

He is Risen

Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021  
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
1st Sunday of Eastertide  
*watercolor by Lenae van der Bijl*

## Welcome, Pastor Aaron Baker

**Change the Color:** The cross was covered in **black** on Good Friday to reflect mourning and the abandonment of Christ by his followers, and the rejection of Christ by the Father. **White** reflects the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death.

Choral: Alleluia! Alleluia!, Covenant Choir

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen!  
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,  
rain, and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of Thy face,  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with Thee.*

*Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on the holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
by His mighty enterprise;  
we with Him to life eternal  
by His resurrection rise.*

**All sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia! to the Savior  
who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
to the Triune Majesty.**

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**All: Hallelujah!**

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav'n in cho - rus say, — Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, — Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - al - ted Head, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, — ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply, — Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boas - ting grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours. the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today, words: Charles Wesley, 1740; music: Lyra Davidica.*

Leader: Hallelujah, Christ is risen!  
 All: **He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

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## Confession of Sin, *from John 3*

Leader: *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light. Whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.*

### Sing to Confess

1. "Man of sor-rows!" what a name, For the Son of God who came  
2. Bear-ing shame and scof-fing rude, In my place con-demned He stood,

Ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim! Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sa - vior!  
Seal'd my par - don with His blood; Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sa - vior!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two systems. The first system contains two verses of text. The second system contains the chorus text. The music features simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

*Man of Sorrows, Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1875*

**All:** Silent time to pray and confess

Choral: Covenant Choir

*Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
spotless Lamb of God was He;  
full atonement, can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!*

### **Assurance of Pardon,** *from John 3*

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**All:** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

4. Lif - ted up was He to die, "It is fi-nished," was His cry;  
5. When He comes, our glo-rious King, All His ran-somed home to bring,

Now in heav'n ex - al - ted high, Hal-le - lu - jah, what a Sa - vior!  
Then a - new this song we'll sing, Hal-le - lu - jah, what a Sa - vior!

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## Lessons from the Word

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Old Testament Lesson -  
New Testament Lesson -

Isaiah 25.6-9  
Revelation 5.11-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### The Word

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Fear and Joy and Fish, Luke 24:33-43

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

### The Great Thanksgiving

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Leader: The Lord be with you . . .  
**All: And also with you.**

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Leader: Lift up your hearts . . .  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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**All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

**All: But on this day, always and forevermore,  
we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Leader: For he is the very Paschal Lamb offered for us,  
to take away the sin of the world.

**All: By dying he destroyed death,  
and by rising he restored to us everlasting life.**

Leader: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



1. Thou one Be-got - ten Son, E - ter - nal Word a - dored, Im -  
2. To bring sal - va - tion nigh, To van-quisth death and sin, You  
3. Save us, O Christ our God, Save by Your Cross, we pray; You



mor-tal while the a - ges run, And our Al - migh - ty Lord.  
did in cru - el an-guish die, And life for mor - tals win.  
who did bear the Fa - ther's rod, and death by dy - ing slay.



Ha-le - lu - jah and A - men. our Christ is Ris'n a - gain! Ha-le



lu - jah and A - men. Ha-le - lu - jah and A - men!

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.  
All wafers are gluten free and available in a single serve cup.

### Receiving Communion

Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. We invite all to partake of this sacrament who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and seek strength to live more faithfully for him.

Choral: *O sons and daughters of the King,  
whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
today the grave has lost its sting.  
Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!*

### Respond to the Table

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice  
dedicated to your service.

All: **Great is this mystery of faith:  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

4. Thou are the Eter- nal Son, One in the glo- rious Three; co -  
e-qual praise while a - ges run Shall e - ver rise to Thee!  
Ha-le - lu - jah and A - men. our Christ is Ris'n a - gain! Ha-le  
lu - jah and A - men. Ha-le - lu - jah and A - men!

*Hallelujah and Amen, Words: Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 3rd. cent.; Music: Paul van der Bijl, Easter 2017*





## Flowers this morning were donated by:

Tokhui, Fernando and Inae Kim, in memory of Fernando's dad, Chong In Kim; Laura, Greg & Lucy Dennis in memory of Laura's dad, David Walton who passed away January 2nd from Covid; Paul van der Bijl in memory of his dad, Adriaan van der Bijl; Martha Metcalfe in memory of her sister and her dad, Liz and Fred Metcalfe; Linda Gehrs, in memory of her beloved and dearly missed parents, Jack and Patricia Gehrs; Pamella Andersen in memory of Florence Andersen and Patricia Andersen, and her sons - Nathanael Taylor, and Jeremiah Taylor; the Zimmerman family, in memory of Jay's dad, Waddy Zimmerman, Sandra's dad, Richard Sletten, and Sandra's mom, Barbara Sletten; Steve and Holly Lehmann, in memory of Steve's grandmother, Betty Laatsch; Allison and Aaron Baker, in memory of Frank Hopp; Eve and Kevin Bradshaw in memory of their son, Aidan Bradshaw, and Caitlin Bradshaw; Donna Knuth, in memory of Terry Kanter; Shirley Flesch, in memory of Kenneth and Gary Flesch; Ryan and Tricia Van Baren, in memory of their son, Philip John Van Baren, and Tricia's grandmother, Ann Clark Little; Deb Van Der Molen, in memory of her cousin, Marjorie Gross; Mark and Ranya Faasse, In honor of our grandparents and the many lost this past year to COVID19; The Shaver Family, anonymous; Anna Lucy in loving memory of Roy crowder.

## News & Announcements

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### Announcements in our community

**April Mercy Bin:** For the month of April, Covenant is collecting donations to support New Moms, an organization working to change the future for young moms experiencing poverty and homelessness in Chicagoland by offering housing, job training, and family support. Current needs are for Enfamil baby formula, gender-neutral children's clothing (ages 6 and under), children's sensitive skin body wash and shampoo, household supplies (such as laundry detergent pods, dryer sheets, twin sheet sets, and throw blankets), and cleaning supplies (such as dish soap, sponges, paper towels, disinfectant spray, and garbage bags). Donations will be collected in the Mercy Bin in the back of the Narthex throughout the month. Questions? Contact Deb Van Der Molen ([dvmolen79@gmail.com](mailto:dvmolen79@gmail.com)).

**April 18 Blood Drive:** Join Covenant as we support our local community through a blood drive. On April 18 from 10 am to 2 pm, Versiti Blood Center will bring their bus to take blood donations in front of Covenant. We invite healthy, low-risk individuals to sign up for an appointment slot: [https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5591466](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5591466).

**Church Registration:** Covenant will open registration for church services and childcare (ages 1-4) a week and a half in advance of a service. Registration is now open for April 11. Sign up here: <https://covenantchicago.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.

**Easter Daily Prayer Project.** For the 50 days of Eastertide, we invite you to join us in working through the Daily Prayer Project's Easter Guide, which includes a liturgy for morning and evening prayer. It's a great resource for individual, family, or small group use. Copies are available this morning in the back of the church, and you can also view and download it on our website at <https://covenantchicago.org/easter-dpp/>.

## Go With Resurrection Joy



1. I cast my mind to cal - va - ry\_ where Je - sus  
2. His bo - dy bound and drenched in tears they laid Him  
3. Then on the third at break of dawn the Son of  
4. He shall re - turn in robes of white the bla - zing



bled and died for me. I see His wounds His hands His  
down in Jo - seph's tomb. The en - trance sealed by hea - vy\_  
heav - en rose a \_\_\_ gain. O tramp - led death where is your  
sun shall pierce the \_\_\_ night. And I will rise a - mong the



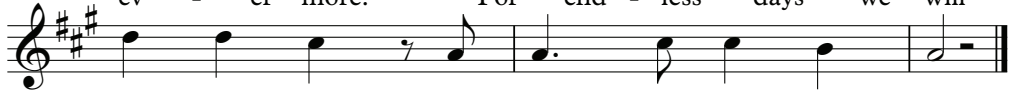
feet. My sav - iour \_\_\_ on that cur - sed \_\_\_ tree.  
\_\_\_ stone Mes - si - ah \_\_\_ still and all a - lone.  
\_\_\_ sting? Now lift your \_\_\_ song for Christ our \_\_\_ King.  
\_\_\_ saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus \_\_\_ face.



O praise the name of the Lord our God. O praise His name for -



ev - er more. For end - less days we will



sing your praise O Lord, O Lord our God.

*Anástasis, by Hillsong Church, Sydney, Australia, 2015*

### Leader: **Benediction**

*Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## Session

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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo, Ryan Von Drehle. *Please direct correspondence for the Session to [session@covenantchicago.org](mailto:session@covenantchicago.org).*

## Diaconate

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Rich Lane, Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Paul Leo, Joel Miller, Shane Rector, Jenny Smith, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

**Treasurer:** Ben Meyer

*If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at [diaconate@covenantchicago.org](mailto:diaconate@covenantchicago.org).*

# Covenant Life

worship | grow and learn | serve

We encourage everyone to get connected to the life of the church in these three ways:

**Worship Together.** We believe that humans are worshiping beings, made for communion with the Triune God, and that ordering our common worship around the Gospel on Sunday has a profound, formative effect on every part of our lives. The rhythm of Sunday worship is the rhythm of the whole Christian life and it stands counter to lots of other rhythms that clamor for our attention and allegiance in this world. Ordering ourselves together around it strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus wherever we find ourselves. Come to church on Sunday!

**Grow and Learn Together.** We believe that learning about our faith and growing together in it are necessary for flourishing in the Christian life. The goal of Christian learning is to form us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing in his world. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

We'd like for everyone to take two core classes while you're here: the Covenant Life Class, an introduction to Christianity and to our church, and The Story of Scripture, which traces themes through Scripture and applies them to our everyday lives. After those classes, consider joining a more intimate Discipleship Cohort that meets with a mentor. For information about these opportunities, contact Pastor David Salsedo (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

We'd like for everyone to consider joining a small group which meets together regularly to build meaningful relationships and live out the Christian life together. They're one of the most important ways of getting care and being connected at Covenant. To find out more about small groups, or to join the small group that meets at church on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

**Serve Together.** We believe the natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. Every one of us has been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us. We're called to give of ourselves because we're part of the story of God's reconciliation of all things. Every week there are numerous opportunities to serve at Covenant and elsewhere listed in the order of worship. We encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service. To learn more about opportunities to serve, contact Pastor Dan Adamson (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).



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and a world  
continually made new  
by the grace of Christ*

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