



Arguing With Jesus

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Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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Welcome

Call to Worship

The Venite, Psalm 95

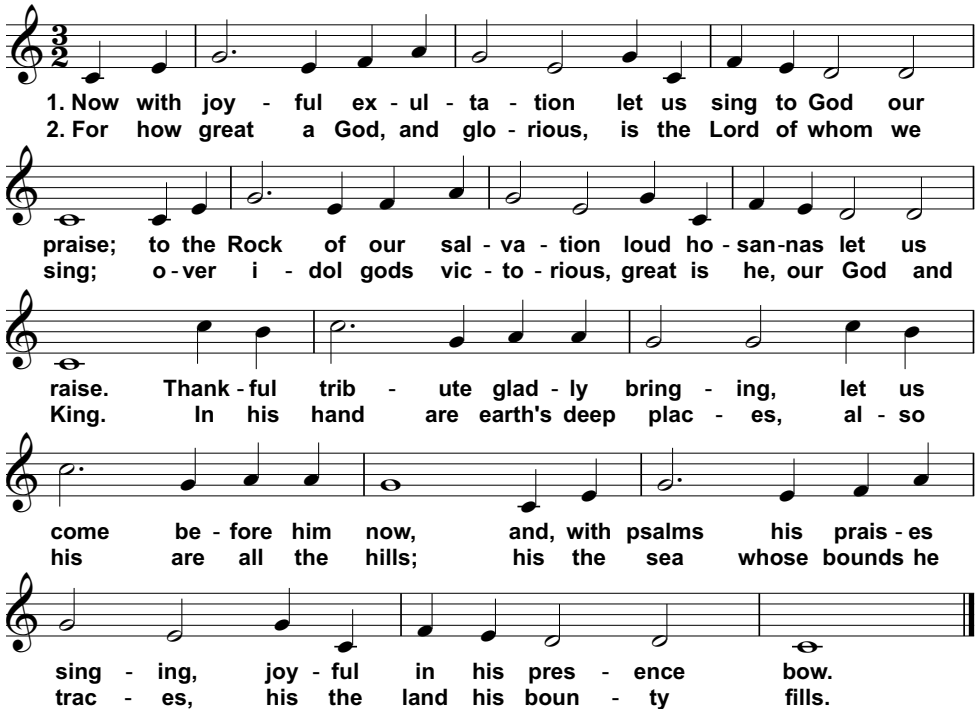
Leader: Come let us sing to the Lord;
All: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
All: and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,
All: and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
All: and the heights of the hills are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,
All: and his hands have molded the dry land.



1. Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our
2. For how great a God, and glo - rious, is the Lord of whom we
praise; to the Rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas let us
sing; o - ver i - dol gods vic - to - rious, great is he, our God and
raise. Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly bring - ing, let us
King. In his hand are earth's deep plac - es, al - so
come be - fore him now, and, with psalms his prais - es
his are all the hills; his the sea whose bounds he
sing - ing, joy - ful in his pres - ence bow.
trac - es, his the land his boun - ty fills.

Psalm 95, Words: Psalter, 1912; Music, arr. from Gregorian Chant by Lowell Mason, 1839

Leader: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
All: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.



To the Lord, such might re - veal - ing, let us come with rev - erence
meet, and, be - fore our Mak - er kneel - ing, let us wor - ship at his
feet. He is our own God who leads us, we the
peo - ple of his care; with a shep - herd's hand he
feeds us as his flock in pas - tures fair.

Confession of Sin, from James 4

Leader: *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way.
2. But as I ran my hell - bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost,



The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave.
you looked up - on my help - less state and led me to the cross.

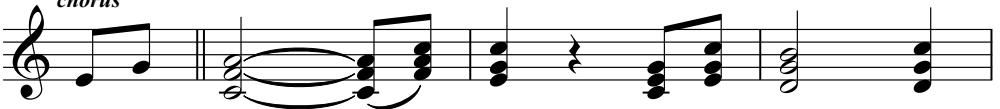


I had no hope that you would own a reb - el to your will.
And I be - held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my place.



And if you had not loved me first, I would re - fuse you still.
You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I know is grace.

chorus



Hal - le - lu jah! All I have is



Christ. Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

All I Have is Christ, Words and Music, Jordan Kauflin, Redeemer Church, Arlington, VA, 2008

Silent time to pray and confess

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.*

Lessons from the Word

New Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Psalm 51.7-12
1 Corinthians 13.1-7

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

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

I Have Something to Say to You, Luke 7:36–50

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Prayers of the People

A prayer especially appropriate for children

Leader: Dear Jesus, thank you for making us part of your family
and for giving us our own families.
Help us to love each other as you love us.
Keep us safe and healthy, and help us to enjoy being with each other.

Lord, we can't even remember all the people who help us each day.
Please help the doctors, nurses, and police officers in our church, and all over

Chicago to stay safe. Thank you for these and other strong people who take care of us.

We also pray for everyone who is sick or scared.
We know you can heal them.
Let us pray.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our church

Leader: Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship.
Fill our hearts with your self-giving love,
that our lives may conform to the image of your Son.
Sustain those among us who need your healing touch.
Comfort those who mourn.
Mend the relationships among us broken and breaking.
Uphold all who suffer in body or mind,
not only those we know and love
but also those known only to you,
that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care.
Let us pray.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our city

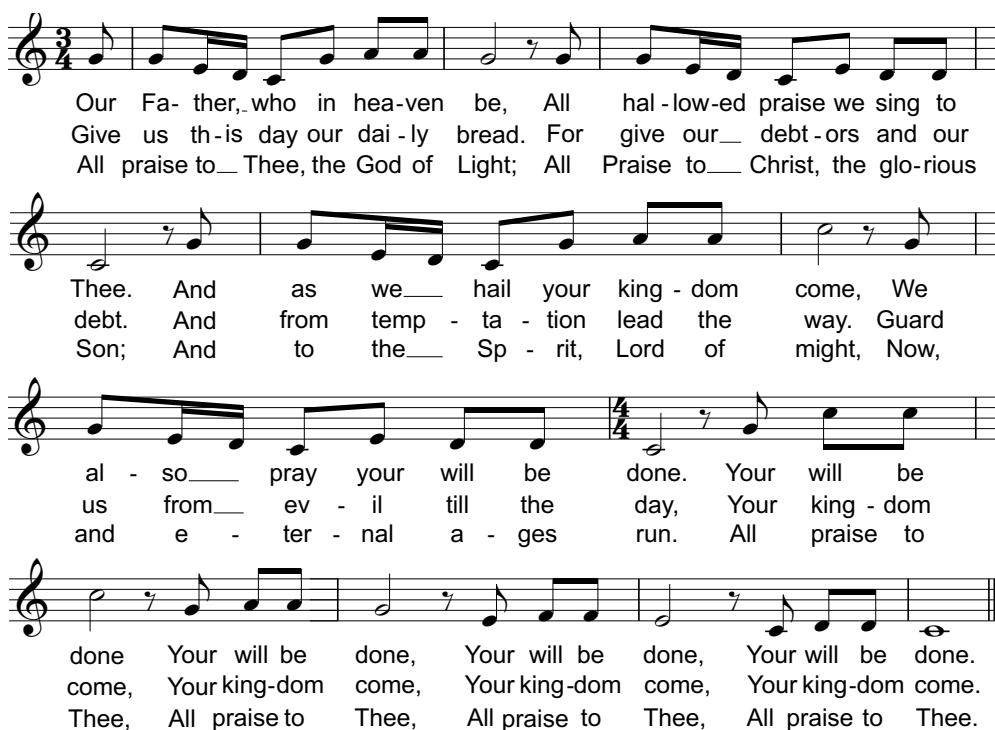
Leader: Look with compassion on all who suffer.
Support with your love
those with incurable and stigmatized diseases,
those unjustly imprisoned,
those denied dignity,
those who live without hope,
those who are homeless or abandoned.
As you have moved toward us in love,
so lead us to be present with them in their suffering
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Let us pray.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our Prayer

A prayer for our world

Leader: Renew our nation and our world in the ways of justice and peace.
Guide those who make and administer our laws
to build a society based on trust and respect.
Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition
and to bow to your sovereign rule.
Erase prejudices that oppress,
that all your children may dwell secure,
free of hate, war and injustice.
Let us pray.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our Prayer



Our Fa- ther, who in hea-ven be, All hal-low-ed praise we sing to
Give us th-is day our dai-ly bread. For give our__ debt-ors and our
All praise to__ Thee, the God of Light; All Praise to__ Christ, the glo-rious
Thee. And as we__ hail your king - dom come, We
debt. And from temp - ta - tion lead the way. Guard
Son; And to the__ Sp - rit, Lord of might, Now,
al - so__ pray your will be done. Your will be
us from__ ev - il till the day, Your king - dom
and e - ter - nal a - ges run. All praise to
done Your will be done, Your will be done, Your will be done.
come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come, Your king-dom come.
Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee, All praise to Thee.

*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*

News & Announcements

Announcements in our community

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.

Faithfulness in a World Forgotten: Join us as we explore some of the major developments of the medieval church and learn how they've shaped the world today. Each Monday, we'll share a recorded lecture and primary text reading. There will be an optional discussion the following Wednesday at 7:30 pm. You can find past classes here: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/faithfulness-in-a-world-forgotten/>. Contact Larissa to join the discussion (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Volunteers Needed. Covenant is looking for volunteers to help on Sunday mornings as we reopen for worship. We're looking for volunteers to help at 1 or 2 services as ushers and greeters to welcome people to Covenant and answer questions about changes to our services. For more details or to sign up, please contact office@covenantchicago.org.

Breakthrough's Trunk Party. Breakthrough is hosting a Trunk Party on August 1st for 50 high school graduates in Garfield Park who are headed off to college. At the party, guests fill the student's "trunk" with essentials for college—such as bedding, towels, toiletries, laundry supplies, and more. Covenant is helping provide the items these students need as they head off to college. You can send things directly to Breakthrough from their Target registry.

Volunteer at the Trunk Party. Covenant is also looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve food for the party. If you'd like to learn more about volunteering or to sign up, please contact Shane Rector (shane.rector13@gmail.com).

Sunday Services: If you'd like to attend an in-person service at Covenant, please register online. Registration will open on Wednesdays. Register and read about the modifications to service here: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/back-to-church/>

Do you need help? If the ongoing repercussions of covid-19 present a financial or physical hardship for you, 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.

Go With Joy

All:

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 2/2. The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Praise God from whom all__ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all
Grant us Thy strength to__ face the__ day, filled with Thy
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye__
love and hope and faith. May all the na - tions be
heav'n-ly__ host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
drawn to con - fess: Christ died and rose, and comes a - gain!
A - - - men, A - - - men.

Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, v2 by vdBijl, 2018; Music, John Hatton, 1793, Chorus, Redeemer Knoxville, 2014

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 Meyer

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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