



A Throne Unshaken

May 9, 2021
Covenant Presbyterian
Church of Chicago
6th Sunday of Eastertide

Welcome

Eastertide Call to Worship

from Daniel 7 and Revelation 19

Leader: Behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

All: **Hallelujah!**
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory.
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready."



Wor - thy is the_ Lamb who was slain; Ho - ly, ho - ly is He;_
Fall be - fore the_ throne of glo - ry;_ gaze upon the crys - tal sea._
Clothed in po - wer, might and splen - dour, th' Bride - groom calls us to the feast,



Sing a new song to him who sits on_ Heav - en's mer - cy seat._
Join the my - riad saints and an - gels sing through all eter - ni - ty
of ho - ly man - na_ and li - ving wa - ter_ our con - suma - tion now com - plete.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the_ Lord God_ Al - might - y



Who was_ and is_ and is_ to come;_ With all cre - a - tion I sing



praise to the King of Kings; You are my ev - ry - thing and I will a - dore You._

Revelation Song, Words and Music: Jennie Lee Riddle, 2004. verse 2-3 by vdBijl, 2010

Leader: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,



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Who was_ and is_ and is_ to come;_ With all cre-a - tion I sing



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Confession of Sin, *from Ephesians 4*

Leader: *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

All: **Loving God, by the Holy Spirit,**
your Incarnate Son died, rose, and sealed us for the day of redemption.
Yet we confess our unbelief.
We confess our bitterness,
our self-righteous wrath,
and our clamoring for attention.
In your mercy, help us in our unbelief and forgive us our sins.

Silent time to pray and confess

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my red - ee - mer. There is no
2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my
more for hea - ven now to give He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and
side, the Sav - iour he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and rej -
free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
oic - ing For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my
To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me Through the
life is who - lly bound to his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est val - ley he will lead Oh the night has been won, and I
sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shal ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, Jonny Robinson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2018

Assurance of Pardon, from Ephesians 1

Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

Sing to Assure

3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv - en The fu-ture
sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my
par - don And he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea__ ted Je - sus
now and ev - er is my plea Oh the chains are rel-eased, I can
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Lessons from the Word

Gospel Lesson -

Luke 10.38-42

New Testament Lesson -

Romans 1.1-7

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

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

Forever, 2 Samuel 7.1-9, 11c-13, 16, 18-22

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.



1. Now shall my in - ward joys a - rise, and burst in - to__ a song: Al -



migh - ty love__ in - spires_ my heart, and plea - sure tunes_ my tongue.

Eastertide Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

All: In the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Leader: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, and delivered us from slavery to sin and death. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim:

**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.**

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics for the first system are: "2. God on His thir - sty Zi - ion hill, some mer - cy drops_ has thr'wn, And 3. Deep on the palms of both his hands, He has_ en - grav'd our names; His". The second system also has two staves: a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics for the second system are: "so - lemn oaths_ have bound_ His love to show - er sal - va - tion down. hands_ shall raise_ our ru - ined walls, and build_ our bro - ken frame." The bass line in both systems is written in a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp.

Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise, Words: Isaac Watts, 1709, Music: William Billings, 1770, Sacred Harp

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.

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. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he had
said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will re -
new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the
glo - ry ev - er - more to him When the race is com - plete, still my
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

News & Announcements

Announcements in our community

New Director of Children and Youth Ministries: We're happy to announce that Ian Troll, who has been our Director of Youth Ministry since 2019, will also be stepping into the role of overseeing our children's ministry starting on June 1st. This is a new full-time position called the Director of Children and Youth Ministries. This is the first time in Covenant's history where we've had one staff person dedicated to caring for all of our kids, infants through high school. As he steps into this new role and as our city begins to open more, we will keep you informed about any new children and youth offerings. If you have any questions about the transition, feel free to reach out to Pastor David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

Catechism Class: Covenant offers a weekly catechism class for children in 3rd - 5th grade that explores Scripture, church history, liturgy, sacraments, and the creeds, confessions, and catechisms of our faith, taught by Jenny Smith. The class runs on a hybrid model of alternating in person meetings and classes on Zoom. For additional details or to sign up for in-person or remote catechism class, please email Jenny Smith at jenny.smith@yale.edu.

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 <https://covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/> to request a meal. The Meals Ministry needs more volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer here: <https://covenantchicago.org/volunteer-with-the-meals-ministry/>. 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 prayer 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 remotely to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org) who will share them with the staff.

Do you need help? The pandemic has impacted people in many different ways. If you are experiencing any kind of hardship and would like some help, please contact our deacons (diaconate@covenantchicago.org). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidence. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the Deacons Fund to meet the needs of others in our congregation.

Church Registration Update: 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 May 9. Sign up here: <https://covenantchicago.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>. Covenant has also made a few minor adjustments to services: we are now seating people every other row and have introduced congregational singing at the 8:30 service.

Go With Resurrection Joy

I know that my Re - dee - mer lives glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____
He lives, he lives, who once was dead glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____
He lives, to bless me with his love glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____
He lives, all glo - ry to his name! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____

What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____
He lives, my e - ver - las - ting Head glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____
He lives to plead for me a - bove glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____
He lives, my Je - sus, still the same glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____

Shout on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! The

dead's a - live and the lost is found glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! _____

I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Words: Samuel Medly, 1775, Music: American Folk melody

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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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can email us at 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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