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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:

† 從主而來的喜樂是我的力量 The Joy of the Lord is my Strength

† 能力歸我神 Mighty is our God

- [Mighty is our God. Mighty is our King Mighty is our Lord. Ruler of everything] Glory to our God. Glory to our King Glory to our Lord. Ruler of everything
- Higher than any other name His pow'r is greater

For He has created everything (repeat two verses and bridge) []

♥ 從亙古到永遠 You Reign Eternally

- through all generations. Lord, You set Your throne in the heavens before all time
 - You are girded with might and robed in glory The earth's foundation shall not be moved
- Lord, the glory of Your kingdom is among us All Your plans, so full of wisdom, shall come to pass. There's no changing with You,

all Your ways are faithful You reign forever, Ancient of Days

☐ I give You glory,

I rise to praise Your holy name

O King eternal,

Your reign will know no end

You are the one Lord, the true God

The soon coming King

You rule from age to age,

You reign eternally

Responsive Reading: Psalm 18:31-36, 46

- 31 For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?
- 32 It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.
- 33 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights.
- 34 He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 35 You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great.
- **36** You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way.
- 46 The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!

Praise

↑ 天使歌唱在高天 Angels We Have Heard on High

□ Gloria*4

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains

- ☐ (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo) x2
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- Shepherds why this jubilee Why your joyous strains prolong What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song
- □ Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King
- ☐ (Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo)*2 Glo-ri-a Glo-ri-a

∞Special Music

- † 道成肉身 And the Word Became Flesh
- In the beginning was the Word, (and the Word was with God)*2 In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.
- ☐ He came to that which was His own (But His own did not receive Him) Yet to all who received Him, To all who would believe, (He gave the right to become)*2, children of God.
- and dwelt among us. The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. And we have seen the glory of the Father, Revealed in Christ, the Son: The One and only. Jesus!] *2
- \square Yes, we have seen the glory of the Father, Revealed in Christ, the Son: (The One and only) *5 Jesus!

Scripture Reading: John 3:1–15

- 1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.
- 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs You are doing if God were not with him."
- **3** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."
- 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"
- 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.
- 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
- 7 You should not be surprised at My saying, 'You must be born again.'
- **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."
- 9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.
- **10** "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?
- 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.
- 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?
- 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.
- 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
- 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him."

Sermon: Night Questions ∼ Pastor Dong

I. Introduction

Confucius said: "If you do not yet understand life, how can you understand death?"

Jesus says: "If you do not die to yourself, how can you truly live?"

II. Outline

1. A Question About Coming

- 1) **Perceiving** He saw the signs but did not understand why Jesus came.
- 2) Recognizing By revelation he recognized who Jesus is, yet still did not grasp His mission.

2. A Question About Going

- 1) Asking about the wind's direction Knowing the words but not their meaning; not knowing where it leads.
- **2) Asking about the past** Understanding earthly things but not believing the heavenly ones.

3. A Question About Birth

- 1) Birth from the womb Born of flesh, desire, and human will; belonging only to this life.
- 2) Birth by the Spirit Born through repentance, God's Word, and faith; inheriting eternal life.

4. A Question About Death

- 1) Death because of sin For the wages of sin is death.
- 2) **Death for righteousness** Christ died to pay our debt of sin.

III. Conclusion

At night he asked the Master where He came from,

Yet could not understand the mystery of new birth.

Do not keep asking only of ancient things—Ask whether people today know the heart of the Lord.

∞Responsive Hymn



- **%** Announcement
- **∞**The Lord's Prayer
- **%**Doxology

9 Benediction

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.