



🎵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:



† 我要讚美耶和華

I Want To Praise The LORD

🎵 I want to praise the Lord, praise Him in His sanctuary

Praise and praise Him for His acts of power
Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise Him with the harp and lyre,
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD

† 祢配得至聖尊榮

Jesus Shall Take The Highest Honor

🎵 Jesus shall take the highest honor
Jesus shall take the highest praise
Let all earth join heaven in Exalting His name
Which is above all other names

🎵 Let's bow the knee in humble adoration
For at His name every knee must bow
Let every tongue confess He is Christ
God's only Son Sovereign Lord,
we give You Glory now

Chorus:

🎵 (For all honour and blessing and power
Belongs to You! Belongs to You!) *2
Lord Jesus Christ, son of the Living God

† 感恩歌 **Thanksgiving Song**

🎵 Thank the Lord for saving my soul,
Thank the Lord for making me whole.
Thank the Lord for freely giving me
Such a rich and abundant salvation.

🎵**Responsive Reading: 40:1-3,9-11**

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.
- 9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.
- 10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.
- 11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

🎵**Praise**

† 昨日今日直到永遠 **Yesterday, Today, Forever**

🎵 Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus stays the same.

What a glorious gospel message,
saving by His grace!

Through all ages, He forgives sin,
heals the sick and weak. Comforts sorrow,
calms the tempest—glory to His name!

🎵 Jesus came to be our Savior, friend to all in need.

Those who trust Him find redemption,
drawn to God in peace. He once said,

"I came to save you, not to judge your sin.

I have come to bring forgiveness,
cleansing your soul within."

(Chorus)

Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus stays the same.

[Though all things may change,

He never will—(glory to His name!)] (*) *3 []

🎵**Special Music**

† 揚聲讚美祂組曲 **Lift Up Your Voices Medley**
(死不能困祂 **Death Could Not Hold Him**)

🎵 Death could not hold Him in the graves,
Jesus Christ is risen, and forever He will reign,
So lift up your voice to give Him praise,
We're alive by the power of His name

🎵 Death, where's your victory?
grave, where's yours sting?
you have been defeated by the price of risen King,
Hal-le-lu-jah.

Death could not hold Him in the graves,

🎵 Jesus Christ is risen, and forever He will reign,
So lift up your voice to give Him praise,
We're alive by the power of His name x2

(揚聲讚美祂 **Lift Up Your Voices**)

🎵 [Lift up your voices, give shout of victory,
Jesus has triumphed over all the enemies,
Put on the robe of righteousness,
pick up the shield of faith,
Jesus has the victory, so rejoice to Him,
lift your voice praise,]
He has triumphed over death, the gate of hell ,
Rising up beyond the grave, He's reigning over all.

🎵 [] (Lift your voice praise)*3

🎵 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all
eternity.

🎵 Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began,
and ye who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of Man;
who every grief hath known that wrings
the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own,
that all in him may rest.

🎵 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.

☞ **Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

☞ **Sermon: All Things Work Together for Good**
~ Pastor Hsu

Am I asking, “Why is this happening to me?”

**I. All Things Work Together for Good –
Romans 8:28**

Romans 8:27, 28; 14:14 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

14:14 I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

“**Know**”: to know, to be certain, to be deeply convinced (**Romans 8:27, 28; 14:14**).

Romans 8:18, 23, 26, 33–35 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

33–35 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

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.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

“**All things**”: everything—experiencing suffering, inward groaning, weakness and inability to pray, being accused or condemned, and even feeling unable to sense God’s love (**Romans 8:18, 23, 26, 33–35**).

Mark 16:20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

2 Corinthians 6:1 As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.

“**Work together**”: to work together, to assist, to cooperate (**Mark 16:20; 2 Corinthians 6:1**).

Romans 13:4; 15:2 For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

15:2 Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

“**For good**”: good, to do what is beneficial, to bring benefit to a person (**Romans 13:4; 15:2**).

Joseph being sold and imprisoned, Moses being abandoned and shaped in the wilderness, David being despised and fleeing, Daniel being exiled and thrown into the lions’ den—every major crisis became a great turning point and a mighty miracle.

**II. Five Great Blessings for Those Who Love
God – Romans 8:29–30**

Romans 11:2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:

1 Peter 1:20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

1. God Foreknew – (Romans 11:2; 1 Peter 1:20)

God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew; Christ was also foreknown before the foundation of the world.

God knew us even before creation. Before we were born, He had already designed a beautiful plan for our lives.

1 Corinthians 2:7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God **destined for our glory before time began.**

Ephesians 1:5, 11 he **predestined** us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

11 In him we were also chosen, having been **predestined** according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. God Predestined (**1 Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 1:5, 11**)

God, before the ages began, **predestined** us for glory; He **predestined** us to be adopted as His children through Jesus Christ; and He **predestined** that in Him we would obtain an inheritance.

Romans 9:24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

3. God Calls – (**Romans 9:24**)

God **calls**—He summons, invites, and chooses. We are vessels whom God has called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles.

Romans 3:24; 5:1; 6:7; 8:33 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

5:1 Therefore, since we **have been justified** through faith, we **have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

6:7 because anyone who has died **has been set free from sin.**

8:33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

4. God Justifies (**Romans 3:24; 5:1; 6:7; 8:33**)

Through Jesus, we are **justified freely by grace** — declared righteous before God. We are **reconciled with God**, set free, released from sin and its power, and freed from every accusation.

Romans 8:18, 21; 9:23 I consider that our **present sufferings** are not worth comparing with **the glory** that **will** be revealed in us.

21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into **the freedom and glory of the children of God.**

9:23 What if he did this to make **the riches of his glory** known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory—

5. God Glorifies (**Romans 8:18, 21; 9:23**)

There will be an immense “glory” in the future, and the “glory” of the freedom of God's children will be enjoyed.

God will display the riches of His “glory” upon vessels of mercy, which He has prepared beforehand for “glory.”

The five great blessings are expressed in the simple past tense—they are already received, and can be enjoyed today.

God did not predestine “certain individuals,” but rather predestined the complete “plan of salvation.”

III. Those Who Love God = Imitating Christ – (**Romans 8:29**)

Philippians 3:21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our **lowly bodies** so that they will **be like his glorious body.**

“**To imitate**”: to become similar in form; we will be made like Jesus in His glorious body_ (**Philippians 3:21**).

1 Corinthians 11:7 A man ought not to cover his head,[a] since he is **the image** and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into **his image** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

“**Form / likeness**”: appearance, outward expression — being transformed into the Lord's glorious image (**1 Corinthians 11:7; 2 Corinthians 3:18**).

God desires to shape us into the image of His Son.

The greatest benefit is not success or problem-solving, but continual conformity to Jesus.

We no longer ask “Why is this happening to me?”—why.

Instead, we ask “How is this helping me become more like Jesus?” “What is God teaching me?”—what.

I desire to be like “Jesus,”
I desire to be like “spiritual people around me,”
I desire that “today I am more like Jesus than yesterday.”



☞ Responsive Hymn

† 榮耀的呼召 **Glorious Calling**

- ♪ [Let me be a living sacrifice and holy vessel
in Your hands.
For Your grace showers me to overflow.
Fill this jar of clay with Your mighty power.]*2
- ♪ {[Lift my hands and worship You, my Lord.
All I am and all I have are Yours.
May Your calling be the reason that I live
Pressing on the goal of Jesus Christ}*2
- ♪ (You are my only love my Savior
I will follow You.)*2 { } []

☞ Announcement

1. The Youth Fellowship will hold the *Unconditional Love* Worship and Testimony Gathering on Saturday, May 16 at 1:30 PM in the 1F Cloud Hall. High school and college students are warmly invited to join us and experience God's love through beautiful worship songs and life testimonies.
2. Our church has published the "*Heavenly Father's Letters*" e-newsletter. You are welcome to subscribe by scanning the QR code on page 1 of the bulletin, and engage in daily, in-depth meditation on God's Word. This week's Bible reading covers Mark chapters 12 to 14.

☞ 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 of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all, now and forevermore. Amen.

*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.*

❖ This Week's Gatherings

~ Welcome to invite new friends of all ages to join us

Seniors' Fellowship (松柏團契) (Seniors)

Tuesday 8:00 AM / 1F Cloud Hall

Lisa's "Keep Young with Dance" Class:

Couple Fellowship (家恩團契)

(Couples, married adults, and single parents)

· Super Family Fun :

Bonjour! Little Ears Listening to French:

Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Hope Hall

· Happy Moms Group :

Essential Oil Mosquito Repellent DIY:

Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Hope Hall

· Warm Garden Group : Easy & Joyful Living

Tuesday 10:30 AM / 5F Morning Star Hall

Careers Fellowship (晨星團契)

(Working young adults) *Love, You, Me, and God:*

Saturday 1:30 PM / B1 Sanctuary

Youth Fellowship (合一青年學院)

(High school to graduate students) *Unconditional Love*
— Worship & Testimony Gathering:

Saturday 1:30 PM / Meet at 1F Cloud Hall

Teens Fellowship (閃耀少年學院)

(Grade 6 to Grade 9)

Let's Go Picnic!

Saturday 10:30 AM / 1F Cloud Hall

Youth Worship:

Sunday 10:30 AM / 5F Morning Star Hall

Children Sunday School (希望種子學院)

(Preschool to Grade 5):

Easter Concert: **Sunday 10:00 AM**

Adult Sunday School

Sun 9:30 AM / 10:30 AM

Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting

Mon 7:10 PM / 4F Sanctuary