

∞Prelude

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

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics, please scan:



† 從主而來的喜樂是我的力量

The Joy of the Lord is my Strength

☐ The joy of the Lord is my strength

† 讚美歸於主的聖名

The Name of The Lord

- \square [Blessed be the name of the Lord (x3) most high] x2
- \blacksquare [Holy be the name of the Lord (x3) most high] x2 The name of the Lord is a strong tower, The righteous run into it and they are safe;}*2
- \square [Glory be the name of the Lord (x3) most high] x2

† 我的心你要稱頌耶和華

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

- ☐ Bless the Lord, O my soul, Never forget His grace. He forgives all my sins and failures, He heals my heart and restores my days.
- Bless the Lord, O my soul, Never forget His grace. He crowns my life with love and mercy, He brings justice for the oppressed.
- \square As high as the heavens above, So great is His steadfast love. As far as the east from the west, He removes my sins from me.
- ☐ The Lord is full of compassion, Abounding in endless grace. From everlasting to forever, The Lord is my God and King.

№Responsive Reading: Psalm 4:1-8

- 1 Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
- 3 Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to
- 4 Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.
- 7 Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

∞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

- † 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.
- 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: <u>Psalm 119:71; 1 Peter 5:10−</u> 11; James 1:17

Psalm 119:71 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your decrees.

<u>1 Peter 5:10–11</u> And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast.

11 To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Sermon: Silent Questions Before Heaven

~ Minister Dong

I. When I Have No Words, I Question Heaven

1. I will speak – **Psalm 10:1**; **Job 7:11**

<u>Psalm 10:1</u> Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

<u>Job 7:11</u> Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

I will speak out! I will not suppress, endure, or fear.

"Why me? Why must I go through such pain and hardship?" Speak it out — God is willing to listen to your heart.

2. I will think – Psalm 143:5; 77:12–14; 78:35

<u>Psalm 143:5</u> I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

<u>Psalm 77:12–14</u> I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?

You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

<u>Psalm 78:35</u> They remembered that God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer.

I will reflect and remember — from the past until now, from the smallest to the greatest things — how good God has been, how many times He has rescued me just in time. This is a battle of the mind!

3. I will resist – Job 2:10; Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

Job 2:10 He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

<u>Matthew 4:4</u> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Matthew 4:10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Satan keeps sending floods of negative thoughts and images to paralyze and crush you. Do not accept or agree — reject and end them with God's truth. Stand firm and escape quickly — this is your spiritual "quick exit."

4. I will pray – <u>James 5:13; Psalm 34:6</u>

<u>James 5:13</u> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

<u>Psalm 34:6</u> This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

This is your right — your everlasting right.

Pray with all your heart, cling to His promises, and cry out without reservation.

He surely hears you — He's been listening all along. Don't stop calling on Him!

5. I will wait – <u>Isaiah 40:31; 33:2; Psalm 27:14;</u> Lamentations 3:26

<u>Isaiah 40:31</u> 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.

<u>Isaiah 33:2</u> Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress.

<u>Psalm 27:14</u> Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart

and wait for the Lord.

<u>Lamentations 3:26</u> It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Waiting is a lesson we must learn — it's a process of transformation, a test of faith, a ladder toward victory.

Waiting helps you meet the Lord face to face, preparing you for His greatest glory and joy.

6. I will win – 2 Corinthians 2:14; 12:9

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere.

2 Corinthians 12:9 But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

When I am weak, then I am strong.
When I lack, I am made rich.
When I fear, I become bold — for Christ's power rests upon me. I will rise up and soar on wings like eagles!

II. Heaven Is Here

1. The Lord knows all – Hebrews 4:15

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Our greatest comfort and hope: Jesus truly knows our pain. He has suffered, tasted, and experienced it Himself. Jesus fully understands your sorrow.

2. The Lord bears with us – Psalm 68:19

<u>Psalm 68:19</u> Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

We are never alone in carrying our burdens or struggles. Jesus walks step by step with us and carries us each day. You are never alone on this thorny road — He bears you in His arms.

3. The Lord suffers with us – <u>Isaiah 63:9</u>

<u>Isaiah 63:9</u> In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Our good Shepherd shares in our suffering. When you hurt, He hurts; when you cry, He cries. He has truly borne our griefs and carried our sorrows — this is real!

4. The Lord can do all things – <u>2 Corinthians</u> 12:9; Matthew 19:26

<u>2 Corinthians 12:9</u> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

What mountain can He not move? What storm can He not calm? What battle can He not win? What sickness can He not heal? What power can He not break? What soul can He not save? With Him, all things are possible — and in faith, you can believe all things!

5. The Lord truly loves – <u>Isaiah 63:9; 1 John</u> 4:9–10, 19; Galatians 2:20

<u>Isaiah 63:9</u> In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

<u>1 John 4:10</u> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

<u>Galatians 2:20</u> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

"God must hate me — that's why I'm suffering like this." That is a terrible lie! Jesus loves you so deeply He gave His life for you — unconditionally, undeservedly. He loves you — simply because He is love.

∞Responsive Hymn

- † 我心靈得安寧 It Is Well with My Soul
- When peace, like a river, attends my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
- My sin, oh, the joy of this glorious thought!
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
- And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.
- My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin - not in part but in whole, Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! refrain:

It is well, it is well, with my soul. It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well, with my soul."

% Announcement

- 1. The **4th Quarter Adult Sunday School** online class has already started, and the in-person class will begin next Sunday. Brothers and sisters, please take this chance to learn more about God's truth! To register, visit http://thfc.pse.is/sschool or scan the QR code on page 6.
- 2. The "Professor Hippo's Secret Recipe" lecture will be held this Saturday at 2:00 PM in the 4th-floor sanctuary. The topic is "Exploring the Wonders of Yunlin's Land," and will be presented by Professor Wen-Liang Chang. Everyone is welcome to invite friends and family to join and learn about Jesus through scientific knowledge and life stories.
- 3. This week's **Bible reading schedule**: **Amos chapters 2–4**. Please visit the **Harmony Church** website (http://www.ctfhc.org) to watch *Logos Gateway* and *The Bible—So Wonderful!*

∞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.

Senediction

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.