



☞Prelude

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

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:



† 神本為大 **God is Great**

♪ Jehovah is great, He is worthy of praise
How great is His name His power endures for ever
We stand fast under the shadow of His wings
He is the God Almighty That always with us
♪ He is worthy of praise His power is shown on earth
He is so good to us Shows us His loving kindness
My Lord is risen high. To give us loving grace
God is worthy of praise. His name is to be praised
Jesus is almighty God

† 祂又真又活 **He is Alive**

♪ Joy, I need joy, need joy from the Lord;
joy, the decision of faith
Praise I need the praise lift my praise to Lord
Cause He reigns everything
He does everything
♪ Everything behind has the Lord's merciful hands
He sees You He does things He's really alive
In the Lord's timing
beautiful things have been made
He knows You. He is able. He's really alive

† 耶穌我愛你 **Jesus, I love You**

♪ Jesus, I love You, Kneel down in Your presence.
Praise You, adore You,
Lord my King. (Hallelujah)*3, Hallelu

☞Responsive Reading: **Psalm 147:12-20**

- 12** Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.
- 13** He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.
- 14** He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
- 15** He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
- 16** He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.
- 17** He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast?
- 18** He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.
- 19** He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel.
- 20** He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the LORD.

☞Praise

† 榮耀歸於真神 **To God be the glory**

- ♪ To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
- ♪ O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
- ♪ Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

(Praise the Lord)*2, let the earth hear his voice!
(Praise the Lord)*2, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

☞Special Music

† 與主交談組曲 **Talk with Jesus Medley**

- ♪ If you are weary, your soul sighing in gloom,
[Go tell it to Jesus, go tell it to Jesus.]
If your heart is heavy, and joy fades away,
Just tell it to Lord Jesus today.
- ♪ [] He is a true and faithful Friend.
No brother, no companion is like Jesus;
Just tell it to Jesus to the end.
- ♪ Once I was drowning in sin and despair,
But Jesus showed mercy, His grace lifted there.
He filled up the emptiness with heaven's light,
Talking with Jesus made my soul bright.
- ♪ Though fears may surround me, and tears overflow,
Yet Jesus, my Friend, guards me night and day so.
I pray to the Savior, He knows all my ways,
Talking with Jesus makes all things okay.
- ♪ Come quickly, O friends,
come and talk with the Lord,
Bring all your troubles, tell Him every word.
He surely will listen, your cry He will hear,
Step by step He will guide you, so near.
When prayer burns within you,
with fire in your soul,
You'll know that with Jesus all things are whole.
- ♪ When answers don't come, still Jesus is near;
He is not only giving replies to your prayer.
He calms all your spirit, He shelters your soul.
When answers don't come,
His presence makes whole.
(When answers don't come,
His presence is there.)*2
- ♪ God is with me, my refuge secure,
A fortress forever, His shelter is sure.
Who dares to accuse us? Their words are but lies;
(For God gave His Son, with us He abides.)*3
God is with us forever.

☞Scripture Reading: **Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

☞Sermon: All Things Work for Your Good

~ Pastor Dong

God makes everything work together toward one goal—**for the good of those who love Him!**

But what is the key to receiving this grace? How can we hold on to this key?

I. “All things” means “every single thing”

The life of Joseph in *Genesis* shows us that “all things” means every event in our lives:

1. His family background
2. Betrayal and harm from his brothers
3. From being the father’s favorite son to becoming a slave
4. Being thrown into prison unfairly
5. Being forgotten for two years
6. Having the gift of dreams and interpreting them
7. Meeting Pharaoh, the highest ruler
8. Becoming governor, with power and riches
9. Storing food in good years, saving people in famine
Saving his family and the whole land
10. Family reunion, forgiveness, and lasting honor

Genesis 39:9 “How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

Genesis 39:12 She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come sleep with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

Genesis 50:19-20 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?”

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 41:15-16 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”

16 Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”

II. The key is “fearing God” — shown in Joseph’s life

Joseph honored God in every stage of life:

In the valleys and on the mountaintops
In youth and in old age
When losing everything or gaining everything
When standing for truth and losing all, while God seemed silent
When having the chance to get revenge

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

Luke 7:43 “Then Jesus said, ‘I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.’”

Acts 4:19 But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

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

32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

33 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.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future,

39 nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:24–25 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?

25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

John 14:21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me

will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

John 13:14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

John 14:31 But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded me. Come now; let us leave.

John 15:1, 4-5, 10-13 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 Timothy 5:4-8 If a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first to put their religion into practice by **caring for their own family** and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

5 The widow who is truly alone and left without family trusts in God and continues night and day to pray and ask for his help.

6 But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

7 Give these instructions as well, so that no one may **dispute them**.

8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

III. Fear of God comes from "loving God"

Why did Joseph fear God so much?

Because he loved God! **Romans 8:28** shows us that Joseph was someone who loved God.

In God's eyes, who loves Him?

How can someone become a person who loves God?

1. According to **Romans 8:28**, those who love God are people who are made right with Him by faith and choose to believe in Jesus.
2. Think — **Romans 8:28; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Luke 7:43; Acts 4:19; Romans 8:31-33**

Think: examine, discern, decide — **Luke 7:43; Acts 4:19**

3. Do — **John 14:21; 13:14; 14:31; 15:1, 4-5, 10-13**

Put into practice "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Responsive Hymn

† 想念主愛 Thy Love, O Lord

- ♪ Day and night do I think of thy love, oh, Lord.
It's high and It's depth oh how great.
Pouring down like a great waterfall oh, Lord
Thy love doth my being elate.
Thou didst come down from hea'n for love's sake
oh, Lord
Forsaking thy glory and thy throne.
Thou wast born son of man under Law oh, Lord
Without any wealth called thine own.
- ♪ Like a savory feast is thy love oh, Lord
My whole being to satisfied.
How I thank thee for taking my place oh, Lord
To endure the cross and to die.
Thou hast rescue me from sin and death oh, Lord
Thy blood washed my heart white as snow.
Thou hast send thy spirit to help me oh, Lord.
That I might please thee here below
- ♪ Day and night do I long for thy home oh, Lord,
That thou art preparing for me.
O, what joy to walk on streets of gold oh, Lord
No more pain and tears will I see.
To abide in thy grace and thy love oh, Lord
What blessing divine beyond compare.
For thy love is the same to the end oh, Lord.
Thy glory is seen everywhere.

Course:

- ♪ All my love is poured out at thine feet oh, Lord,
None can satisfy my heart so well.
Most delightful and precious art thou oh, Lord.
I love in thine bosom to dwell.

Announcement

1. The **4th Quarter Adult Sunday School** will begin on **10/8 (online)** and **10/19 (in person)**. Brothers and sisters are welcome to join and grow in God's Word. Please register at <http://thfc.pse.is/sschool>
2. The **Mid-Autumn Festival Fair** will be held on **Saturday, 9/27, at 2:00 p.m.** in the 6th Floor Activity Hall. There will be delicious food, fun games, and lucky draws. You are welcome to invite family and friends to join and enjoy a warm and memorable holiday together.
3. The **"Encounter God" Retreat** will take place **today at 1:00 p.m.** in the 5th Floor Morning Star Hall. Brothers and sisters are welcome to register on-site and receive renewal for life.

4. This week's **Bible reading schedule**: Hosea chapters 10–12. Please visit the church website (<http://www.ctfhc.org>) to watch *Logos Gateway* and *Bible in Focus*.

✠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.

✠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.*