

He Shall Deliver Thee: A Response to Psalm 91

He shares our grief and wipes away our tears And even in this life he shelters us Beneath the shadow of his wings. Our fears

And hopes are known to him. His faithfulness Will be our shield and buckler. We can trust His constancy and know he will be with us;

With us through the best and through the worst. I may be threatened by the passing harm Of outward pestilence, but still I trust

He gives his angels charge, and with his arm He shelters and embraces me. No power Can separate me from his love. His Name

Is my protection and delight. I pour My heart and soul to him in songs and psalms, And he will bring me through my darkest hour.

~ Malcolm Guite ~ cover by Elya Repin (1844-1930)

5th Sunday of Lent Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Welcome to Covenant

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 Pastor Aaron Baker

Prepare for worship

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP Dear God, 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.

We come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.



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

Leader: As I looked, the Ancient of Days took his seat;

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames;

its wheels were burning fire.

a thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;

The voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, cried out,

All: Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

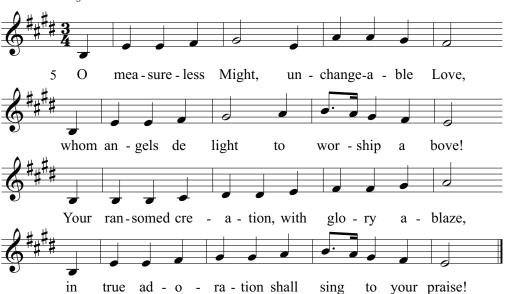


PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Leader: O Lord and Father, the Ancient of Days, we stand with the millions of saints in heaven and on earth this day to serve and adore you.

All: Father, by the power your Spirit and in the name of your Son Jesus, open our eyes and hearts to your presence among us today. Amen.

Silent moment of adoration



I love you,
O Lord, my
strength. The
Lord is my
rock and my
fortress and
my deliverer,
my God, my
rock, in whom
I take refuge,
my shield, and
the horn of my
salvation, my
stronghold.
Psalm 18:1–2

Leader: Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

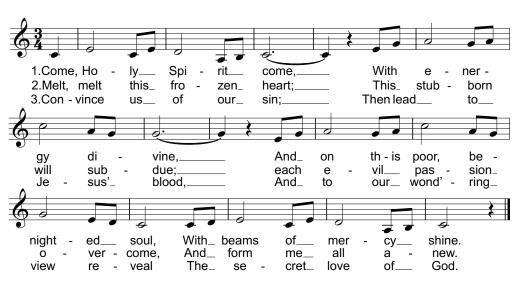
GOD FORGIVES AND CLEANSES US

All: Holy Spirit, help us to set our minds on you.

Help us in our weakness and forgive us our sins.

Intercede for us and strengthen our faith to believe and trust in you.

Amen.



Abbeville, Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1800; Music: The Sacred Harp, E.J. King, 1844

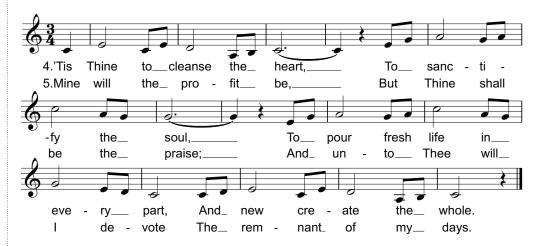
Silent time to pray and confess

Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. James 5:16 Leader: Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

All: Nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ.

Neither tribulation,

nor distress, nor persecution, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor danger, nor sword.

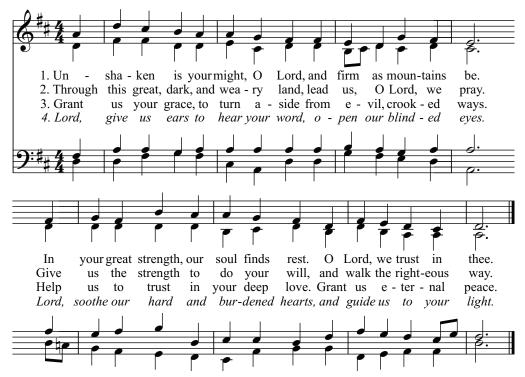


Old Testament Lesson - Deuteronomy 8.2-3, p.152 New Testament Lesson - 1 Peter 5.6-11, p.1017

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

All: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 125, Words based on Isaac Watts text, ca 1700s, vs. 4 by vdBijl; music by Alexander Reinagle, 1836

THE WORD

Pastor Aaron Baker

Wilderness and Temptation, Matthew 4:1–11, p.809

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

COME WITH PEACE

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

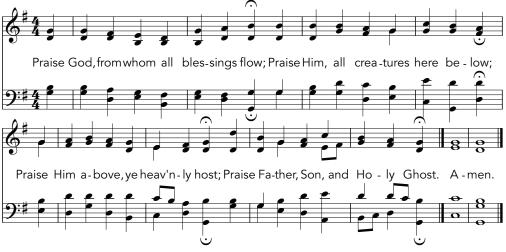
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

Greet each other in the name of Christ.

COME WITH GENEROSITY

We come to the Table with a generous heart and give back to God a portion of what he's already given us. Offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes on the back wall. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code on page 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.



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

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

God is the host of this family meal. We come to his table unified in peace and offer a communal prayer of deep gratitude for all that He has done through his Son.

COME WITH THANKSGIVINGAdapted from United Methodist Church Book of Worship, 1992

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: It is truly right to give you thanks and praise.

Leader: We remember during our journey through Lent that from the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away from you our love failed, but your love remained steadfast.

All: For forty days and forty nights rain fell upon the earth,

Leader: and you saved Noah and his family on the ark and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

All: For forty days and forty nights you spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai,

Leader: and gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.

All: For forty days and forty nights your prophet Elijah fled in fear to Mount Horeb,

Leader: for we killed your prophets and forsook your covenant but still you remained faithful to us.

All: For forty days and forty nights your Son Jesus Christ fasted and was tempted in the wilderness,

Leader: and by his sufering, death and resurrection you delievered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us the new covenant by water and the Spirit.

All: For forty days and forty nights we remember Christ's sacrifice.

Leader: Lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, and with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, may we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.



COME TO THE TABLE

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free bread is available in a separate dish.

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.

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

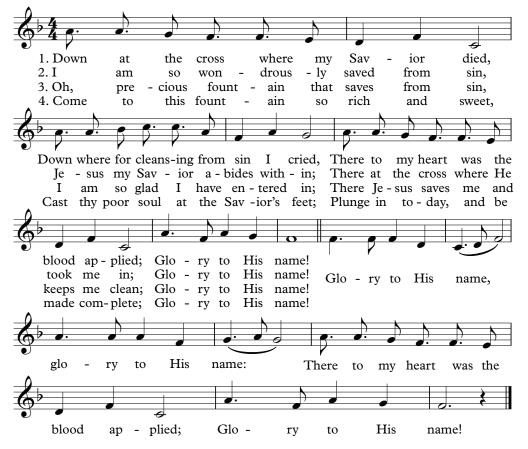
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the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

Song for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



Down at the Cross, Words: Elisha Hoffman, 1878. Music: John Stockton (1813-1877).

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.



There to my heart was the blood ap-plied; Glo - ry to His name!

A prayer for our community

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our city

GOD

US

SENDS

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our world

Leader: Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our Prayer



The Lord's Prayer, Words and Music, Paul van der Bijl, 2012, based on the Lord's Prayer, verse 3 based on a Latin hymn

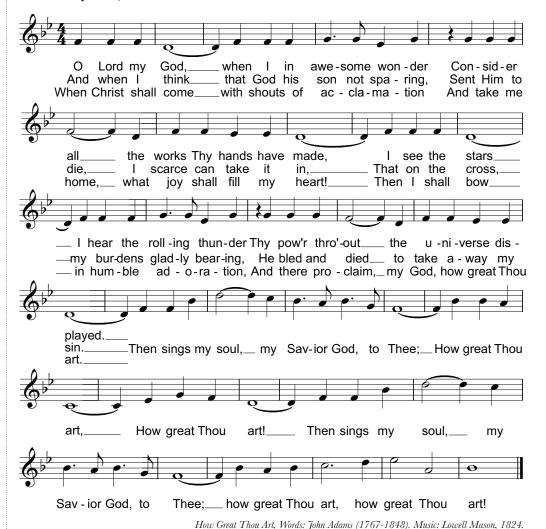
IN COMMUNITY Pastor Dan Adamson

Announcements, events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks

WITH JOY from Psalm 91

Leader: Journey with us, O holy God, on our way to the Cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center on you and your sacrifice. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and spiritual emptiness of the wilderness and prepare our hearts for the sorrow of your crucifixion and the joy of your resurrection. May we rest in the shadow of your might and sing with the Psalmist:

All: You are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.



WITH BLESSING Pastor Dan Adamson

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9:00am

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

- Coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall and classrooms
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-8th Grade (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: God Among Us (Conference Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: From Sunday to Monday (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Ezra-Nehemiah (All Saints Room, Lower Level)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28, Maundy Thursday: We're providing Table Liturgies for use at home. You can find them on the website or on the Welcome Table.

March 29, Good Friday: The sanctuary will be open for prayer and self-guided meditation from 11am - 3pm, and a guided meditation on the Stations of the Cross at 12pm.

March 29, Good Friday evening: Tenebrae Service, 7pm. Childcare available for children 0-4.

March 31, Easter Sunday: Services at 9:00am and 11:15am. Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Education Building between services.

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Bill Heine, Sara Ellison, Cora Passis (9:00); Ian Troll, Matthew Siefert, Karyn Herndon (11:15) Ushers: Mark Hicks, Mark Scheerhorn (9:00); Nathaniel Salsedo, Michael Bergstrom (11:15)

Musicians: Paul van der Bijl, guitar vocals; Paul Kamp, bass; Iva Riggs, vocals; Adriane Fink, piano; Danny Medina, sound technician.

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.

COMMON GROUND CLASSES

From Sunday to Monday: Together we will explore the theme of work through scripture, liturgy, and our experiences. We will have a candid discussion on when our experiences may fall short of our ideals and the tensions of aligning our calling to our paid labor, our relationships and communities, the need for financial security, and our relationships with colleagues at work. This class meets in the Library and is taught by Andy Bilhorn.

God Among Us: Join us for this five-week class during Lent as we think about the richness of the incarnation and the way it shapes our faith. Taught by Larissa Bossemeyer, Daniel Longyne and Steve Lehmann, each week will focus on a different area where we encounter the incarnation such as in the church calendar, in community and in the sacraments. Class will meet in the Conference Room.

Ezra-Nehemiah: Join us for this 4 week class designed to dive into the historical and theological dimensions of Ezra-Nehemiah. Young Bok Kim (PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago) will teach this class in the All Saints Room.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Quartet for the End of Time: Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7pm for a performance of the 20th century masterpiece by Olivier Messiaen, The Quartet for the End of Time. It was written and performed the first time in a German prison camp on January 15, 1941. According to Messiaen, the piece was a musical extension of Revelation 10 where the 7th angel delcared that "time would be no longer." Its stark beauty and deep spiritual themes are full of hope and joy, and it is a beautiful way to enter Holy Week.

Men's Retreat: Join others from Covenant on April 26-28 for our annual men's retreat at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI. You can find more information and register online at https://covenantchicago.org/events/mens-retreat/. Contact men@covenantchicago.org with questions.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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 Lynda Adamson (ladamson@covenantchicago.org).

Common Ground Volunteers: Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to help with coffee and snacks for Common Ground. Volunteers help with either setup (during the 9:00 am service) or clean up (during the 11:15 service), as well as helping during Common Ground to replenish coffee as needed. Most volunteers serve once a month. If you'd be interested, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Host a Student for Easter: In partnership with Bridges International, an international student ministry at IIT, Covenant is inviting individuals and families to host students for a meal over Easter weekend. You could invite them to attend our Good Friday service or join you on Easter. If you would be interested in inviting two or more students for this holiday weekend, you can learn more and sign up online at https://friends-for-dinner.com/hosts/. Today is the last day to register.

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/.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Easter Flowers: If you'd like to donate a flower for Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org) to make arrangements. Consider a donation of \$20 for each flower. You can pick up the flowers after the 11:15am service on Easter Sunday in the front of the sanctuary.

Parents of Diverse Learners. If you have a child with a disability taking part in our children's ministry, we would like to try and find ways to meet your child's unique needs. One of our deacons, Kylene Young, has years of experience as a special education teacher and can work with you and our volunteers to tailor a

(kyleneyoung@gmail.com).

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 Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

plan. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ian (ian@covenantchicago.org) or Kylene



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Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, Joshua Norton

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

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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.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

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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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