



Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
Technical difficulties?
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Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

Psalm 145:3

fathom = fully comprehend

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

April 25, 2021

1

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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Stop the Spread of Germs


Help prevent the spread of
respiratory diseases like COVID-19.




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Stay at least 6 feet
(about 2 arm lengths)
from other people.



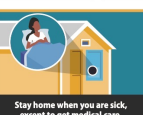
Cover your cough or sneeze with a
tissue, then throw the tissue in the
trash and wash your hands.



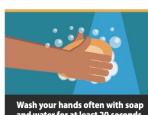
When in public, wear
a mask over your
nose and mouth.




Do not touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect
frequently touched
objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick,
except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap
and water for at least 20 seconds.

Crossway COVID Practices

When in the building...

1. Wear facemasks over nose and mouth all the time you are in the building (except under 2 years old, if medically necessary, and to drink water or take the Lord's Supper)
2. Keep 6 feet between households *Before, during, and after the service*
3. Stay home if not feeling well or you have been exposed
4. We are doing temperature checks at the door

Note: When someone speaks from the platform, they'll remove their mask to speak

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for church e-mails
tiny.cc/cmcontact

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

CMC Family Room Zoom
7-8:30pm

The Lord's Supper

Prayer Gathering
4:30-5:30pm

You are invited to come in person!
<https://crosswaymchurch.org/worship-service/>

4

CMC Family Room Zoom

Purpose

- Create a safe space for open conversations together about race, ethnicity, and nationality
- Help us as a church grow together in God's vision for our church and for the Church

Details

- April 27, 7-8:30pm @ tiny.cc/cmclive
- See tiny.cc/familyroomzoom → questions we'll ask

Contact

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- Saweda Liverpool-Tasie ➡ sawedal@gmail.com
- Pastor John ➡ johnbell@crosswaymchurch.org

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”
A special welcome to those who are visiting with us today!

Waving poll: Give a big wave if...

- You love to cook
- You cook because food is necessary
- You do your best to avoid cooking
- You have learned new ways or new recipes to cook in the past year
- You love to “appreciate” what other people cook
- You are eager to have your soul nourished by God today

6

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fathom = fully comprehend

7

Holy, Holy, You are Holy

Heaven opened to Isaiah,
showing him God's glorious throne.
Lord of might, high and exalted;
temple flowing with his robe.

Isaiah = Prophet who was in God's presence
flowing = filled with
robe = symbol of God's presence

8

Seraphim flew all around him,
humbled at the holy sight.
As they circled they were singing,
calling out with all their might.

Seraphim = angels

9

“Holy, holy, you are holy,”
every angel voice proclaims,
“All the earth reflects your glory,
every tongue sings out your praise!”

10

Seraphim continue singing,
cherubim still lift their praise.
Earth and all its creatures worship,
moon and stars are still amazed.

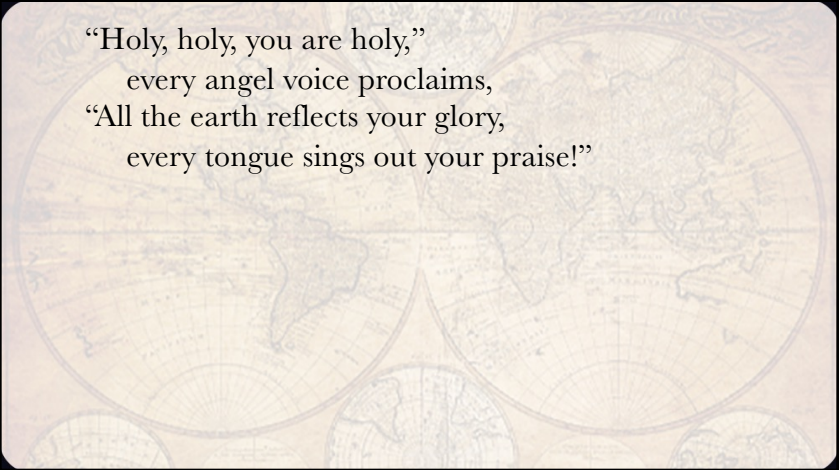
Seraphim & cherubim = angels

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Now above creation's chorus
comes another fervent cry:
all of earth's redeemed are singing,
“Glory to the Lord on high!”

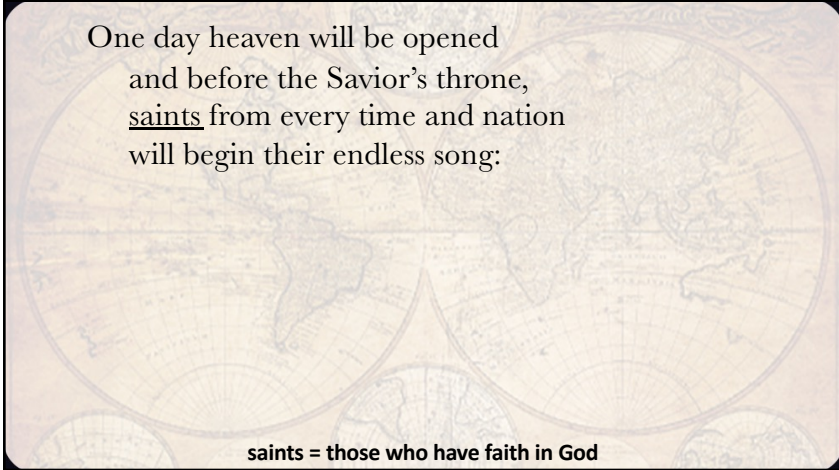
fervent = passionate
redeemed = the people God rescued

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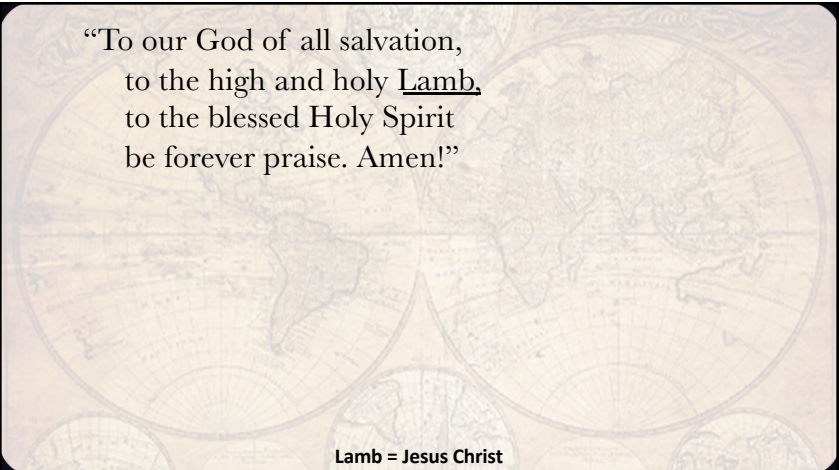
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One day heaven will be opened
and before the Savior’s throne,
saints from every time and nation
will begin their endless song:

saints = those who have faith in God

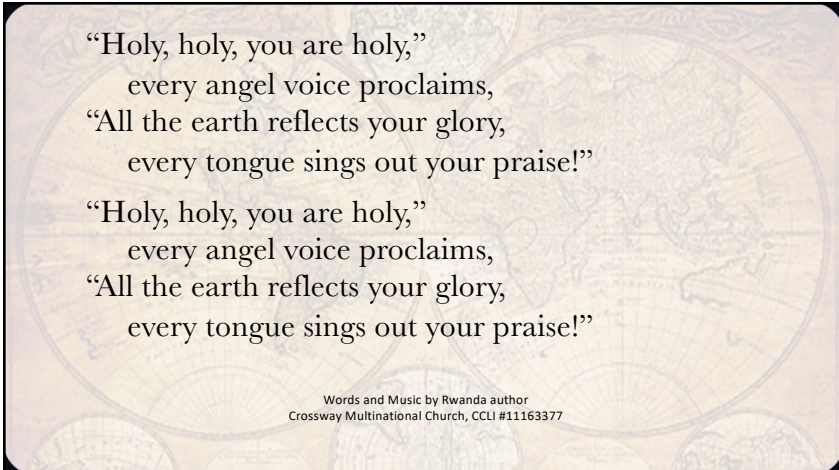
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“To our God of all salvation,
to the high and holy Lamb,
to the blessed Holy Spirit
be forever praise. Amen!”

Lamb = Jesus Christ

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诗篇 96 * Psalm 96

Chinese

你们要向耶和华唱新歌！
全地都要向耶和华歌唱！
要向耶和华歌唱，称颂他的名！
天天传扬他的救恩！

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

17

在列国中述说他的荣耀！
在万民中述说他的奇事！
因耶和华本为大，当受极大的赞美；
他在万神之上，当受敬畏。
因万民的神明都属虚无；
惟独耶和华创造诸天。

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*

feared = revered, worshiped

18

有尊荣和威严在他面前，
有能力与华美在他圣所。
民中的万族啊，要将荣耀、能力归给耶和华，
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要将耶和华的名所当得的荣耀归给他，
拿供物来进入他的院宇。

*Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.*

Splendor = Magnificence
sanctuary = where God is worshiped
Ascribe = Declare to be true, Assign
courts = the temple

19

当敬拜神圣荣耀的耶和华，
全地都要在他面前战抖！
要在列国中说：“耶和华作王了！
世界坚定，不得动摇；
他要按公正审判万民。”

*Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.*

tremble = fully submit
equity = evenly, without bias

20

愿天欢喜，愿地快乐！
 愿海和其中所充满的澎湃！
 愿田和其中所有的都欢乐！
 那时，林中的树木都要在耶和华面前欢呼。

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
 let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
 let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*

resound = be filled with joyful sound
 be jubilant = rejoice

21

因为他来了，他来要审判全地。
 他要按公义审判世界，
 按信实审判万民。

*Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
 he comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world in righteousness
 and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

judge = rule

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Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts
 You traced the mountain peaks
 You paint the evening skies with wonders
 The earth, it is Your throne
 From desert to the sea
 All nature testifies Your splendor

traced = drew
 testifies = serve as evidence of
 splendor = magnificence

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Praise the Lord
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 Sing His greatness
 All creation

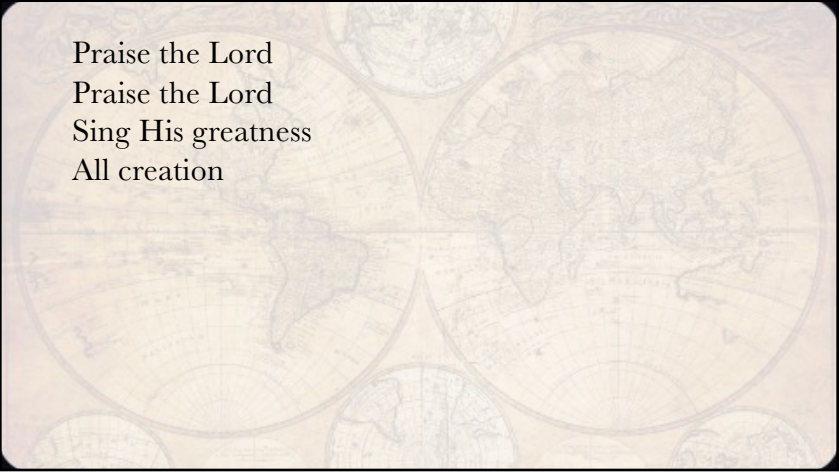
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Praise the Lord
 Raise your voice
 You heights and all you depths
 From furthest east to west
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

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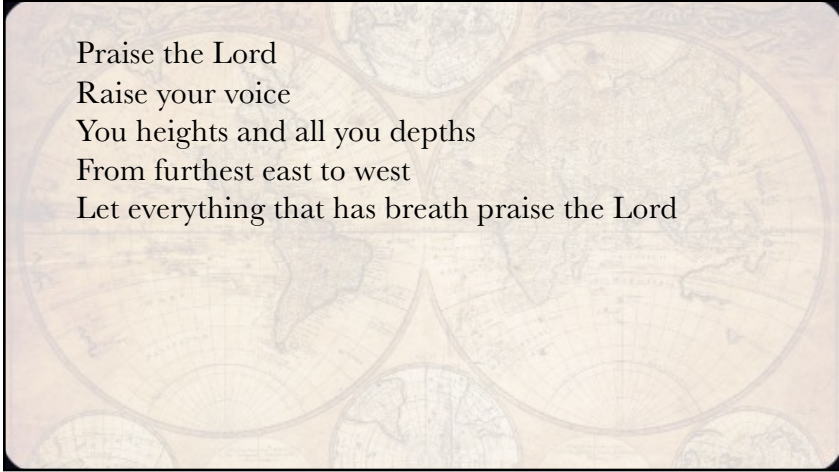
You reached into the dust
 In love, Your Spirit breathed
 You formed us in Your very likeness
 To know Your wondrous works
 To tell Your mighty deeds
 To join the everlasting chorus

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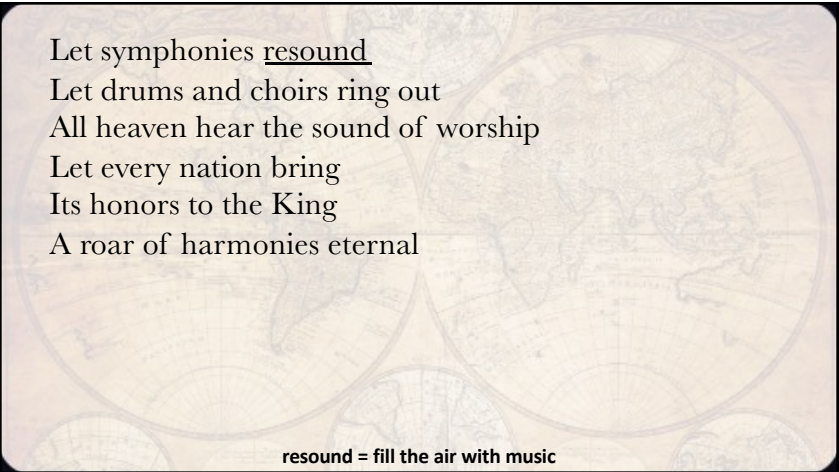
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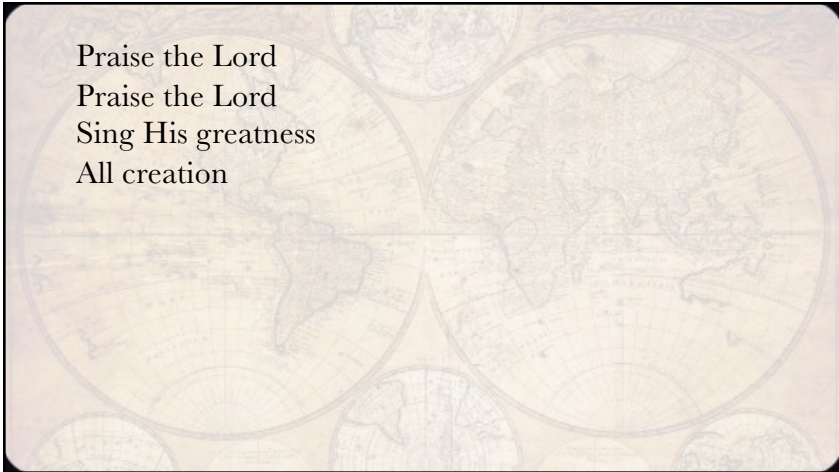
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Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

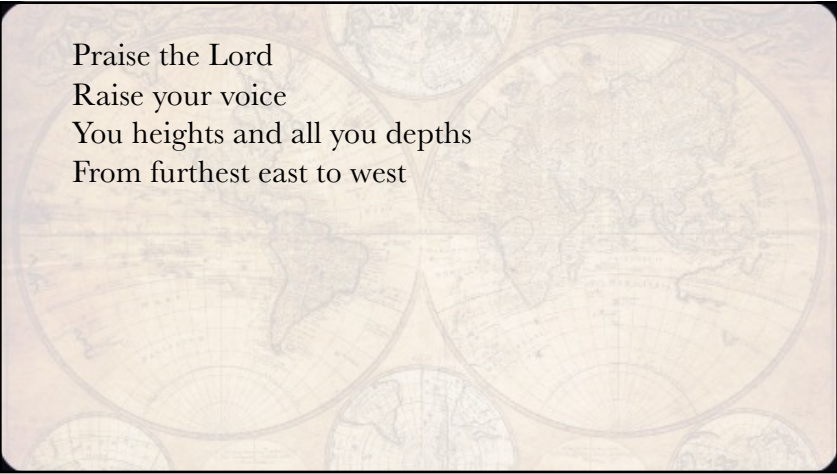
resound = fill the air with music

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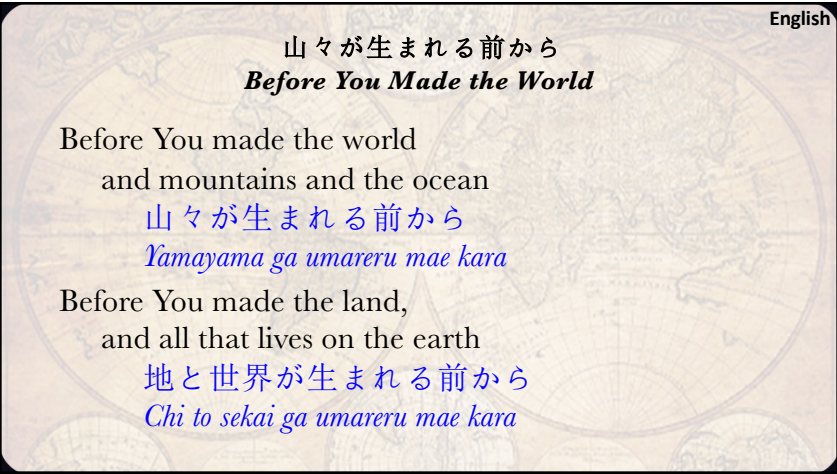
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You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

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山々が生まれる前から
Before You Made the World

Before You made the world
and mountains and the ocean
山々が生まれる前から
Yamayama ga umareru mae kara

Before You made the land,
and all that lives on the earth
地と世界が生まれる前から
Chi to sekai ga umareru mae kara

39



From eternity to eternity, You alone are God
とこしえからとこしえまであなたは神
Tokoshie kara tokoshie made anata wa kami

40

A summer flower blooms in the morning sun

朝は花を咲かせても
Asa wa hana wo sakasetemo

But quickly wilts away at the end of a day

夕べにしおれ枯れてゆく
Yuube ni shiore karete yuku

wilts = dry up and fall

41

Like the flower we fade away, our lives are passing by

人はうつろう草のよう
Hito wa utsurou kusa no you

Only You are eternal

あなたは神
Anata wa kami

42

Our days are filled with Your love and Your grace,
the joyful song rings in our souls

あなたの恵みに満ち 喜びの歌を
Anata no megumi ni michi yorokobi no uta wo

We offer all our prayers and songs to You everyday

すべての日々に捧げたい
Subete no hibi ni sasagetai

grace = gift of love and forgiveness
rings = fills

43

We pray that we may see Your splendorous works
unfold before us, and Your glorious power

見せてください その御業 栄光の御力を
Misete kudasai sono miwaza eikou no michikara wo

splendorous = grand and beautiful
unfold = become visible

44

We pray You guide us in our deeds,
 make us Your instruments, for our God eternal
 私たちの働きをもちいてください
Watashi tachi no hataraki wo mochiite kudasai

instruments = people to do His good works

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Be Exalted, O God

(Chinese)

至高真神

I will give thanks to Thee,

我要向祢稱謝

O Lord, among the peoples.

哦，主，在萬民當中

I will sing praises to Thee

我要讚美祢的名

among the nations.

在列邦之中

Exalted = held high, worshiped
Thee = you (Old English)
peoples = nations

60

For Thy steadfast love is great,
 祢的慈愛不改變
 is great to the heavens,
 慈愛高過諸天
 and Thy faithfulness,
 祢的信實
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
 祢的信實達到穹蒼

Thy = your (Old English)

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Be exalted, O God,
 至高真神，哦，主
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Prayer of Confession

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Philippians 4:6-9

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Prayer of Assurance

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Ku Ada (I'm Here)

Bahasa

Ku ada s'bab anugrah-mu
I am here because of your grace
 Ku ada kar'na kasih-mu
I am here because of your love
 Tuhan Yesus, ku bert'rima kasih
Lord Jesus, I am so thankful
 Buat kasih rahmat-mu
For your grace abounds to me

grace = forgiveness and love

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T'rima kasih Yesus
Thank you, Jesus, Jesus
 Yesus, t'rima kasih
Jesus, thank you, Jesus
 Hanya anug'rah-mu, buat hidupku s'karang
It's only by your grace, that I could live today
 Ku 'kan memuji-mu selamanya
Forever I will praise your name

grace = forgiveness and love

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Low Expectations

Why might it be more comfortable to have low expectations in life?

When might we choose low expectations?

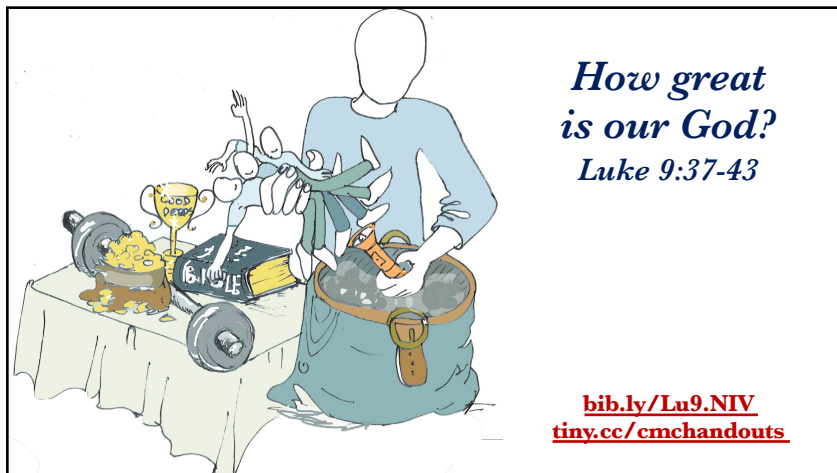
Why is it risky to have high expectations?

What is a downside for having low expectations?

**How might we be living with low expectations
for God and His work in the world?**

"Jesus, open our hearts to see and know your glory."

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Tightly connected stories in Luke: glory and suffering

“Once when Jesus was praying...” *Luke 9:19*
Jesus is God’s Messiah. He will suffer, die, and be raised again to life
Jesus’ disciples must also deny themselves, take up their crosses daily, and follow Jesus

“About eight days after Jesus said this...” *Luke 9:28*
Peter, John, and James saw Jesus’ visible glory
God the Father said: “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.”

“The next day...” *Luke 9:37*
This miracle story

“While they were marveling...” *Luke 9:43*
Jesus will be betrayed and suffer at the hands of people

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Luke 9:37-43

The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

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“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

perverse = twisted, distorted

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Notes about Luke 9:37–43

This man was facing a **personal disaster**

- He had compassion on his own son
- Seizures brought shame upon the whole family
- This would be the end of his bloodline

The disciples had just been able to cast out demons

- Here they tried and failed
- Jesus tells us why: they were “**unbelieving and perverse**”

Jesus rebuked the disciples & the people before rebuking the demon!

- Jesus was exasperated with the disciples and people

Jesus easily did what the disciples could not do

- “**But Jesus...**” → a great response to all of life’s troubles
- Demon gave one last effort to defy Jesus → will we still trust?

Disciples & people: amazed/astonished at Jesus’ power

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The Big Idea

**God has astounding power
that He loves to use today
in divine wisdom
and in response to our faith-filled prayer
through the grace of Christ**

grace = forgiveness, love, and compassion

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Or do we just live with an empty bag?



**When we pack our bags
for our days, what do we
fill our bags with?**

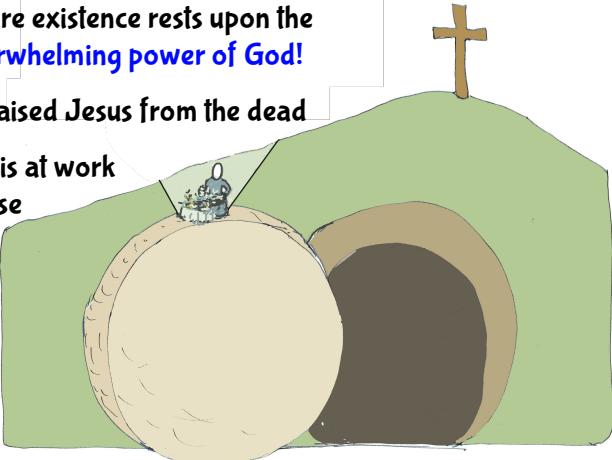
**What will bring about the
good we want?**

- Friends & family
- Our strength
- Our hard work
- Our successes
- Our resources
- Our wisdom
- And God...

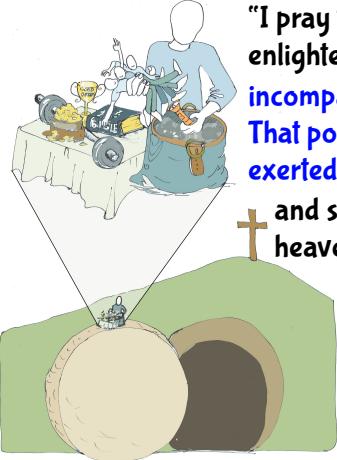
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In reality, our entire existence rests upon the **amazing and overwhelming power of God!**
 ...the power that raised Jesus from the dead

That same power is at work every day for those who believe in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ!



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"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know ... **his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead** and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."

Ephesians 1:18–21

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An unbelieving and perverse generation

Unbelieving: literally "not believing"

– Without faith: not believing or trusting God

Perverse:

- to distort, turn away from, divert to a different place
- morality: perverse, corrupt
- worldview and beliefs: replace good ideas with bad ideas

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Our *twisted thinking* about God's work in the world today

We don't really need God's help
 We can do what is needed if we just try harder or
 work smarter or use better technology or technique
 God can't or won't do what we need
 God might help others, but He can't or won't help me
 God doesn't do miracles in the modern world
 Maybe I can get God to help me in my unloving ways
 If God will help me, then I'll plan to follow His ways later
 I know better than God what He should do!

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Straight (untwisted) thinking

God alone has the power to do what I really need
 When God's purposes and our purposes are aligned,
 He delights to answer our prayers
 My purposes are aligned with God's when my purposes
 are to love Him and to love people and build His Kingdom
 God is a generous God who is active God in our world today
 God loves to give good gifts to His children who ask Him
 When God doesn't give what I ask,
 He has planned something even better

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Defeaters of God's power in our lives...

Sometimes we don't even ask God for what matters so much to us

"You do not have because you do not ask God." *James 4:2*

We so often don't turn to God when...

- our lives are relatively safe
- our needs are generally met
- we believe in the power of technology
- we think things are supposed to work for our good

**Others know the troubles are too big, they ask God,
 and He is doing miracles!**

- Consider the underground church in Iran, where Jesus is
 doing great miracles and the church is growing dramatically!

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Defeaters of God's power in our lives...

Sometimes we don't even ask for what matters so much to us
Sometimes we ask but we don't really believe He can or will act
 "At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, **who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'**" *Zephaniah 1:12*
 "[The person who asks without believing] should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." *James 1:7*

- Believe that God can do miracles
- Believe that God is generous and wants to show His glory to us
- Believe that God is actively working in our world today

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Defeaters of God's power in our lives...

Sometimes we don't even ask for what matters so much to us
 Sometimes we ask but we don't really believe He can or will act
Sometimes we think God is a stingy (ungenerous) father
 "If you then, though you are evil, **know how to give good gifts to your children**, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" *Luke 11:13*

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Defeaters of God's power in our lives...

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Sometimes our purposes are not to love God or people
 "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." *James 4:3*

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 Sometimes our purposes are not to love God or people
Sometimes we are not forgiving others
 "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins**" *Mark 11:25*

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Sometimes we are not willing to submit to God
 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; **yet not my will**, but
 yours be done." *Luke 22:42*

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 Sometimes we are not forgiving others
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Sometimes we give up when we should keep praying
 "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they
 should **always pray and not give up**." *Luke 18:1*

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Defeaters of God's power in our lives...

**When God doesn't do the miracles we long to see,
 may it not be because...**
 – *We failed to ask with faith, expecting His work for His glory
 while submitting to His wisdom*
**Jesus has power to heal, He gives generously,
 and He is eager to answer prayers of faith**

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Application**Be astounded by the power of God**

- “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.” *Psalm 33:6*
- “His greatness no one can fathom.” *Psalm 145:3*
- “Jesus said, ‘With man [salvation of the rich] is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” *Matthew 19:26*
- God can make a way where there is no way
- He can raise the dead, open the eyes of the blind, open the hearts of those who reject Him, bring the blessing of the Lord
- Know that God is eager to show His glory by answering prayer

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Application**Ask God, with faith and boldness, for His glory and for our joy**

- “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.”
- “Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done.’” *Matthew 21:21*
- Believe that God can do all things, and that God delights to give good gifts in response to prayer

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Application**Submit to His decisions with faith and expectation**

- When Paul’s faith-filled prayer was not answered, “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. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” *2 Corinthians 12:9–10*
- When His plans are different from ours, trust our powerful and loving Father in heaven with hope and joy

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Application**Submit to His decisions with faith and expectation**

- Know that when we come to God, He may show us...
 - our need for repentance
 - a path for our obedience
- This is the kindness of God in answer to our prayer
- This is the path to blessing from God

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“Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more
than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power **that is at work within us,
to him be glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

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Where do you want to see God work?

“Jesus, I beg you to look at _____ and be merciful”

→ When my soul repeats my troubles, we say: “But Jesus...”

→ When people repeat our troubles, we say: “But Jesus...”

Pray now (and don't stop)

Pray with others (for you and for them)

Pray with elders (“Elders” and not just “Elders”)

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you may know ... **his incomparably great power for us who
believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he
exerted when he raised Christ from the dead**”

Where do you want to see God work?

- I invite you: stand, or kneel, or raise your hand, and bow your heart
- Pray to Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, God's chosen one,
who has total authority over the natural and supernatural world
- “Jesus, I beg you to look at _____ and be merciful”
- Listen to the Spirit:
 - Call to confession and repentance?
 - Call to obedience? Call to endure with hope?
 - Call to continue to pray with expectation?
- Watch for God's work, and give Him private and public praise!

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How Great is Our God (Chinese)

The splendor of the King,
真神榮耀光輝
clothed in majesty,
潔白光明聖衣
let all the earth rejoice,
全地同來讚美
all the earth rejoice.
我們來讚美

splendor = wonderful appearance

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He wraps himself in Light,
神榮光滿全身
and darkness tries to hide
黑暗夜無可躲
and trembles at His voice,
聽祂聲動全地
trembles at His voice.
祂聲動全地

wraps himself in Light = clothed in glory (Psalm 104:2)

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How great is our God!
我神真偉大
Sing with me: How great is our God!
同聲唱我神真偉大
And all will see how great,
同來看我神
how great is our God.
我神真偉大!

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And age to age He stands
 從亙古到萬代
 and time is in His hands,
 祂必永遠信實
 beginning and the end,
 今時直到永遠
 beginning and the end.
 今時直到永遠

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The Godhead, three in one,
 聖父, 聖子, 聖靈
 Father, Spirit, Son,
 大哉三一神
 the Lion and the Lamb,
 神聖的羔羊
 Lion and the Lamb.
 猶大的壯獅

Godhead = the person on God
 three in one = the "Trinity"

Lion and the Lamb = 2 images of Jesus; power and humility

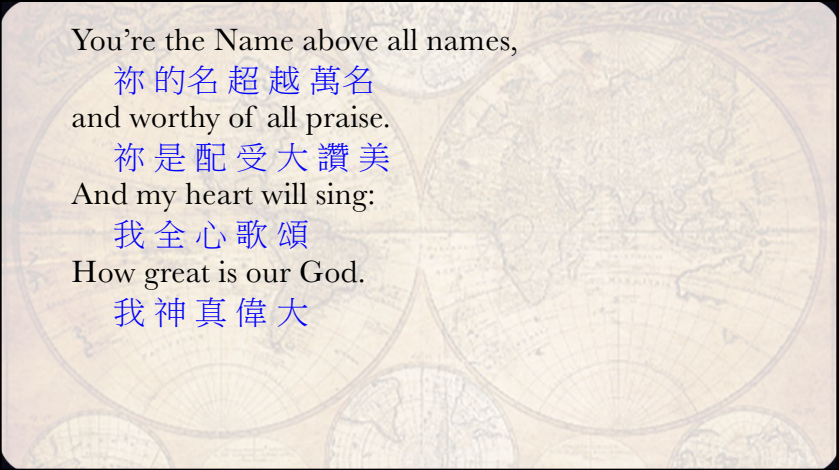
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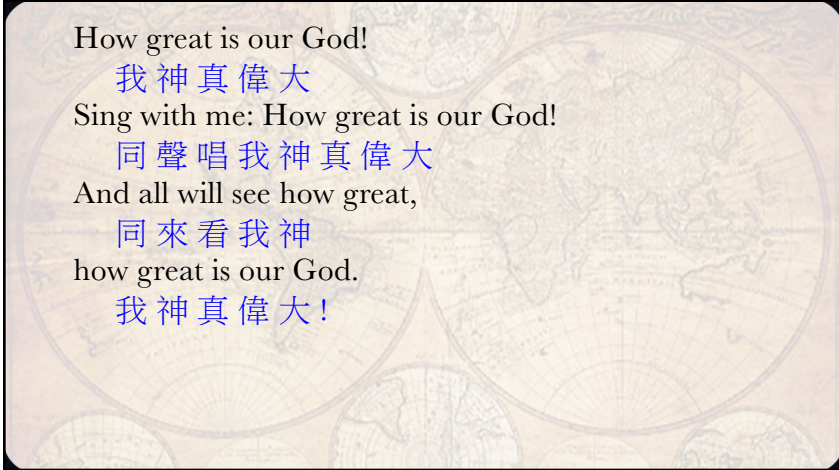
'Cause You're the Name above all names,
 因祢名至聖尊榮
 and worthy of all praise.
 祢是配受大讚美
 And my heart will sing:
 我全心歌頌
 How great is our God.
 我神真偉大

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You're the Name above all names,
 祢的名超越萬名
 and worthy of all praise.
 祢是配受大讚美
 And my heart will sing:
 我全心歌頌
 How great is our God.
 我神真偉大

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How great is our God!
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 And all will see how great,
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Then sings my soul,
 我靈歌唱
 my Savior God, to Thee,
 讚美救主我神
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 何等偉大

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How great is our God!

我神真偉大

Sing with me: How great is our God!

同聲唱我神真偉大

And all will see how great,

同來看我神

how great is our God.

我神真偉大!

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God has astounding power...let us ask Him **together**
with faith and expectation!

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to get to know you
more, and to see you again

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Everyone is invited...

- to stay for Zoom Breakout Rooms for up to 20 minutes
of friendly conversations
- to join us in the building (or online)
for the worship service next Sunday

See <https://crosswaymchurch.org/worship-service/>

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Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of
respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Crossway COVID Practices

When in the building...

1. Wear facemasks over nose and mouth all the time you are in the building (except under 2 years old, if medically necessary, and to drink water or take the Lord's Supper)
2. Keep 6 feet between households
Before, during, and after the service
3. Stay home if not feeling well or you have been exposed
4. We are doing temperature checks at the door

Note: When someone speaks from the platform, they'll remove their mask to speak

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