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∞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:



† 在主愛裡

In God's Love

I often worship Lord, my God only worship You

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

† 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.

† 主祢是我力量

You are My Strength

You are my life, You are my song
You're my salvation, when all my hope is gone
As the mountains surround Jerusalem
Your presence surrounds me the same
You are my strength, oh Lord, You are my shield,
my song
My solid rock, on You I stand, I trust in You
You are my strength, oh Lord, You are my hiding

You are my strength, oh Lord, You are my hiding place

prace

You are my hope I trust in You

∞Responsive Reading: Psalm 3:1-8

- 1 Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!
- 2 Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him."
- **3** But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
- **4** I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain.
- **5** I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

- **6** I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.
- 7 Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.
- **8** From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.

Praise

† 真神之愛

The love of God

- The love of God is greater far
 Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
 It goes beyond the highest star,
 And reaches to the lowest hell;
 The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
 God gave His Son to win;
 His erring child He reconciled,
 And pardoned from his sin.
- When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.
- ☐ Could we with ink the ocean fill,
 And were the skies of parchment made,
 Were every stalk on earth a quill,
 And every man a scribe by trade;
 To write the love of God above
 Would drain the ocean dry;
 Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
 Though stretched from sky to sky.
- * Refrain:
- ☐ Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—
 The saints' and angels' song.

∞Special Music

† 榮耀羔羊組曲

Agnus Dei (with"How Great Thou Art")

- Alleluia x2 For the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia x2 Holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty (Worthy is the Lamb x2) (You are holy x2) holy are you, Lord God Almighty (Worthy is the Lamb x3)
- ☐ O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
- ☐ [Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art.] x2
 *holy, holy are you, Lord God, Almighty.
 (Worthy is the Lamb)(how great thou art) x2*
 * * x2 Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 11:4, 25, 44

- 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for **God's glory** so that God's Son may be glorified through it."
- 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."
- 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Sermon: A Moment Between Life and Death

~ Pastor Hsu

There are too many accidents and diseases that suddenly take away peace! Where can we find true peace?

John 11:3,17,33,35 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

- 17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
- **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.
- 35 Jesus wept.

I. The Despair of Death

1. Sorrow of sickness (11:3, 17, 33, 35)

Lazarus had a serious illness. When Jesus came, he had already been dead four days. There seemed to be no hope. Many were crying, grieving, and sorrowful. Even Jesus wept.

Sickness and death bring pain, tears, helplessness, and deep despair.

John 11:6, 21, 32 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

- 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
- **32** When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

2. Was Jesus late? (11:6, 21, 32)

Jesus delayed two days. Both sisters said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Why didn't Jesus come earlier? Does He not love us? Where is God in war, disaster, and suffering?

John 11:23–24 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

3. Eternal life feels far away (11:23-24)

Martha said, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

That is half right—on the last day all will rise to face judgment or reward. But it is also half wrong—resurrection and eternal life are not only in the future, they are for today!

Some people think eternal life is unrealistic: "I'll think about it later. I'm busy now."

John 11:25, 14:6

11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

II. The Power of Resurrection

1. The Lord is the resurrection (11:25; 14:6)

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We can experience His life today!

The only key is to trust in Him.

No one in history has conquered death. No one can show us the way of life—except Jesus, who died, overcame death, and revealed the way!

Believing in Jesus means holding His hand, letting Him lead us through danger, and walking into peace and eternity.

John 11:4: When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

John 11:45: Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 12:9: Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

<u>John 12:10</u>: So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,

John 12:11: because on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. John 12:17: Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

Philippians 1:20: I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

2. Witness of resurrection (11:45; 12:9–11, 17; 11:4; Philippians 1:20)

Those who believe in Jesus will rise again and become witnesses of resurrection.

After Lazarus was raised, many Jews believed in Jesus because of him.

"This sickness will not end in death ... it is for God's glory." Our lives are meant to magnify Christ in every situation.

John 11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "But Lord, by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been dead four days."

3. Experiencing resurrection

(1) **Remove the stone** (11:39)

Jesus told them to take away the stone in front of the tomb.

Death is like a stone blocking life, but God's power removes it.

The stones that stop people from knowing Jesus must also be removed by His power as we work with Him.

John 11:43; Ezekiel 37:10

John 11:43: When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

<u>Ezekiel 37:10</u>: So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood on their feet—a vast army.

(2) Leave death (11:43; Ezekiel 37:10)

Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" This was a declaration of victory over death.

When the Lord speaks and breathes on us, dry bones live again, the dead rise, and we become God's army. We claim this power through prayer.

John 11:44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

(3) Be set free to walk (11:44)

Lazarus came out still wrapped in grave clothes. Jesus said, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Some have left the tomb (believed in Christ) but are still bound by old habits, old thinking, and old ways. They have not found true freedom.

We must obey the Lord, walk in His will, and receive full salvation.

Resurrection is not only a far future event. It is a living reality now! We can experience "on earth as it is in heaven" and walk daily with God.

∞Responsive Hymn

- † 耶穌袮已得勝 Jesus You Have Overcome
- **♣** The trouble of this world

Are like unrelenting waves crashing on the shore People come and people go

Is there a promise that's unchanging and eternal? Who can answer the question in my heart?

☐ Blessings that transcend time and space. Eternal live.

☐ Jesus You Have overcome the world You have overcome death You have overcome the dominion of darkness You sit at the right hand of the Father Light of the world, Glorious King Jesus, the sinless lamb of God. You endured the cross for me

% Announcement

- 1. The fourth quarter Adult Sunday School will start on October 8 (online class) and October 19 (inperson class). A new course titled "The Life and Ministry of George Leslie Mackay" will be offered. All brothers and sisters are welcome to join and build yourselves up in the most holy faith. Please register through the link http://thfc.pse.is/sschool
- 3. A kind reminder: The church is the holy temple of God, a place of worship. As God's children, let us respect the order of worship:
 - (1) Please do not eat, chew gum, smoke, talk loudly, use your phone, cross your legs, or walk around casually. Unless you are feeling unwell, please also refrain from drinking water during the service.
 - (2) Please avoid any activities related to loans, direct sales, investment advice, or political promotion.
 - (3) Please do not engage in any inappropriate or suggestive behavior between the opposite or same sex, or in private matchmaking for marriage.

∞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.