

#### **∞**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:

# † 來歡呼讚美 Come And Worship

- ☐ Let's come and worship Jesus Christ He has conquered the pow'r of death Let's come and worship Jesus Christ Let the world know that He lives
- ☐ Let's come and worship Jesus Christ He is mighty in all the earth Let's come and worship Jesus Christ "May Your kingdom come to us"

# † 叫我抬起頭的神 The Lifter of My Head

- □ Lord, You are my solid rock I shall not be moved with You as my provider who is there to fear
- □ Lord, You are my shepherd I shall not want
   with You as my banner There will be victory
- ☐ For You are my shield and my defender Glory of my life and You are the lifter of my head
- Weeping may remain at night
   But at dawn we will rejoice
   You're my solid rock Lord, You are my help

# ↑ 耶穌祢是寶貴 Jesus You are Precious

- ☐ Jesus You're my treasure
  You're so precious to me
  You cleanse me with Your blood
  You free me with Your love
- I will praise You every day My Lord
   I will glorify Your holy name
   Lord I love You. I will love You more
- I will worship You all my life
   I will glorify only Your name
   Lord I love You. I will love You more

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 16:1, 7-11

- 1 Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
- 7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
- **8** I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- **9** Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
- 10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful<sup>[a]</sup> one see
- 11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

### **%**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 heavenly 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 over 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

- 骨 感謝主 We Thank You, Lord

- I We join this day, as one,
  - our hearts and hands and voices, For wondrous gifts of love, your grateful world rejoices.
- ☐ Thank you, Lord, for the love within our families.

  Thank you, Lord, for the fellowship of friends.

  Thank you, Lord, for the quiet, understanding grace.

  That never ends.
- ☐ Thank you, Lord, for the wonders of creation. Thank you, Lord, for the power of your word. Thank you, Lord, for your promise of salvation
- ☐ Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord.
  For all good gifts we have to share, for guiding us with loving care,
  with joyful hearts we bow to pray:

  ☐ Lord, we give our thanks this day.

O Lord, we give our thanks this day. (Thank you, Lord) \*3

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:34, 1 John 5:14
Romans 8:34 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.

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

## Sermon: The Essential Luggage ~ Pastor Hsu

In the midst of our busy lives, we must pause and reflect:

What have we gained? And what will remain? Can our wealth remain? Our health? Our work? Knowledge? Emotions? Children?

What "luggage" can accompany us for our whole life, even into eternity?

Acts 7:55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Acts 9:4–5 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. Acts 18:9–10 One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.

**10** For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."

Acts 27:23–24 Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me 24 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

2 Tim 4:17 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.

**2** Cor 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.

# I. The Gift Jesus Gives to Us — Romans 8:34

**Jesus' mission on earth** was to give us *eternal life*—through the cross, His death and resurrection.

**Jesus' mission in heaven** is to *intercede* for us—unceasingly watching over us and having compassion on us.

- In difficulty: Stephen and the early church (Acts 7:55; 9:4–5)
- In setbacks: rejection, slander, shipwreck, imprisonment (Acts 18:9–10; 27:23–24; 2 Tim 4:17)
- In sickness: the "thorn in the flesh" (2 Cor 12:9)

Sometimes the Lord stretches out His mighty hand—working miracles, judging evil, removing persecution.

But more often, Jesus prays for us—so that our hearts are won by Him, so that we rise to obey His Word, experience the power of the gospel, and serve with Him—reigning with Him in eternity!

<u>1 Peter 2:21</u> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

John 12:26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Matthew 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

<u>Isaiah 50:4</u> The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

#### II. The Gift We Give to Jesus

Jesus prays for us and commands us to *follow His steps* (1 Peter 2:21).

To serve Jesus is to **follow Jesus**, and such a person is honored by God (<u>John 12:26</u>).

Where Jesus **is**, there I will be. What Jesus **does**, I will do. What Jesus **says**, I will say. How Jesus **prays**, I will pray.

When we pray **according to** *His* **will**, God hears us (1 John 5:14).

"Not my will, **but Yours be done.**" (<u>Matt</u> <u>26:39</u>)

A true intercessor has:

- A teachable ear listening to truth, hearing how Jesus prays.
- A teachable tongue speaking words that strengthen others (<u>Isaiah 50:4</u>).

In every prayer, ask: "Lord, what are You teaching me?"

## 1. When facing financial need:

Pray for God's provision; but also let your focus shift from money to Jesus—live simply, lessen the noise, hear His voice clearly.

#### 2. When experiencing illness:

Cry out for healing; but also receive God's "pause"—to slow down, reflect on life, on Christ's love, and how to love those around you.

### 3. When facing failure:

Ask for grace to overcome obstacles in work or study; but remember—the most important thing is not performance, but loving God and doing what pleases Him.

4. When relationships or family are hurting:

Pray for God's mercy to restore; but also allow God to reveal whether we have made romance or children idols to control—then repent, and return to loving Christ above all.

Ephesians 1:16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

3:18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

The motivation of intercession comes from **love for people**—meditating on truth so we may **understand Christ's love** (Ephesians 1:16; 3:18).

We pray for the saints, keeping our brothers and sisters on our hearts, seeking God's plan for them, that they may receive help, the gospel, faith, and eternal life.

The greatest thing we can do for our nation and society is—attend the prayer meeting.

Many pieces of luggage will eventually be laid down, but the example of Jesus—prayer—will remain forever.

#### **∞**Responsive Hymn

† 主啊 我們也要 We, Too, Want To See

☐ Come, let us pray without ceasing Till revival comes upon us Come, let us pray without ceasing

Oh Lord God, set our hearts on fire Oh Lord, please hear our call. Let Your great glory fall History has seen waves of revival Grant us, Lord, hear we call!

#### **Announcement**

- 1. In preparation for Christmas outreach, starting from 11/16, both Sunday worship services and the Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting will be held in the B1 Sanctuary. Please take note, pray earnestly, and invite others to share the good news of God's Kingdom. In preparation for Christmas outreach, starting from 11/16, both Sunday worship services and the Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting will be held in the B1 Sanctuary. Please take note, pray earnestly, and invite others to share the good news of God's Kingdom.
- 2. The 2026 Sunday Flower Offering Sign-Up is now open. If you would like to offer flowers, please go to the welcome desk and print your full name clearly. The offering is 300 NT per week. Please register as soon as possible to assist our coworkers in arranging the schedule.
- 3. This week's unified Bible reading is Jonah chapter 4 to Micah chapter 2. Please visit the He Yi Church website (<a href="http://www.ctfhc.org">http://www.ctfhc.org</a>) to watch Keys to the Bible and Bible Good to Read. You are also welcome to listen online to Pastor Hsu's broadcast program "A Sober Heart Gospel of John" on Good News Radio.

### **ॐ**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**

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.