



🎵 **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:



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In God's Love

🎵 I worship You cause You first love me
only worship You
I often worship Lord, my God only worship You
🎵 [God's love God's love Be with Him in His love]x2

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Glory

🎵 Hallelujah *2 Glory's in this place
Hallelujah *2 Healing overflows
🎵 Hallelujah *2 Freedom's in this place
Sound of praise like many waters
Living God Your presence is here
🎵 You're the Alpha, Omega Forever the living God
I worship with all my heart Glory to the lamb
You're the righteous sun that shines on us
All nations will come before You
You're the holy one, bright morning star
Who was, is and who is to com

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Lord, I will Sing

🎵 Your perfect love reaches so high
Your faithfulness fills in the sky
Your holiness, beyond perfection
I will sing to You Lord, for all my days
🎵 Lord, I will sing of Your everlasting love
Declare Your praises every night and day
Lord, I will sing, I will praise Your wondrous works
I give You praise and glory evermore

🎵 **Responsive Reading: Psalm 43:1-5**

- 1 Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked.
- 2 You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?
- 3 Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
- 5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

🎵 **Praise**

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Thy Love, O Lord

🎵 Day and night do I think of thy love, oh ,Lord.
It's high and It's depth oh how great.
Pouring down like a great waterfall oh, Lord
Thy love doth my being elate.
Thou didst come down from hea'n for love's sake
oh, Lord
Forsaking thy glory and thy throne.
Thou was born son of man under Law oh, Lord
Without any wealth called thine own.
🎵 Like a savory feast is thy love oh, Lord
My whole being to satisfied.
How I thank thee for taking my place oh, Lord
To endure the cross and to die.
Thou hast rescue me from sin and death oh, Lord
Thy blood washed my heart white as snow.
Thou hast send thy spirit to help me oh, Lord.
That I might please thee here below
🎵 Day and night do I long for thy home oh, Lord,
That thou art preparing for me.
O, what joy to walk on streets of gold oh, Lord
No more pain and tears will I see.
To abide in thy grace and thy love oh, Lord
What blessing divine beyond compare.
For thy love is the same to the end oh, Lord.
Thy glory is seen everywhere.

Course:

🎵 All my love is poured out at thine feet oh, Lord,
None can satisfy my heart so well.
Most delightful and precious art thou oh, Lord.
I love in thine bosom to dwell.

🎵 **Special Music**

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Worship the Holy Lord

🎵 Worship the Lord, worship the Almighty Lord
Glory and power, all praise belongs to Him
Worship the Lord, worship the King of authority
From His throne, power flows out to all nations
🎵 Come and lift high, together lift high
The holy name of Jesus
Come and proclaim, together proclaim
Jesus, the glorious King
🎵 Worship the Lord, worship the worthy Lord
He gave His life, now glorified King of kings
🎵 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity
My God is most holy, reigning over all with majesty
Almighty Lord, glorious King
🎵 Worship the Lord, worship the Almighty Lord
(Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty)
Glory and power, all praise belongs to Him
Worship the Lord, worship the King of authority
From His throne, power flows out to all nations
He gave His life, now glorified King of kings
Holy, holy, holy Jesus my King

☞ **Scripture Reading: Mark 3:13-15, 35**

13 Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to Him those He wanted, and they **came to Him**.

14 He appointed twelve that they might **be with Him** and that He might **send them out to preach**,

15 and to **have authority to drive out demons**.

35 Whoever **does God's will** is My brother and sister and **mother**.

☞ **Sermon: Before the First Note** ~ Pastor Hsu

I. First Priority — “Being with the Lord” – (Mark 3:14-15)

Jesus prayed all night and appointed the twelve apostles.

The mission of the apostles:

1. To be with Jesus
2. To be sent out to preach
3. To receive authority to cast out demons

“Pursuing the Lord's presence” is more important than all work, abilities, and achievements.

Mark 3:5,10 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

The Lord's presence brings:

1. Healing -- (Mark 3:5,10)

The man's withered hand was immediately restored.

The Lord heals physical sickness, emotional wounds, and spiritual numbness.

Mark 3:11 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply 11 Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”

2. Freedom -- (Mark 3:11)

The Lord removes darkness, demonic oppression, sin, bad habits, and every bondage, bringing true freedom.

3. Purpose and Mission -- (Mark 3:14-15)

God gives us not only the best life, but also the best mission.

God sends us to preach the gospel with authority and power, to become witnesses of His Kingdom. What a great honor!

4. Intimacy as Jesus' Family -- (Mark 3:35)

We were once enemies of God, but now we have become members of His family.

We can understand Jesus' heart, walk closely with Him, join God's household, and receive His honor. This is an incredible blessing.

From Genesis to Revelation, the greatest blessing is Emmanuel — God with us.

The Lord's presence is greater than mighty armies, greater than the powers of darkness, greater than sickness and death.

Before facing ministry, work, studies, or relationships, we must first “tune our instruments” by drawing strength from and confirming the Lord's presence.

II. Tuning — “Keeping the Lord Before Our Eyes” – (Mark 3:13-14)

Jesus called people to Himself, and the disciples came to Him and experienced His presence.

Mark 3:6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 3:20-21,31-32 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.

21 When his family[a] heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

31-32 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

1. Remove Self-Righteousness

(Mark 3:6) The Pharisees “went out” and plotted to destroy Jesus.

“Self-righteous ideas” — We must let go of wrong theology, worldly thinking, and mistaken perspectives.

(Mark 3:20-21,31-32) Jesus' relatives thought He was out of His mind and stood “outside,” sending someone to call Him.

“Self-righteous identity” — Using our identity or position to demand things from Jesus. People may have experiences or status, but if they do not listen to the Lord's voice, “family members can become outsiders.”

Mark 3:8, 10, 34 When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea,

Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.

10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

35 Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

2. Listen to the Lord’s Voice

(Mark 3:13) Jesus called people, and the apostles came to Him.

(Mark 3:8,10) Many people heard about the great things Jesus had done and came to Him from everywhere.

(Mark 3:32,34,35) Many sat around Jesus, listening to Him speak.

The key to pursuing God’s presence is not miracles or supernatural experiences. The most important thing is listening to God’s Word.

Psalm 16:8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

3. Walk in the Lord’s Way – **(Mark 3:35)**

“To do God’s will” means hearing and obeying Him.

This is what makes us Jesus’ closest family.

(Psalm 16:8) “I have set the Lord always before me.”

This made David a man after God’s own heart.

(Luke 1:46-47) Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

The Key to Tuning — Draw Near to the Lord
Put on spiritual glasses — intentionally keep the Lord before your eyes.

At every critical moment and every important decision:

listen to the Lord’s voice, come before Him, and walk in His way.

“If Jesus must listen to me, family becomes outsiders;
if I listen to Jesus, outsiders become family.”
“Look at the Lord, not at yourself.”



☞ Responsive Hymn

† 只要有祢在我左右 **If My God Is With Me**

♪ Open up my eyes, Let me see Your angel armies

Though my enemies

Are closing in I still trust in You

Lord You are my strength,

You alone are my salvation

Your right hand in glorious power will cover me

Singing “If my God is with me,

whom then shall I fear?”

With Your spirit I will keep believing

I’ll never let You go

Oh, for if my God is with me,

whom then shall I fear?

There is no one like You now or ever

You are worthy, king of glory

♪ Who can stop us, or be against us

(I’m the chosen one of God*2)

☞ Announcement

1. The Couple Fellowship “Looking Back on Half a Century: A Journey of Grace” life testimony gathering will be held on Sunday, May 31, from 1:00–2:30 PM in the Main Sanctuary on the 4th floor.

Chairperson Chen Sai-Feng and his wife will share how they came to know God and have walked with Him through decades of grace-filled experiences. New friends are warmly welcome to attend.

To register, please contact a Couple Fellowship group leader. Lunch will be provided at noon, so registration is required for those who would like to eat.

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 Luke chapters 2 to 4.

☞ 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.

Adult Sunday School: Sun 9:30 AM

Kingdom Revival Prayer Meeting
Mon 7:10 PM / 4F Sanctuary

☞ **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

Silver Seniors Lisa Teacher

– “Move with Youthful Energy”

Couple Fellowship (家恩團契)

(Couples, married adults, and single parents)

· Super Family Fun : NTU Light Trip:

Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Hope Hall

· Happy Moms Group : NTU Light Trip:

Tuesday 10:15 AM / 5F Hope Hall

· Warm Garden Group : Sharing Perspectives:

Tuesday 10:30 AM / 5F Morning Star Hall

Careers Fellowship (晨星團契)

(Working young adults)

Storyteller Challenge Competition

Saturday 1:30 PM / B1 Sanctuary

Youth Fellowship (合一青年學院)

(High school to graduate students)

Storyteller Challenge Competition

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

Teens Fellowship (閃耀少年學院)

(Grade 6 to Grade 9)

Building Good Character Through Play –

Responsibility

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):

Sunday 10:00 AM