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## 🎵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:



† 神真好 永遠好 **God Is Good**

♪ God is good all the time  
He put His song of praise in this heart of mine  
♪ God is good all the time  
Through the darkest night His light will shine  
♪ God is good, God is good all the time

† 這是耶和華所定日子 **This is the Day**

♪ [For this is the Day the Lord has made  
All the people sing and shout Your praise  
The enemy has been defeated  
For Your glory we shout for victory] x2  
♪ You're my strength, my God my King  
In You my hope is found  
You are the author of my song  
You are my saving grace  
♪ We'll march through the nations  
Sharing good news, lifting Your mighty name  
We raise a banner of victory  
Give thanks to You, my God and King!

† 君王就在這裡 **Worthy Is The King**

♪ Jesus, my King.  
You're seated on the throne  
Hallelujah.  
Your glory fills this place.  
♪ Sing, worthy is the King.  
We offer all our praise.  
Crown You Lord of lords.  
Give glory to Your name.  
♪ Sing, worthy is the King.  
You're robed in majesty.  
Hosanna unto the glorious King of kings.  
♪ Higher and higher,  
we lift Your holy name.  
Higher and higher,  
we lift a shout of praise.  
Louder and louder,  
declare that You are Lord.  
until that day, I see You face to face.

## 🎵Responsive Reading: **Psalm 18:20-28**

20 The Lord has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.  
21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I am not guilty of turning from my God.  
22 All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.  
23 I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.  
24 The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.  
25 To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless.  
26 To the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.  
27 You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.  
28 You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

## 🎵Praise

† 榮耀天軍

### **Angels from the Realms of Glory**

♪ Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
(refrain)  
♪ Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
(refrain)  
♪ Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear.  
(refrain)  
♪ Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

## 🎵Special Music

† 聖誕讚美

### **A Christmas Laudamus**

♪ \*Laudamus We praise you, O Lord.  
Benedicimuste. We bless you, holy child  
Adoramuste. We worship and adore  
Glorificamuste. Glory to God in high.\* x2  
♪ Glory to God the angels sang.  
Throughout the sky, their voices rang  
They sang of peace, good will on earth.  
They brought the news of Jesus' birth. \*\*  
♪ And still, today, our praise  
we bring a sweet laudamus to our King  
singing of peace, good will on earth.  
(Glory to God) x3 (for Jesus' birth) x2  
♪ \*\* x2

☞ **Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:14, 15, 17**

**14** May I **never boast except in the cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**15** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the **new creation**.

**17** From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body **the marks of Jesus**.

☞ **Sermon: Whose Representative Am I?**

~ Pastor Hsu

Our outward words and actions reflect our inner values, beliefs, and choices.

Whose representative am I becoming?

What kind of mark am I carrying on my life?

**Ezekiel 9:4–6** and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.”

**5** As I listened, he said to the others, “Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion.

**6** Slaughter the old men, the young men and women, the mothers and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the old men who were in front of the temple.

**I. God’s Seal Brings Salvation**

**1. Salvation in national crisis — Ezekiel 9:4–6**

Jerusalem was originally God’s city, but when the people continually sinned, God raised up severe judgment—the nation was about to fall and be taken captive.

Before judgment came, God commanded the messenger to search for those who repented and interceded, to place a mark on their foreheads. God specially protected them—the destroying angel was not allowed to come near them.

**Revelation 7:2–3** Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea:

**3** “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

**Revelation 9:4** They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

**2. Salvation in the end times — Revelation 7:2–3; 9:**

When the sixth seal was opened, God’s judgment brought war, famine, death, and earthquakes.

But in chapter 7, God Himself placed the seal of the living God on the foreheads of His servants, sparing them from the great end-time disasters. God’s people were protected and received eternal life.

**Galatians 6:17** From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

**II. Bearing the Marks of Jesus — Galatians 6:17**

We carry a weighty, significant mark on our lives. What is that mark?

**Galatians 6:14–15** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**15** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

**1. Exalting the Cross — Galatians 6:14–15**

People exalted **circumcision** as their sign; Paul exalted **the cross** as his sign.

People believed circumcision made someone a “real” Christian or a “higher-level” Christian.

Some thought achievements, wealth, spiritual gifts like tongues or healing made them “higher-level” Christians.

But Paul stressed that **circumcision is not important—the cross is what matters**.

We boast only in the cross, preach only the cross, and focus only on the cross.

- *To me*, the world has been crucified—its applause, its opinions, the desires of the flesh and eyes, and the pride of life are all nailed to the cross.
- *To the world*, I have been crucified—I am united with the cross; my sinful desires, weaknesses, and sins have been put to death.

When people think of me, they think of the church, of Jesus, of the gospel— this is an incredible honor!

**Galatians 6:15** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

## 2. Becoming a New Creation — **Galatians 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17**

The key is not rituals or religious law— the key is becoming a **new creation**.

“New creation” is God’s creative work, restoring us to His original beauty and glory.

The old has gone; the new has come. We leave behind our past and live out Christ’s life. Our words, actions, thoughts, and attitudes are continually renewed and shaped to become more like Jesus.

Christians read the Bible, but non-Christians “read” Christians. We live the Word; we live as a testimony. Especially, we imitate Jesus in His **compassion**, helping people experience His mercy.

**Galatians 6:17** From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 11:23–27** Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

**24** Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

**25** Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

**26** I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

**27** I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

## 3. Suffering for Christ — **Galatians 6:17; 2 Cor. 11:23–27**

“On my body” means visible marks. Paul suffered greatly for preaching the gospel; his body bore many scars—these were the marks of a servant of Christ.

As God’s children, we follow Paul’s example, willingly enduring hardship for the sake of the gospel.

When we suffer for Christ, face opposition, rejection, criticism, or ridicule, we carry the marks of Jesus. People will see in us the reality and wonder of the gospel.

When we stand on the Lord’s side, the Lord stands on our side.

I am a representative of Jesus!

### ☞ Responsive Hymn

✚ 因著十架愛 **Because of the Cross**

♪ Oh, Lord Jesus, You Die for me  
Your precious blood, You shed for me.

♪ All my sorrows, you share with me  
All my suffering, you bear with me  
You are crucified for my healing  
You are punished so I may have peace  
Oh Lord, I will come to your throne.  
I want your healing and have your peace.

♪ Your healing and your peace.

Because of the cross.

♪ Sins are forgiven because of the cross  
Because of the cross. Because of the cross.

♪ I am sanctified because of the cross.

### ☞ 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

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 from Lord Jesus, the love from our heavenly Father and the guiding of Holy Spirit be with all of our brothers & sisters from now on and forevermore.

*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.*