



# Arguing With Jesus

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Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
10th Sunday of Pentecost

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## Welcome

### Call to Worship

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*from Psalm 34*

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**



O, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; Come, let us all ex - alt his name.  
I sought the e - ter - nal God and he has freed my long - ing heart from blame.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**



1. Lord, I\_ will bless you all my days! Your praise shall dwell up - on my tongue;
2. To him\_ the wan-d'rers lift their eyes, Their fa - ces feel a heav'-nly shine;
3. God's an - gels help the one that faints, And guard\_ the ones that serve the Lord.



My soul\_ shall glo - ry in your grace,\_\_\_ Let all\_ re-joice to hear my song!  
A beam\_ of mer - cy from the skies\_\_\_ will bless\_ with light and joy di - vine.  
O - bey and love him, all ye saints,\_\_\_ taste of\_ his grace, and trust his word.



O, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me;\_\_\_ Come, let us all ex - alt his name.



I sought\_ the e - ter - nal God and he\_\_\_ has freed\_ my long-ing heart from blame.

*Psalm 34, Words: , Isaac Watts, 1720, Music: Paul van der Bijl, 2015, based on a Sacred Harp tune*

## Confession of Sin, based on Galatians 2:15, 19

Leader: *Through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God. A person is not justified through law-keeping, but through faith in Jesus.*

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

*Prayer of silent confession:*

Loving God,  
your Incarnate Son died, rose, ascended, and reigns on high.  
You conquered the grave and made a way for peace with us.  
Yet we confess our unbelief.  
We confess our anxious hearts and minds.  
Help us in our unbelief. Forgive us our sins.  
Help us to rest in you and your mercy,  
for through your Son, you redeemed us and made us whole. Amen.

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 Galatians 2:20

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

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

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Old Testament Lesson -  
New Testament Lesson -

Leviticus 19:17-18  
Colossians 3:12-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## The Word

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Pastor Dave Salsedo

Which Commandment is The Most Important of All?, Mark 12:28–34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## The Great Thanksgiving

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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.**

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, you made the wonder that is earth, inscribing soil, sky, and sea with life, energy, and glory.

**All: Though we look upon you with eyes dimmed by the Fall, you gaze upon us with eyes filled with grace.**

Leader: You breathe new air into our choking lungs, you bring life out of broken earth, you turn the roiling seas into the waters of our baptism.

**All: You parted the waters to liberate your captive people, and you rolled away the stone to bring us face to face with your resurrected Son.**

Leader: You make us your Son's body, taken, blessed, and broken on the cross to be shared for the life of the world.

**All: And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:**

**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.**

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

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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.

### 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.*

### 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.**



## News & Announcements

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### 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](mailto: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. Our final class will be August 5. You can find past classes here: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/faithfulness-in-a-world-forgotten/>. Contact Larissa to join the discussion ([lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@covenantchicago.org).

**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.churchcenter.com/registrations>

**Congregational Meeting:** Covenant will host a congregational meeting on August 23 to elect new officers. We'll have ballots available for members in person or online that Sunday morning. Look for more details soon.

**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](mailto: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

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All:



1. What hope we have, e-ven in the long-est night, for the  
2. What peace we have, e-ven in this wound ed world where the  
3. What joy we have, for the stone is rolled a - way, and the  
4. What hope we have, e-ven in the long-est night, for the



light will o - ver come.\_\_\_\_ We will not fear, for we know the  
bat - tle ra - ges on.\_\_\_\_ We will not fear, for we know who  
tomb holds no-thing now.\_\_\_\_ No sting of death, no pow'r o - ver  
light will o - ver come.\_\_\_\_ And we shall live; sin - ners, we will



sun will rise. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.\_\_\_\_  
heals our souls. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.\_\_\_\_ Hal-le-  
sin or grave. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.\_\_\_\_  
rise to saints. Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.\_\_\_\_



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! He is ri-sen o - ver all. Hal-le-



lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah is our song.

*Hallelujah is Our Song, Words and Music by Sarah Hart, 2013*

Leader:

## Benediction

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*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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## Diaconate

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



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