



☞ **Prelude**

☞ **Invocation:** In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, we worship together on this Sunday Morning.

For Chinese Pinyin lyrics and more information, please scan:



† 普世歡騰 **Joy to the World**

- ♪ Joy to the world The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
(And heaven and nature sing) x2  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing
- ♪ Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains  
(Repeat the sounding joy) x2  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy
- ♪ No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
(Far as the curse is found) x2  
Far as far as the curse is found
- ♪ He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
(And wonders of His love) x2  
And wonders wonders of His love

† 祢是彌賽亞 **You are Messiah**

- ♪ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord loudly with joy  
Raise my hands to proclaim: Holy is the Lord!  
Praise my Lord Jesus  
Who had made flesh for all have sinned  
You are Messiah, my Lord, and my God.
- ♪ So rich is my God's love moving on this earth,  
I see it everyday  
I bow down before You in awe 'n humbleness
- ♪ Praise my Lord Jesus  
Who had made flesh for all peoples

† 在至高之處 **In the Highest**

- ♪ In the highest I give thanks  
I raise up my hands to give You glory  
Angel armies Give praise to You Jesus  
Greatest glory is unto You
- ♪ In the highest place give Him all glory  
There is peace on earth with those whom He is pleased  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Jesus You are worthy of it all

☞ **Responsive Reading:**

**Isaiah 9:6**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be

called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Matthew 1:21-23**

- 21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.
- 22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
- 23** "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 1:12**

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

**Acts 4:12**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

☞ **Praise**

† 新生王歌 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,**

- ♪ \*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!\*"
  - Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."
- ♪ Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."\*\*
- ♪ Come, Desire of nations, come!  
Fix in us Thy humble home:  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed,  
Bruise in us the serpent's head;
- ♪ Adam's likeness now efface,  
Stamp Thine image in its place:  
Final Adam from above,  
Reinstate us in Thy love.\*\*

☞ **Special Music**

† 聖誕的榮耀 **The Glory of Christmas**

- ♪ (Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!)\*2  
Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing over the plains, and the mountains  
in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
(Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Deo!)\*2
- ♪ (Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!)\*2  
(On Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring)\*2  
the news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful Kings' birth.
- ♪ (All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night)\*2

they sing this night: Glory to God in highest heaven,  
now and ever more, (Amen\*2)

♪ Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight over all earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
[(Come and worship)\*2,  
worship Christ, the newborn King!] \*2

### † 啊 聖善夜 O Holy Night

♪ O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
♪ (A thrill of hope)\*2, (the weary world rejoices)\*2  
(for yonder breaks)\*2, (a new and glorious morn)\*2  
Fall on your knees. O hear the angel voices.  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!  
♪ Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever.  
His power and glory forever-more proclaim!  
His power and glory ever-more proclaim!  
(O holy night!)\*3. O night divine.

### † 聖誕恩典 Christmas Grace

♪ To take God's Son from heaven  
to turn the Lord of all into a helpless infant  
a baby weak and small;  
to give to our Creator a fully human face!  
This, this is Christmas grace.  
♪ The feet that walked in splendor on streets of purest  
Gold now wrapped in humble swaddling,  
now shiver from the cold.  
The hand that Mary holds hung the moon and stars  
in space. This, this is Christmas grace  
♪ Grace to share our frailty, understand our fragile lot;  
Jesus laid aside His power to be helped, trained,  
and taught. To know the sting of hunger,  
feel the pain of grief and loss,  
God's Son allowed Himself to be born for us!  
♪ He traded heaven's majesty,  
He left His glorious throne for wood and hay and  
rubble, a shell of flesh and bone;  
the Lord Almighty locked in a single time and  
place. (This, this is Christmas grace.)\*2  
Christmas grace!

### 為愛降生 In Love He Came

♪ In Love He Came, sent by the Father,  
To pierce the darkness with His light  
In Him was life, and the life was the light  
To all who would receive.  
♪ In Love He Came, sent by the Father,  
To everyone who did believe to them  
(He gave the right to become the children of God)  
\*2  
♪ For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only Son,  
That whosoever believe in Him should no perish,  
But have everlasting life,  
♪ I In love He came, sent by the Father

to become flesh and dwell with us;  
And we beheld the glory of the son  
Full of grace full of grace and truth

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### ✠ Scripture Reading: [Matthew 16:27-28 \(NIV\)](#)

**27** "For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

**28** Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

### Sermon: Seeing the Kingdom of Heaven

- Pastor Dong

### [2 Corinthians 4:18-5:10](#)

**4:18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**5:1** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

**5:2** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

**5:3** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

**5:4** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

**5:5** Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

**5:6** Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

**5:7** For we live by faith, not by sight.

**5:8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

**5:9** So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

**5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

How Can We See the Kingdom of Heaven?

## I. Seeing the Kingdom of Heaven Transforms Life and Elevates Everything

1. **Desiring Our Heavenly Home** ([2 Corinthians 4:18-5:10](#))
2. **Fearless in Facing Death, Enjoying Peace**
3. **Filled with Glory, Overcoming the World**
4. **Hope in Heaven, Gaining Strength**

Those who see the Kingdom of Heaven are fearless in the face of death and are filled with peace, glory, and strength because they deeply understand:

"I have a home in heaven! I have seen my heavenly home!"

### [2 Corinthians 4:17, 5:5, 7](#)

**4:17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

**5:5** Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

**5:7** For we live by faith, not by sight.

### [Ephesians 1:17-19](#)

**1:17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

**1:18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

**1:19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength

### [Luke 11:8-10](#)

**11:8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

**11:9** So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**11:10** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

[Romans 8:32](#): "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

## II. The Key to Seeing: Believe in Jesus—One Faith, One Sight ([2 Corinthians 5:7](#))

## III. The Secret to Believing in Jesus: Continuously Ask God the Father to Open Your Eyes ([Ephesians 1:17-19](#); [Luke 11:8-10](#))

## IV. The Secret to Seeing More: Keep Asking the Holy Spirit for Guidance ([2 Corinthians 5:5](#))

God loves the world, and you too can experience and see what the saints of the Kingdom of Heaven have experienced. You too can see the Kingdom of Heaven!

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

† 哈利路亞 Hallelujah

♪ Hallelujah x10

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world  
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
And He shall reign forever and ever,  
Forever and ever, forever and ever,  
King of kings, and Lord of lords,

### ☞ Holy Communion

### ☞ Baptism

### ☞ Announcement

### ☞ 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

### ☞ Benediction

*Today, our worship service together is coming to an end. Emmanuel! May our good Lord bless you!*