

∞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:



↑ 在主愛裡 In God's Love

I worship You cause You first love me only worship You
 I often worship Lord, my God only worship You

☐ [God's love God's love Be with Him in His love]x2

† 耶和華我的磐石 Jehovah You are My Rock

□ Jehovah you are my rock
 You're worthy to be praised
 You have trained my hands for battle
 You have trained my fingers for war

□ Jehovah you are my rock
 You're worthy to be praised
 You have granted me Your wisdom
 So my heart will not be moved

 So I will sing to You a new song Praise Your holy name You alone are my shelter. You are

You alone are my shelter. You are my strength

So I will play the harp and dance for joy
 To praise Your name. You alone are my fortress
 You alone are my hope and my rock

† 聖哉聖哉聖哉 Holy, Holy, Holy

□ Holy*3 no one but You deserves all praise
 Nations bow down to worship at Your throne
 Forever You reign glory to Your name

 □ Lord of all lords Almighty King Power and might belong to You Lord of all lords Eternal King Justice and Truth belong to You

∞Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:14-21

- 14 The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
- **16** You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.
- **18** The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
- 20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Praise

† 來擁戴主為王 Crown Him with Many Crowns

☐ Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
A-wake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

☐ Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed oe'r the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

☐ Crown Him the Lord of years, The potentate of time Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

∞Special Music

↑ 在耶穌裡得勝 Victory in Jesus

✓ Victory!*4 in Jesus! I heard an old, old story, How a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary To save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, Of His precious blood's atoning, Then I repented of my sins; And won the victory.

(Chorus)

■ (O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever. He sought me and bought me, With His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, And all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.)

Jesus is alive

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing power revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory. I heard about a mansion,
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing,
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory.

(Chorus)

 $\mathfrak{I}()*2$ Victory!*4 in Jesus!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:34

May my **meditation be pleasing** to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

Sermon: "Things That Make God Very Happy"

--- Pastor Hsu

God enjoys our thoughts when we think about Him. He likes it when we set our minds on Him.

I. God is pleased when we remember Him

1. God's majesty in creating everything – Psalm 104:1–4

Psalm 104:1–4 Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

- 2 The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent
- **3** and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.
- **4** He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

We should praise God as the greatest King. He is full of honor and glory.

Light, the skies, clouds, rain, wind, fire, and lightning—all are His servants!
God created all things. He never makes mistakes and is never late. We can fully trust Him.

2. God's harmony in managing everything – Psalm 104:5-10

<u>Psalm 104:5-10</u> He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved

- **6** You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains
- 7 But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight
- 8 They flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them
- 9 You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth
- **10** He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains

God set the foundation of the earth and made a place for the waters.

In the beginning, the world was empty and dark, but now it is full of blessings and life. God can turn the things we worry about into beautiful and amazing grace.

3. God's rich supply for everything – <u>Psalm</u> 104:11–15, 24, 34

<u>Psalm 104:11–15, 24, 34</u> They make grass grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth

- 12 wine that gladdens human hearts oil to make their faces shine and bread that sustains their hearts
- **13** The trees of the LORD are well watered the cedars of Lebanon that he planted—
- 14 where the birds make their nests and the stork has its home in the junipers
- 15 The high mountains belong to the wild goats the crags are a refuge for the hyrax
- **24** How many are your works, LORD In wisdom you made them all the earth is full of your creatures
- **34** May my meditation be pleasing to him as I rejoice in the LORD

God gives water to the animals to drink and homes for them to live in. He gives food to make people strong, wine to make them glad, and oil to make their faces shine (NTV).

When we think about God, He is happy, and we are also filled with joy.

II. How to think about God

1. Think and talk about God – Psalm 104:34, Malachi 3:16

<u>Psalm 104:34</u> May my meditation be pleasing to him as I rejoice in the LORD

Malachi 3:16 The people who fear the LORD talk with each other, and the LORD listens closely. There is a record in His presence that keeps track of those who fear the LORD and honor His name.

God enjoys it when we remember Him—when we think about Him as our King, and about His plans and His heart.

On Sundays, during prayer meetings, or in our personal quiet time, we can think about His Word.

Meditating on God means focusing on Him and His promises—not empty meditation. The word "meditate" also means "talk about." When people who honor God talk with each other about Him, God listens!

Action step: Be still and think about God. Talk with other believers about His wonders.

2. Sing and praise God – <u>Psalm 104:1, 33;</u> Psalm 22:3; Psalm 66:2 Psalm 104:1, 33 Praise the LORD, my soul LORD my God, you are very great you are clothed with splendor and majesty

33 I will sing to the LORD all my life I will sing praise to my God as long as I live

<u>Psalm 22:3</u> But you are holy, you who live among the praises of Israel.

<u>Psalm 66:2</u> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me."

God is pleased when we praise Him. We should sing to Him all our life. God uses our praise as His throne, and our

praise shows His glory. When we praise Him, we see His greatness, beauty, and glory.

The more we praise Him, the more we know Him, trust Him, obey Him, and receive strength to share Him with others.

Action step: Join Sunday worship or the choir. Sing to God in your daily life.

3. Ask God to remove sin – Psalm 104:35; Psalm 139:23-24

<u>Psalm 104:35</u> May sinners be destroyed from the earth and the wicked be no more Praise the LORD, my soul Praise the LORD

Psalm 139:23-24
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.

We can call to God to remove evil and sin around us, and also to take away weakness and sin in our own hearts.

When we think about God, we gain wisdom to know right from wrong, and we can rely on Him to remove sin inside and outside of us.

Action step: Think about God's holiness, and remove all sin from your life.

∞Responsive Hymn

↑ 耶穌我們尊崇祢 Jesus We Enthrone You

Jesus we enthrone You, We proclaim You our King Standing here in the midst of us, We raise You up with our praise (And as we worship build a throne) x3 Come Lord Jesus and take Your place

Announcement

1. Our church will hold a Gospel Music Concert, "Blue Sky in the Storm, Blessings in Suffering," on 8/24 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. in the 4th floor main sanctuary. Through choir songs, life stories, and Bible truths, we will share about God's real presence and His complete salvation.

Everyone is welcome to invite friends and family to come, hear the Good News, and receive God's grace.

- 2. Hope Seed Academy will host "Let's Create Together, Part 2" on 8/24 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. Children in 5th grade and below are welcome to join. Through art and creation, they will learn about God's wonderful creation. Please don't miss this chance to invite kids to participate!
- 3. This week's Bible reading plan: **Daniel chapters** 7–9. Please visit the church website (http://www.ctfhc.org) to watch *Bible Gateway* and *Bible Made Simple*, and also listen to Pastor Hsu's program "A Clear Mind—Psalms" on Good News Radio.

∞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

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.

Solution 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.