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#### **∞**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:

#### † 真是快樂日 What a Joyful Day

■ What a joyful day I sing praises to Him every day What a joyful day living for my Lord

To live with His promise I lean on day and night

#### † 奔向愛我的神 So I Will Run

Yet You overflow with grace. You show Your love to those who keep All Your covenant and ways

■ Faithful and true, You're here with me. Full of mercy and saving grace. Time and again, You hear my prayer. Go before me and lead the way.

■ So I will run to the God who saves me Lift up a shout, praising His name Glorifying the Father

■ So I will run to the God who loves me I will not fear, I will not faint Trusting You alone, covenant God.

\*Repeat\*

#### † 願袮降臨 Let Your Glory Fall

♪ Longing for You, yearning for You Humbly I come Kneel before Your holy place

 Longing for You This is my cry, oh Lord Every day and night I'll never cease to seek Your face

♪ Your kingdom come reveal Your heart I seek Your face Lord; I long to see Your beauty Your kingdom come, let Your glory fall in this place Draw me closer, God, to a deeper place with You

## Series Reading: Psalm 8:1-9

- 1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.
- 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.
- **6** You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:
- 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
- 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
- 9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Praise**

## † 頌讚主聖名組曲 Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord

 ↑ Stand up and bless the Lord Ye people of His choice; Stand up and bless the Lord your God With heart and soul and voice.

♪ Though high above all praise, Above all blessing high, Who would not fear His holy Name, And laud and magnify?

**♪** (Stand up and bless the Lord your God From everlasting to everlasting; ) \*4

∫ (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) \*2

## Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

♪ [Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is and is to come. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who reigns forevermore.]

♪ Father in heaven, how we love You; We lift Your name in all the earth. May Your kingdom be established in our praises, As Your people declare Your mighty works.

**▶**[] \*2, Who reigns forevermore.

♪ Stand up and bless, Bless the Lord.

#### **∞**Special Music

† 耶穌奇妙的救恩

#### Wonderful Grace of Jesus with at Calvary

■ Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin. How shall my tongue describe it? Where shall His praise begin? Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free;

For The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

All sufficient grace for even me! (echo: Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me!)

Broader than The scope of my transgressions sing it Greater far than all my sin and shame! (echo: Broader than The scope of my transgressions,)

O magnify The precious name of Jesus! Praise His name!

☐ Years I spent in vanity and pride, Caring not my Lord was crucified, Knowing not it was for me He died On Calvary. Mercy There was great and grace was free; Pardon There was multiplied to me; There my burden should found liberty. At Calvary.

 ₩ Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching The most defiled By its transforming power Making Him God's dear child, Purchasing peace and Heaven. For all eternity; And The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful The matchless grace of Jesus Deeper than The mighty rolling sea! Higher than The mountain, Sparkling like a fountain, All sufficient grace for even me! (echo: Wonderful grace, all –sufficient for me, for

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 □ O magnify The precious name of Jesus! Praise His name! Praise His holy name!

#### Scripture Reading: John 21:21-22

21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

#### Sermon: Why Does God Treat Him Better?

~ Pastor Hsu

John 21:19-21 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")

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Do I sometimes compare and feel life is unfair?

## I. What About That Man? John 21:19-21

Jesus called Peter again and told him that he would one day die for Him—and Peter was willing.

At first, Peter was facing Jesus, but then he turned around, saw John, and asked, "What about him?"

Comparing ourselves with others is a big problem.

In the Bible, we see:

- **Between brothers: Cain** and Abel; Joseph and his **ten brothers: Aaron** and Moses.
- **Between families: Jacob**'s wives; the people of **Ephraim**.
- In the workplace: King Saul and David.
- In religion: Korah's rebellion against Moses; Elijah comparing himself with his ancestors; the Pharisee comparing himself with the tax collector.

Comparison breeds jealousy, pride, and inferiority—it causes many problems and keeps us from entering God's kingdom.

<u>John 21:22</u> Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

<u>1 Corinthians 4:3–5</u> I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself.

- 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.
- 5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

<u>Psalm 73:3, 17</u> For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

**17** till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

II. "What Is That to You?" John 21:22; 1 Corinthians 4:3–5; Psalm 73:3, 17 Peter would die for the Lord, but John would live and serve on earth for many years. Jesus said, "What is that to you?"

You are not the judge—you don't see the full picture. Only Jesus does!

Behind every feeling of "unfairness" is the hidden thought: "I'm the judge."

**Paul** said he didn't care about people's judgment, nor even his own; he cared only about God's judgment.

The psalmist was **jealous** of evildoers until he entered God's sanctuary and saw their end.

#### Let's remember:

- I am **not the Messiah** I can't do everything, but the Lord can.
- I am **not the judge** I don't know every story, but the Lord knows.
- I am **not the bridegroom** I don't need the glory or applause; Jesus is the Bridegroom!

God gives each person what is **best** for them. What God has not given you is simply not what's best for you.

In your family, when things seem unfair, do your best to honor your parents and leave the rest to God.

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2 Timothy 4:16–18 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

**18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus encouraged Peter, "You must follow me!" — focus only on Him.

When **Peter** looked at Jesus, he could walk on water; when he looked at the waves, he began to sink.

**Joshua and Caleb** kept their eyes on God and entered the Promised Land; the other spies looked at their surroundings and died in the wilderness.

**David** saw Saul as God's anointed one and refused to harm him — God protected him and made him king.

When **Paul** was in prison and everyone deserted him, he looked to the Lord standing by his side and was sure he would be saved.

Many doubts in life come from feeling that things are "unfair." But our **God is righteous**. We no longer need to act as **judges or directors**—Jesus is both!

Let us fix our eyes on the story God has written for us, give thanks with all our hearts, and respond with all our strength. That is the most glorious life!

#### **∞**Responsive Hymn

- † 注目看耶穌 Look Upon Jesus
- ↑ All with burdened hearts, come unto the Lord He will heal pain, He will give you rest All who thirst for truth, come and drink from Him He will fill your cup, He will lift you up
- ↓ Look upon Cross, look upon His love
  Fix your eyes on Him, holy Lam of God
  Look upon Cross, look upon His love
  Come to hear His heart, (walk with Him in love) x2
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#### **%** Announcement



III. "Follow Me!" John 21:19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 4:16–18

#### **∞**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.

#### **Senetiction**

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.