He is worthy of glory, and worthy of honor, And worthy of power and glory.)

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- No other name above the name of Jesus, No other name above the name of the Lord, No other name above the name of Jesus, He is worthy of glory, and worthy of honor, And worthy of power and glory
- ☐ Come and praise the name of Jesus, Angels bow before His throne. Lift your hands and bring your crowns, Honor Him who reigns o'er all.
- ☐ People of all tribes and nations, Everyone should worship Him.

 ()*2Jesus, Jesus — He is Jesus.

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 16:6

"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Luke 22:1-5

- 1 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching,
- 2 and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.
- **3** Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve.
- 4 And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.
- 5 They were delighted and agreed to give him money. **John 12:4–6**
- **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.

Sermon: "Watch Out for Yeast, Get Rid of It— The Key to a Victorious Life" ∼ Pastor Dong

Sin is like poisonous yeast—it spreads and causes great damage. The cost of sin is far too high!

Let us ask God to help us understand why Jesus told us to guard our hearts against sin—and how we can overcome it through Him!

Matthew 16:12 Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Mark 8:15 Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.

<u>Luke 12:1</u> Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying:

"Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

- <u>1 Corinthians 5:1–2</u> It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: a man is sleeping with his father's wife.
- 2 And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?
- <u>1 Corinthians 5:4–5</u> When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present,
- 5 hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.
- <u>1 Corinthians 5:6–7</u> Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?
- 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Genesis 12:11–13 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are.

- 12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live.
- 13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

<u>Genesis 20:2</u> Then Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.

- Genesis 39:9–12 "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"
- 10 And though no one else was with them, she kept trying to seduce him day after day. But he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.
- 11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside.
- 12 She caught him by his cloak and said, 'Come to bed with me!' But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.
- 41:39–45 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.
- **40** You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."
- **41** So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt."
- **42** Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.
- 43 He had him ride in his second chariot, and people shouted, "Make way!" before him. Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.
- 44 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."
- 45 Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

<u>Judges 16:20–21</u> Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

- 21 Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison.
- 25–31 While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars,
- 26 Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them."
- 27 Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform.
- 28 Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."
- 29 Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other,
- **30** Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the

temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

- 31 Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years.
- **2 Samuel 11:2–4** One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,
- **3** and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite."
- 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home.
- **2 Samuel 12:7, 13** Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.
- 13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

Numbers 13:30–14:11 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

- **32** And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.
- **33** We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."
- 14:1-11 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.
- 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!
- **3** Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"
- **4** And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."
- **5** Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.
- **6** Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes
- 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into

- that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.
- 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."
- **10** But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.
- 11 The Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them?
- 22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.
- Hebrews 3:12–13 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.
- 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
- <u>1 John 1:9</u> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- <u>Psalm 51:10–11</u> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- 19:12-14 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
- **14** May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart

be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- 139:23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
 - I. There Are Many Kinds of Poisonous Yeast

There are countless kinds of sinful "yeast" hidden in our hearts.

- 1. False teachings that go against the truth (Matthew 16:6, 12; Mark 8:15)
- 2. **Hypocrisy** (Luke 12:1)
- 3. Pride and arrogance (1 Corinthians 5:1-2)

- 4. Self-centeredness Abraham's fear (Genesis 12:11–13)
- 5. Lust and laziness Samson and David (Judges 16:20–21, 25–31; 2 Samuel 11:2–4)
- 6. Love of money Judas Iscariot (John 12:4–6; Luke 22:1–5)
- 7. The Israelites during the Exodus making God small, lacking faith, and not trusting Him (Numbers 13:30–14:11, 22)

II. The Cost Is Extremely High

The damage caused by poisonous yeast (sin) is huge.

- 1. It spreads and destroys everything. (1 Corinthians 5:6–7)
- 2. It leads to repeating the same sin. (Genesis 12:13; 20:2)
- III. The Blessings of Removing the Yeast Are
 Unlimited (Genesis 39:9–12, Genesis
 41:39–45)

IV. How to Guard Against and Remove the Yeast

1. Be Alert and Stay on Guard (Matthew 16:6; Luke 12:1)

The word "guard" means to face the danger directly and to stay away from it.

We must face the sin, refuse to let it in, and walk away from it.

- (1) Be sensitive to the warnings of the Holy Spirit and godly leaders. (1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 5:4–5)
- (2) Follow what the Bible says about dealing with sin. (1 Corinthians 5:2, 11)
- 2. Confess your sin immediately (2 Samuel 12:7, 13)
- 3. Keep gathering with others and be open to correction (Hebrews 3:12–13)

Saints, rise up to guard against and remove the yeast!

"Be careful and alert, confess sin immediately, and accept correction."

Remove all the yeast. Remove it quickly. Remove it from the heart. Remove it with God's help!

Hold on to these three prayers as you look to Jesus:_
(Psalm 51:10–11, 19:12-14, 139:23)

∞Responsive Hymn

↑ 仰望主耶穌 I Want To Praise The LORD

 □ I want to praise the Lord, praise Him in His sanctuary

Praise and praise Him for His acts of power Yet Your love stays close by my side, Gently comforting my heart inside.
When the storms of life surround me,

You're my safe and steady hiding place.

I lift my eyes to see Your light,

And darkness flees before Your face.

☐ [I look to You, Lord Jesus, You are my Savior true. Your love will never change, You lead me step by step.

I lift Your holy name, You're the way that gives me life

I'll praise You all my days, Until I see You face to face.]

□ []*2 (Until I see You face to face.)*2

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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.

∞ 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.