

## When you Pray 4th Sunday of Eastertide April 30 2023

#### Hallowed Be Thy Name

There's something in the sound of the word hallow; A haunting sense of everything we've lost Amidst the trite, the trivial, the shallow, Where nothing lingers, nothing seems to last. But Hallowed, summons up our fear and wonder, And summons us to stand on holy ground. To sense the mystery that stands just under Familiar things we'll never understand.

Hallowed be thy name: the name unspoken, The name from which all other names arise, The name that heals the sick and binds the broken, Whose living glory calls the dead to rise. You make this prayer my rising and my rest That I might bless the name by which I'm blessed.

~ Malcolm Guite

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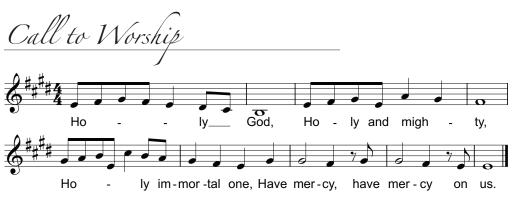
**Children's programming** is available during both services on the lower level, see page 14 for details.

**Large Print** orders of worship and **devices to improve hearing** are available in the back of the sanctuary.

#### Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.



Trisagion, Words, 1st Century prayer; Music, Fernando Ortega, 2011

from Psalm 96

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the LORD.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.



Psalm 96, Music, Paul van der Bijl 2018

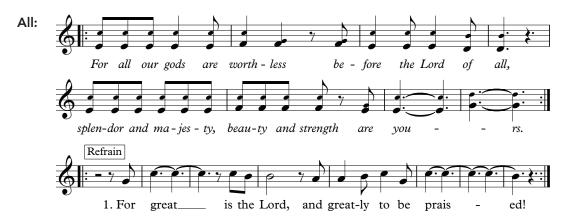
## Adoration and Invocation

Prayer of adoration:

Leader:

O Lord, you made the heavens, the earth and the roaring seas and all that fills it. The idols and distractions that fight for our attention are worthless before your splendor, majesty, beauty and strength.

moment of silent meditation



Father, by the power your Spirit and in the name of your Son Jesus, Leader:

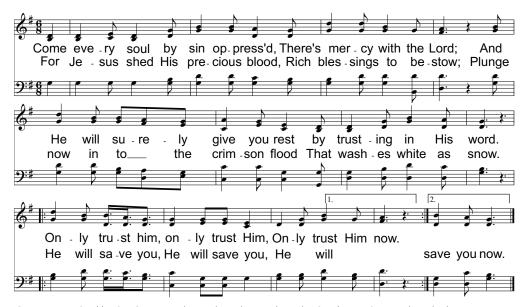
visit us with your presence today. Amen. All:

Confession of Sin

Leader:

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

All: Father, We so easily forget that you truly see us and know us.
We so easily idolize the empty and worthless promises the world has to offer.
We so quickly find ourselves enslaved by those idols.
Forgive us and grant us the strength to turn back to you and your love.



Come, Every Soul by Sin Oppressed, Words and Music by John Stockton, 1874, arr. by vdBijl

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 5:1 and 2:20-21

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

All: For we have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us. And the life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

#### Song of Assurance



## Lessons from the Word

read by Miranda De Young ①, Christie Kay ②

Gospel Lesson -

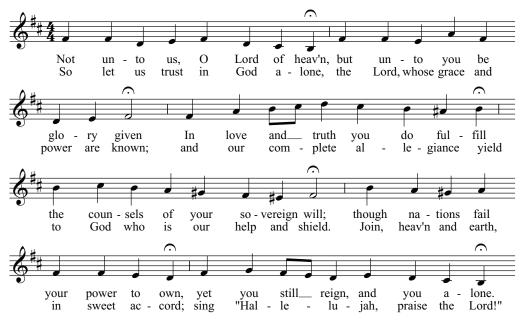
John 17.1-5, p.903

New Testament Lesson -

Philippians 2.5-11, p.980

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Not Unto Us, words, Psalter, 1912; music, V. Schumann, 1539.

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker When You Pray, Psalm 115, p.510

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.
<sup>8</sup> Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

O Israel, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.
 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.
 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
 He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
 he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

 May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!
 May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.
The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.
But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

musical interlude and moment of silent meditation.

## Sacrament of Communion

2 Corinthians 13:11-14. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

#### Greet each other in the name of Christ

Giving back to God a portion of what he's already given us is an important part of the Christian life. The bread and wine we use in communion are a picture of the gifts that God has given us, offered back to him as an act of worship. You can offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes in the back on the way out. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.

# Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561

## Eastertide Great Thanksgiving

by Samuel Wells, vicar, St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016

Leader: As we approach your table, grant us the peace with each other that we find in you so

that we can come to this feast united in love. Accept now our offerings of bread, wine

and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

All: We rejoice to give you thanks and praise, God of love,

because you called us to exist in your image, you filled the earth with wonder and beauty and life, and you made the children of Abraham your covenant people.

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Leader: You made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

a holy nation, your own people.

And in the death and resurrection of Jesus you show us the way, the truth, and the life.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are your people;

once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

Leader: And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels

and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

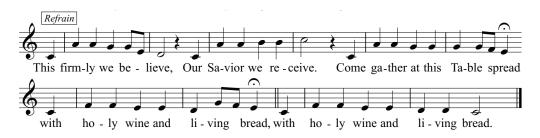
God of power and might,

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.





#### 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.

#### Silent prayers for reflection

#### Prayer for those taking communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

#### Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### Prayer of belief

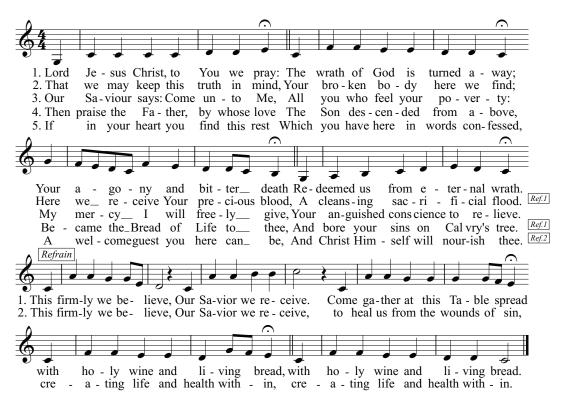
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Grant also that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

#### Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



Lord Jesus Christ To You We Pray, Martin Luther, 1524; Thomas Tallis, 1560, addl. words and ref. by vdBijl, 2021

#### Respond to the Table

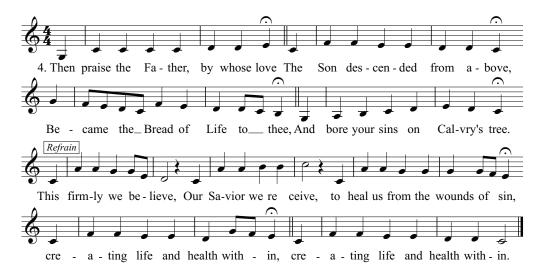
Leader:

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.



Romans 12:4–6, For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

#### in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.



All Creatures, Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225. Music: Steve Hindalong, 2002

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.

#### Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

#### TODAY AT COVENANT

#### 1st Service, 9am

#### 2nd service, 11:15am

Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

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- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

#### Common Ground, 10:15am

- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: Pre-K-8th (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed (Library, Ed Building)
- Coffee and snacks available in all classrooms and the Fellowship Hall

#### Volunteers in Service Today:

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Communion Servers: Mark Lester, Rachel Salsedo, Anna Harvey (9:00); Ranya Sweis, Eric Strahl (11:15)

Ushers: Margret-Ann Natsis, Paul Kamp, Jonathan Clarke (9:00); Mike and Laura Bagnoli (11:15)

Musicians: Alice Owen, violin; Adriane Fink, piano, flute; Brian Riggs, bass; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Large Print orders of worship and electronic hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you with finding and using these items.



Serve Breakfast at Breakthrough: On the fourth Saturday of every month, Covenant provides breakfast for the Breakthrough women's shelter. If you are interested in volunteering to help purchase, prepare and serve food to shelter guests, you can reach out to breakthrough@covenantchicago.org for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/.

Feasts, Lost Sheep and a Tiny Mustard Seed: Throughout the Gospels, Jesus used parables to teach about the nature of God, faith and the kingdom. How should we read the parables? What can we learn from these short, punchy, and sometimes surprising stories and images? How do they relate to the rest of Jesus' teaching? Join us for this class on the parables at 10:15 in the Library.

Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: Each week in service, we confess our sins together as a congregation. But what exactly is sin, and what has it done to us and to the world as God designed it to be? Join us for this class that will explore the doctrine of sin using Cornelius Plantinga's book Not the Way It's Supposed to Be. Class will meet in the Conference Room at 10:15. Please note: this class will take a break today and return on May 7.

Loss, Heartache, and Gospel Transformation: Living in this broken world, no one escapes heartache over the course of their lifetime. So, how do we experience the gospel in a way that breaks the patterns of harm so we don't continue to pass our pain onto others? In this three week class, we will explore how Jesus invites his church to be a place of radical honor and honesty in telling our stories, the crucial role of grief and lament in discipleship, and how the gospel leads to real, lasting change in our hearts, minds, and bodies. Join us for this class taught by Pastor David Salsedo beginning May 7 at 10:15 in the All Saints Room.

Wednesday Morning Women's Group: Join other women from Covenant on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am for a small group. They are currently studying Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. Childcare is available. Contact Emily Willis for more details (emily.m.schroeder@gmail.com).

Small Groups: Covenant small groups meet throughout the city. Small groups are a great way to get to know others at Covenant, study Scripture, and pray together. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Pickleball at Covenant: Pickleball will be available in the Covenant gym on some Saturday mornings, from 9-11 am. Bring your own paddle and join other Covenant folks for some co-ed fun and exercise. Instructors will be available if you have never played and there will be a few paddles available to borrow if needed. Sign up at covenantchicago.org/pickleball for upcoming dates. Contact Matt Ver Steeg (msversteeg@hotmail.com) with questions.

**Sunday Morning Sound Technicians Needed:** No experience is neccesary and training will be provided. If you are interested in helping run sound on Sunday mornings please contact Russell Kamp at russellkamp@gmail. com.

**Ushers Needed:** Ushers are the first people to greet people as they come to Covenant. They pass out the orders of worship, help people find the bathrooms and classrooms, and help at the end of service to clean up the sanctuary. Most ushers serve once a month. If you'd like to join our usher team, please contact Margret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@gmail.com).

Volunteer with Children's Ministry: Covenant needs additional volunteers to help in our nurseries, children's worship classroom and Sunday school classrooms. We need volunteers during both services (9:00 and 11:15 am) and during Common Ground (10:15). To volunteer, contact Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

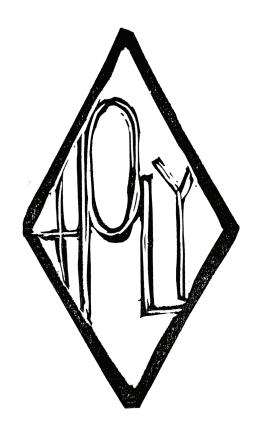
Meals Ministry: The Meals Ministry cares for our community by providing occasional meals to individuals and families. If you have recently experienced health problems, have welcomed a new child into your family, or have suffered a loss, please visit covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/ to request a meal. The Meals Ministry also seeks volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer through the website link. Questions? Contact meals@covenantchicago.org.

Sermon Devotional Emails: Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email devotional@covenantchicago.org to sign up.

**Let Us Pray for You.** Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

Giving QR Code





When you Pray

4th Sunday of Eastertide April 30 2023

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#### Session

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo.

Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org.

#### Diaconate

Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Joel Miller, Margret-Ann Natsis, Shane Rector, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

**Treasurer:** Ben Harvey

If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at diaconate@covenantchicago.org.

#### Welcome to Covenant

Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of the offering boxes at the back of the church.

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New to Covenant   Regular Attender   Member
Name:
Email:
Address:
Phone:
☐ ↑ This is new or updated information ↑
I am interested in:
☐ More information
☐ Small Groups
☐ Service Opportunities
☐ Membership
☐ Receiving the Email Letter
☐ Children and Youth Ministry
Other:
Prayer Requests:

#### Covenant Life

#### Worship Together:

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

#### Grow and Learn Together:

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

#### Serve Together:

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



a church, a city, and a world continually made new by the grace of Christ

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