



Crossway Multinational Church

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dominion = area under the control of
 redemption = rescue

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 Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

November 8, 2020

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Welcome to Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
 the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER	8						12
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22				26	27	28
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
DECEMBER	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

8 Zoom only for worship services today and November 15

12 Breakout Sessions Today

22 Church Meeting, Anniversary Celebration

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: Give a big wave if...

- You have had to take a break from social media
- You tend to avoid social media anyway
- You have had some tension in relationships this week
- You have found a way to enjoy the beautiful weather!
- You are longing for God’s love to be poured out in our hearts together

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Oh, Worship the King

(Chinese)

齊來同敬拜

Oh, worship the King all glorious above,

齊當俯伏拜，榮耀大君王！

and gratefully sing His wonderful love.

主權能慈愛，我等當頌讚！

gratefully = with a thankful heart

6

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,

主亙古如盾牌，護我免災害，

pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

榮光罩若宮闈，頌聲環如帶。

Ancient of Days = a title for God
pavilioned = clothed
girded = surrounded

7

Oh, tell of His might, and sing of His grace,

主權能慈愛，我等當頌讚！

whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

光輝是主袍，穹蒼是主幔；

robe = clothing of high honor
canopy = decorative covering for a throne

8

His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
 我主若發義怒，雷雲當車乘，
 and dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
 狂風追逐暴雨，主在其中行。

chariots of wrath = God's work to bring justice
wings of the storm = actions of judgment

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Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
 人舌何能述，我主關切心，
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 主使風吹拂，主使光生明；

Thy = Your
bountiful = generous and good
recite = describe
breathes = provides for us

10

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain.
 主使高山泉源，下注遍平壤，
 and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
 又让甘霖時雨，潤澤各地方。

streams = flows like water
plain = large flat area of land
sweetly distills = quietly and pleasantly arrives

11

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 我原是微塵，懦弱無力量，
 in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
 專心依靠主，必能獲健康，

Frail = easily injured
feeble = weak, quick to fail
nor find thee to fail = God is always faithful

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Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 因主慈愛覆育，永遠無變更！
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
 至尊造化主宰，我救主大君。

how tender = kind and compassionate
firm = reliable
Redeemer = Rescuer

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Wahyu 1:9-18 | Revelation 1:9-18 Bahasa

Saya Yohanes, saudaramu yang senasib dengan kalian dalam penderitaan yang dialami setiap pengikut Kristus. Kita tabah menderita sebagai umat milik-Nya.

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus,

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Saya dibuang ke Pulau Patmos karena saya menyebarkan pesan dari Allah, yang dikuatkan oleh Yesus melalui kesaksian-Nya.

was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

testimony of Jesus = John's teaching that Jesus rose from the dead

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Pada hari Tuhan, saya dikuasai oleh Roh Allah, lalu saya mendengar suara yang keras--seperti bunyi trompet--berbicara di belakang saya.

On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

the Lord's Day = Sunday

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Suara itu berkata, "Tulislah apa yang kaulihat, dan kirimkanlah buku itu kepada tujuh jemaat yang berikut: Efesus, Smirna, Pergamus, Tiatira, Sardis, Filadelfia, dan Laodikia."

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Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea = seven cities in Turkey

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Saya menoleh ke belakang untuk melihat siapa itu yang berbicara kepada saya. Lalu saya melihat tujuh buah kaki lampu yang terbuat dari emas.

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

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Di tengah-tengah kaki-kaki lampu itu berdiri seorang yang kelihatan seperti manusia. Ia memakai jubah yang panjangnya sampai di kaki. Di dada-Nya Ia memakai tutup dada emas.

and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

sash = belt

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Rambut-Nya putih seperti bulu domba, seputih kapas. Mata-Nya bernyala-nyala seperti api; kaki-Nya berpijar seperti tembaga yang dibakar. Suara-Nya seperti deru air terjun yang besar.

The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

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Tangan kanan-Nya memegang tujuh bintang, dan dari mulut-Nya keluar sebilah pedang tajam yang bermata dua. Muka-Nya bersinar seperti matahari pada siang hari bolong.

In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

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I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

hold the keys = have complete authority over
Hades = place of the dead

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Revelation 1:9-18 | Wahyu 1:9-18 (Bahasa)

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to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

要照着所安排的，在时机成熟的时候，使天上、地上、一切所有的，都在基督里面同归于一。

fulfillment = end purpose

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You Are God Alone

You are not a god created
by human hands
You are not a god dependent
on any mortal man
You are not a god in need of
anything we can give
By Your plan that's just the way it is

mortal = limited

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You are God alone
 from before time began
 You were on Your throne
 You are God alone
 And right now in the good times and bad
 You are on Your throne
 You are God alone

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You're the only God whose power
 none can contend
 You're the only God whose name and
 praise will never end
 You're the only God who's worthy
 of everything we can give
 You are God.
 That's just the way it is

contend = challenge
name = reputation

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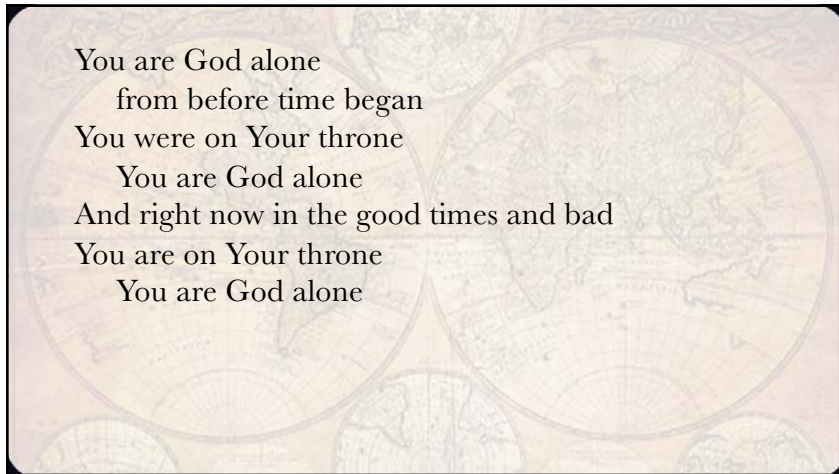
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You're unchangeable
 You're unshakable
 You're unstoppable
 that's what You are
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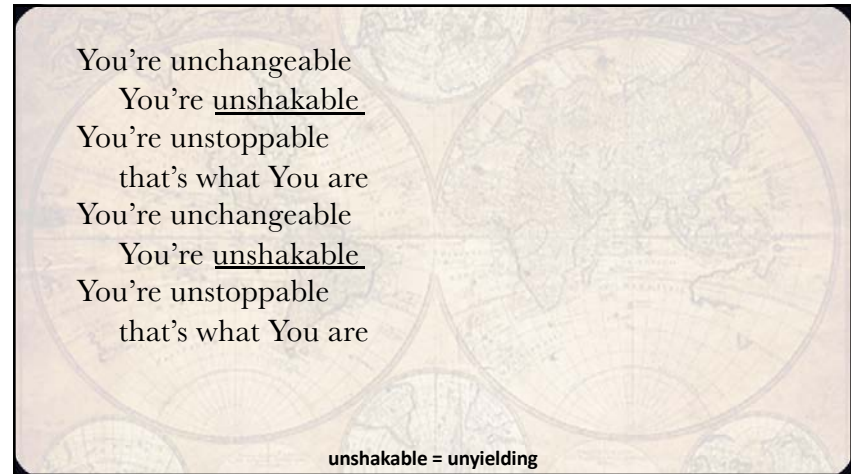
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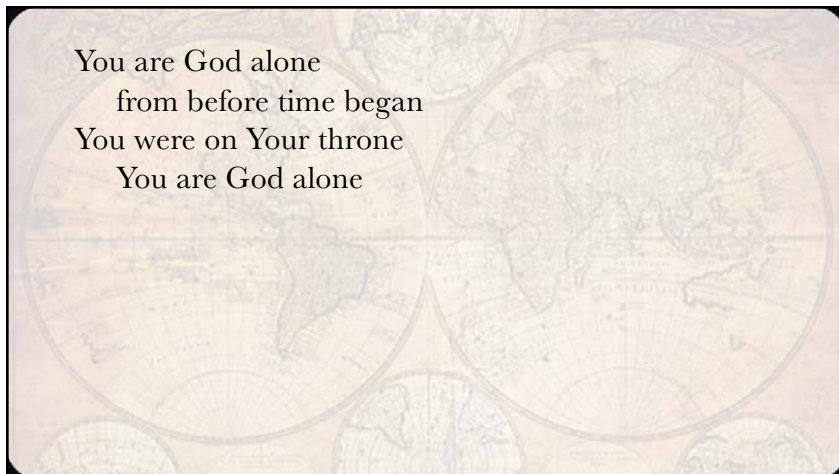
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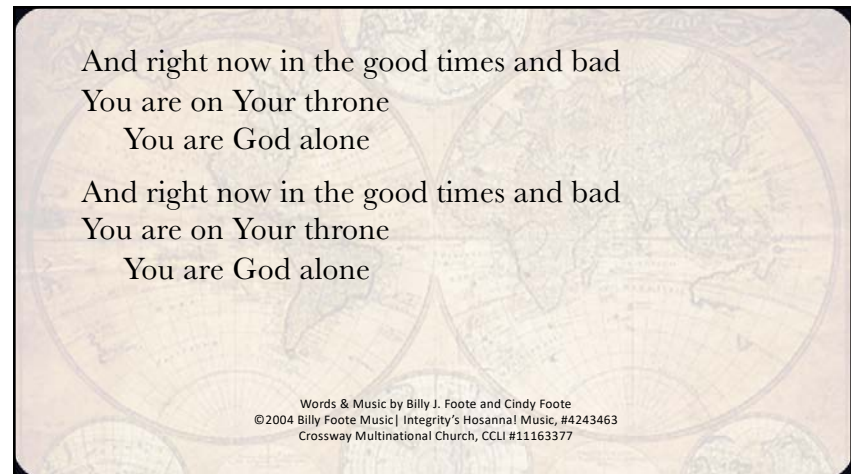
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Spanish

Behold Our God

¿Quién formó las olas al hablar?
Who has held the oceans in His hands?

¿Quién contó la arena en el mar?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Reyes pueblos tiemblan a Su voz.
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.

La creación le rinde adoración.
All creation rises to rejoice.

numbered = counted
 tremble = bow in complete submission

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Spanish

Contempla a Dios en Su trono está.
Behold our God, seated on His throne.

Venid y adoradle.
Come, let us adore Him.

Contempla al Rey, nadie es como Él,
Behold our King, nothing can compare,

¡Venid y adoradle!
come, let us adore Him!

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English

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
¿Quién le dio consejo al Señor?

Who can question any of His Words?
¿Quién cuestiona lo que Él habló?

Who can teach the One who knows all things?
¿Quién al sabio Dios puede enseñar?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
¿Quién comprende Su gran majestad?

counsel = advice
 question = object to
 fathom = fully understand

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English

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
¿Quién sufrió los clavos en dolor?
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
¿Quién llevó el mal del pecador?
 God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesucristo humilde al perecer
 Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!
¡Ha triunfado y reina con poder!

bearing = carrying as if His own
 grave = death
 risen = resurrected

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<p>Men:</p> <p>Reinarás por siempre, <i>You will reign for ever.</i></p> <p>Reinarás por siempre, <i>You will reign for ever.</i></p>	<p>Women:</p> <p>Let Your Glory fill the earth. <i>que Tú gloria brille hoy.</i></p> <p>Let Your Glory fill the earth. <i>que Tú gloria brille hoy.</i></p>
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You will reign for ever.
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Women:
que Tú gloria brille hoy.
Let Your Glory fill the earth.

You will reign for ever.
Reinarás por siempre,

que Tú Gloria...
Let Your Glory fill...

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Sing either language

Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Contempla a Dios en Su trono está.
Come, let us adore Him.
Venid y adoradle.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Contempla al Rey, nadie es como Él.
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Yoruba
from Southwest Nigeria

Wa Wa Wa Ẹmimimọ

Wa Wa Wa Ẹmimimọ
Come! O, Holy Spirit, come!

Wa Wa Wa alagbara
Come! O, mighty Spirit, come!

Wa o Wa o Wa o
Come, Lord! Come now. Come, Lord!

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Wa Wa Wa Ẹmimimọ (Ẹmioloye)
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Come! O, Holy Spirit, come! (Holy Spirit come)
Wa Wa Wa Ẹmimimọ (Ẹmioloye)
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Wa Wa Wa alagbara (alagbara giga)
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Wa o Wa o Wa o (Ẹmioloye)

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Prayer of Confession

Whoever does not love does not know God,
 because God is love.

1 John 4:8

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Words of Assurance

This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ...
If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:10, 12

atoning sacrifice = a costly offering to God to restore our relationship with God
sins = immorality or disloyalty to God

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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

chasm = giant separation
desperation = having lost almost all hope

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Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

fathom = fully understand
grace = forgiveness and love
wear = take as His own
bear = take responsibility for

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The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
 The King of kings calls me His own
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
 Jesus Christ, my living hope

spoken = declared my forgiveness

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Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
 You have broken every chain,
 there's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah = Praise the Lord!
 grip = control over

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Then came the morning that sealed the promise
 Your buried body began to breathe
 Out of silence, the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me

sealed = fully accomplished
 Roaring Lion = Jesus Christ in victory
 claim on = control over

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Jesus Christ, my living hope
 O God, You are my living hope

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Prayer of Intercession

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, hallowed = treated as holy
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, debts = how we have offended God
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, debtors = those who have offended us
 but deliver us from the evil one. *Matthew 6:9-13*
 For yours in the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever.
 Amen.

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Not what I expected...

Sometimes what we get is not what we expected

- When might that happen?
- When has it happened to you?

**Sometimes life, even as we follow God,
 is not what we expected
 and is not what we would choose.**

Then what?

Where is that true for you today? for someone you care for?

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Not what I expected...
Luke 7:18-35

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John the Baptist's life & ministry

Miraculous birth & prophecy: Prepare for Jesus

- Parents (Zechariah and Elizabeth) could never have kids, and then they were past the age of having kids
- An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah:
 "Your prayer has been heard. Elizabeth will bear you a son... He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God... He will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." *Luke 1:13-17*

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Miraculous birth & prophecy: Prepare for Jesus

He preached to prepare people for Jesus' power

- John came "preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." *Luke 3:7*
- John said: "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come... **He will baptize** you with the Holy Spirit and **with fire**. His **winnowing fork is in his hand** to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire**." *Luke 3:16-17*

winnowing fork = tool to separate good grain from unusable remains
chaff = dust left after gathering the good grain

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He preached to prepare people for Jesus' power

He baptized Jesus

- "When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.
- And a voice came from heaven:
'You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.'" *Luke 3:21-22*

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Miraculous birth & prophecy: Prepare for Jesus

He preached to prepare people for Jesus' power

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Then he spent the rest of his life in prison

- "But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison." *Luke 3:19-20*
- John would later be beheaded by Herod while still in prison

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John the Baptist's life & ministry

Miraculous birth & prophecy: Prepare for Jesus

He preached to prepare people for Jesus' power

He baptized Jesus

Then he spent the rest of his life in prison

And this is not what John expected or wanted...

- Perhaps Luke wanted us to find ourselves in John's experiences and to learn with him

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the one who is to come = God's Promised One to bring God's Kingdom

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At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases,
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 were blind.

So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to
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After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the
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"What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed
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 clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. But what did
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Luke 7:18-35

18-20:

- John's anticipation: God's Kingdom is coming with power and judgment
 - Prophecy about John: he would come just before "the **great and dreadful day** of the LORD." *Malachi 4:5*
 - John said: "The **axe is already at the root of the trees**, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be **cut down and thrown into the fire**... He will **baptize with fire**... The **winnowing fork** is in his hand... He will **burn the chaff with unquenchable fire**." *Luke 3:9-17*

21-31:

24-30:

31:35:

winnowing fork = tool to separate good grain from unusable remains
chaff = dust left after gathering the good grain

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*Luke 7:18-35*18-20: **Sometimes God's ways don't fit our hopes and plans**

- John heard about Jesus' miracles and teaching
 - "News about Jesus spread..." *Luke 7:17*
 - Perhaps John expected something **different**
 - Jesus' hometown tried to kill Him and Jesus left!
 - Jesus preached "Love and do good to your enemies" rather than bringing the judgment of God
 - Perhaps John expected something **more**
 - Jesus came proclaiming freedom for the prisoners, yet John was in prison with little hope of release
- 21-23: → Judgment will come in Jesus' second coming...
- 24-30: → Judgment will come in Jesus' second coming...
- 31:35: • Perhaps Luke's readers felt like John the Baptist...

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Perhaps WE feel like John the Baptist

"**Hope deferred makes the heart sick**,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." *Proverbs 13:12*

Our hopes and prayers often seem to go unanswered

- The longings of our hearts: peace (Shalom): health, wholeness, deep loving relationships, needs met, ...
- Mystery of ministry: Is it doing any good? Why is it so hard?

Hopes deferred are **so much harder** when you believe in a God of all power and great compassion

who answers prayer

What did Jesus say to John? What does Jesus say to us?

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- While John's disciples watch, Jesus does many physical and spiritual miracles → intentional answer?
- Jesus' answer to John's doubts:
look at the work God has **begun**
 - It is **ONLY** a beginning, with many ups and downs
- Shocking words of Jesus: "Blessed are the people who don't leave God **because of Jesus!**"

24-30: • Blessing comes when people trust Jesus

31:35: even when there are still troubles and questions

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24-30:

- John was very different from other leaders
- Jesus affirms John the Baptist
 - A bold messenger who prepared people for God's Messiah and announced Jesus' arrival
 - John was the greatest because he was the final step before Jesus
 - Greater than Moses, Isaiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, ...
- Even in John's doubts & being rejected by powerful

31:35:

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- Yet the least in the Kingdom is greater than John!
 - Emphasis on the greatness of the Kingdom
 - Even for the lowest in society: tax collectors
 - Even a "nobody" or a "sinner" who genuinely trusts
- Rejecting Jesus brings a great loss!
 - Even for the highest in society: Pharisees, rich, ...
 - Rejecting Jesus and Jesus' representatives (John and prophets) = rejecting God and God's blessing

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- "This generation" = people who reject God's ways
 - When God's ways don't match our expectations
 - When God's ways don't match our values
- "Children of Wisdom" = those who trust God, even when it isn't easy or obvious
- "Proved right" = declare and experience the unfolding good works and plans of God

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The Big Idea

Jesus said: "Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."
 Jesus was giving both a warning and an invitation...

**Blessing comes
 when we trust and follow Jesus
 even when He doesn't run things
 the way we would expect or want**

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Back-seat Drivers

- Not in the driver's seat
- Excessively comment, question, and critique the driver

Jesus is the driver of His Kingdom, the renewal of all creation

With Jesus in the driver's seat, sometimes we question His driving...

- Hearts:** we worry, despair, doubt, get angry, "long for Egypt", ...
- Mouths:** we grumble & complain & criticize & question
- Feet:** we take the wheel or get a new driver or leave the car



A cartoon illustration of a car's interior. The driver is Jesus, with a halo, looking forward. Three passengers in the back seat are expressing their dissatisfaction. One says "THIS ISN'T GOOD!", another says "Let me help.", and the third says "WATCH OUT!". A speech bubble from the driver says "GO THAT WAY".

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Application

Trust Jesus...
 even when things aren't the way we expect or want

- Luke's purpose: "...so that you may **know the certainty** of the things you have been taught." *Luke 1:4*
 - Not merely historical accuracy
 - Rather: The absolute truth of the Gospel as the fundamental definition and foundation of our lives
 - Jesus is building His Kingdom and His Church even when we go against God's ways even when others (in power) go against God's ways even when we have more troubles and pains and challenges so we join His work as we trust Him with our lives

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Application

Trust Jesus...
 even when things aren't the way we expect or want

- Faith is trusting the love, power, and grace of Jesus even when it seems like He has forgotten us or left us or led us astray or let the wrong people steer or...
 - His ways are often surprising, but never faulty or late
- No human being is worthy of this kind of trust!
- When Lazarus was sick, Jesus chose not to go see Him
 - Jesus let Lazarus die
 - so He could raise Lazarus from the dead
 - and teach the disciples (and us) that He can be trusted even in the most extreme troubles

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John (the apostle) told of a time when Jesus' actions and teaching were really hard for the disciples. They were grumbling, and Jesus asked them, "Does this offend you?" John said: "From this time many of his disciples **turned back and no longer followed him**. 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.' " *John 6:66-69*

Peter didn't say: "It all makes sense to me! This is easy!"
Peter did say: "We trust you alone as the Holy One of God."

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Obey Jesus boldly, even when the road isn't clear

- Love and follow God with all that we have and are
 - Follow the road He has called us to with courage and hope
- Love our neighbors as ourselves
 - Even our enemies and those who attack us
- These things can be costly = suffering
- "So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." *1 Peter 4:19*
 commit themselves = put selves in His protection

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Application

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Rejoice that we are citizens of the Kingdom of God!

- The "least" in Jesus' Kingdom is greater than Moses, or David, or Jeremiah, or Daniel, or Ezekiel, .**Really!!**
- Even when, **and especially when**, the other "kingdoms" we're in (country, church, family, friends, ...) aren't what (we think) they are supposed to be

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The Big Idea

**Blessing comes
when we trust and follow Jesus
even when He doesn't run things
the way we would expect or want**

**Where in life are you struggling with the way God is
running things (or letting them be run)?**

**Here is an invitation to being blessed by God Himself:
Trust and follow Jesus, and rejoice that you are His**

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There is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.

throne = supreme ruler
every tongue = all peoples

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Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

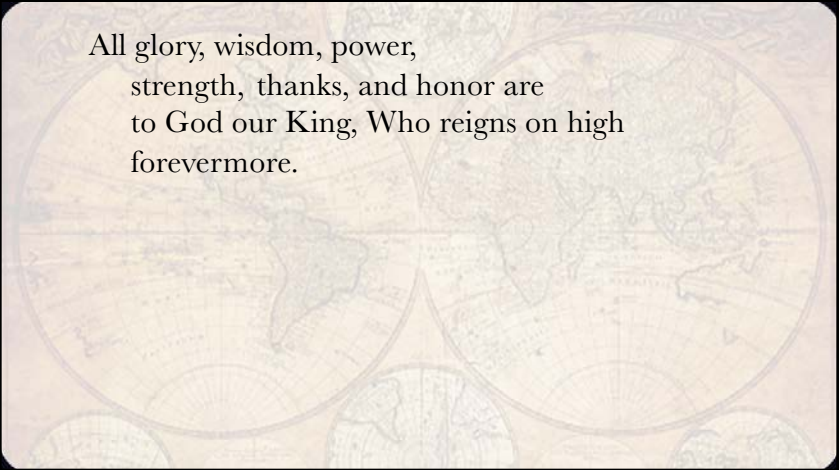
Son, Lamb = Jesus Christ

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Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies
their praises rise.

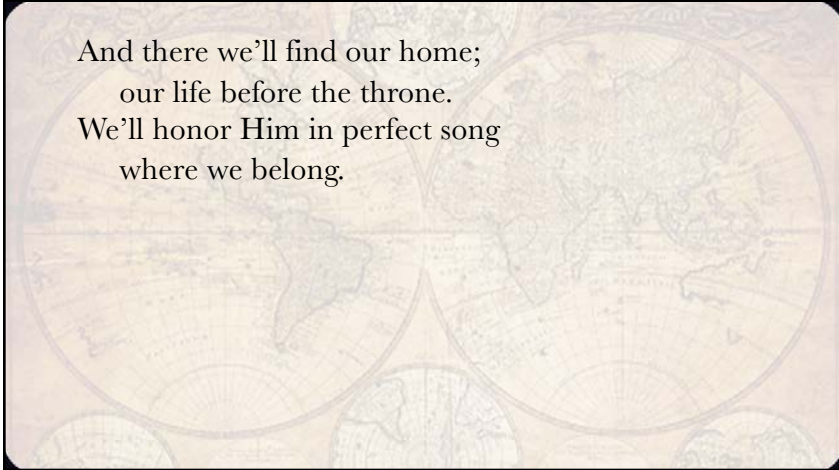
thunderous anthem rings = loud, triumphant songs of praise
emerald = bright green
courts = where judge gives verdicts
sapphire = bright blue and highly valuable

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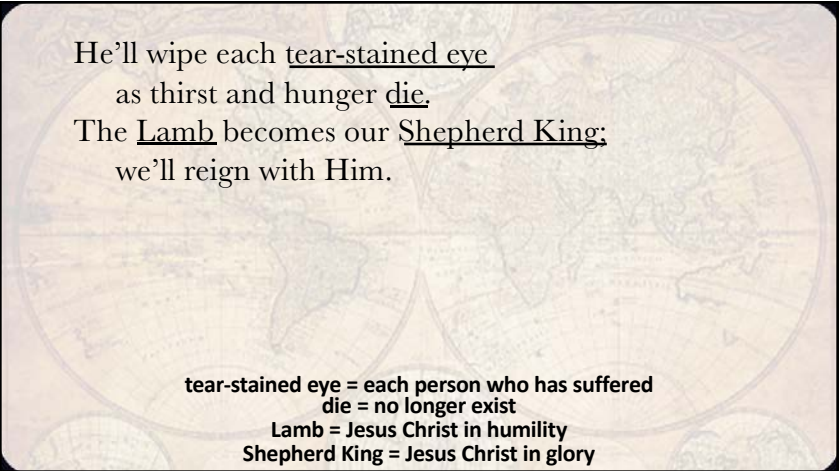
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And there we'll find our home;
our life before the throne.
We'll honor Him in perfect song
where we belong.


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He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with Him.

tear-stained eye = each person who has suffered
die = no longer exist
Lamb = Jesus Christ in humility
Shepherd King = Jesus Christ in glory

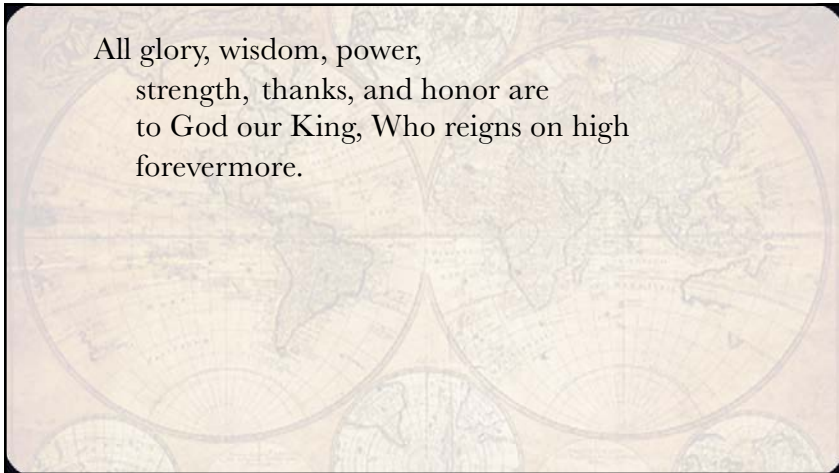
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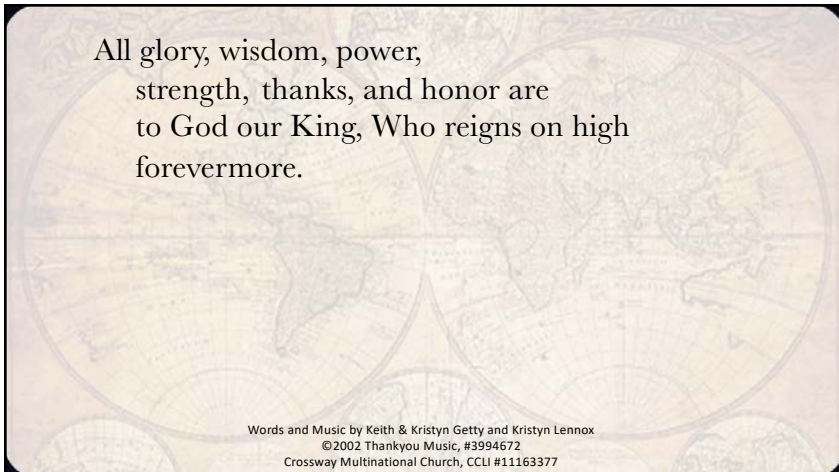
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