



the
Psalms
of Ascents



8th Sunday of Pentecost | July 16, 2023

Anti-Psalm 146

*Praise the one who promises much!
Praise him, O my soul!
I will trust the one who gets things done;
I will hope in that one while I have my being.*

*For trusting in the Lord is difficult;
the Creator of all, who speaks and it comes to pass.
He stands outside of time—infinite, eternal;
but rarely acts how I think best.*

*Happy instead is the one helped by the powerful,
whose hope is held by the mighty,
stewarding portions of earth,
claiming much, but controlling nothing,
saying what it takes to get ahead;
overlooking the insignificant,
manipulating through generosity.*

*The mighty project power,
hoping to blind us to their weakness.
Feigning magnanimity;
they love only the loyal.
The powerful ignore the weak;
but will perhaps uphold me,
until my way is brought to ruin.*

*The mighty reign but a blink,
destined to disappoint—
brought to nothing by death.*

~ Todd Gwennap

watercolor by Lenae van der Bijl

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.

Green for the Season of Pentecost
Green represents growth, bountifulness, hope,
and the victory of life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

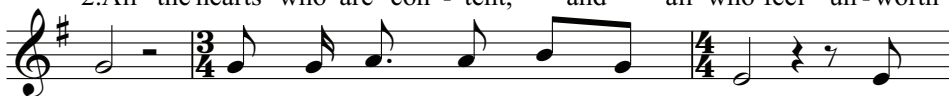
Welcome

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.



1. All the poor and pow - er - less, and all the lost and lone -
2. All the hearts who are con - tent, and all who feel un - worth



ly, All the thieves will come con - fess, and
y, All who hurt with noth - ing left will



know that you are ho - ly, and know that you are ho - ly.
know that you are ho - ly, will know that you are ho - ly.

chorus



And we will sing out: Hal - le - lu - jah. We will cry out: Hal - le - lu - jah.



We ex - alt You: Hal - le - lu - jah. We ex - alt You: Hal - le - lu - jah.

All the Poor and Powerless, Words and Music by David Leonard and Leslie Jordan, 2011

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.

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,

All: **Hallelujah!**
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory.



1 O wor - ship the King all glo - rious a bove,
2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der-clouds form,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: *Prayer of adoration and moment of silent meditation:*

O Lord and Father, the Ancient of Days, you have come to us like a son of man in your Son, Jesus Christ. His dominion is an everlasting dominion and we praise and adore you.

All:

5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,
whom an - gels de light to wor - ship a bove!
Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,
in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

Leader: Father, you are here by the power of your Spirit.

All: Open our eyes and hearts to your presence among us today. Amen.

Confession of Sin

from Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: *And Jesus said: "Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

**All: Gracious God,
we are weary and our sins and anxieties are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
and our tendency to find rest in anything but your mercy and grace.
Grant us rest for our souls.**

Sing to Confess



Come wear - y saints though tired and weak, hide a - way in the
Come wan - dering souls and find your home, hide a - way in the
Come guilt - y ones weighed down with sin, hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus. Your strength will re - turn by His
love of Je - sus. He of - fers the rest that you
love of Je - sus. The free - dom you long for is



qui - et streams, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.
yearn to know, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.
found in Him, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus, Words and Music by Steve and Vikki Cook, 2008

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon

from Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: *For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:3-4*

Sing to Assure



Come hope-ful hearts free from des-pair, hide a-way in the



love of Je - sus. For ten thou-sand joys a -



wait you there, hide a-way in the love of Je - sus.

Lessons from the Word

read by Rachel Salsedo ①, Jon Skinner ②

New Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

1 Corinthians 10:12-13, p.957
John 10:11-15, p.896

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

1. Un - sha - ken is your might, O Lord, and firm as moun-tains be.
2. Through this great, dark, and wea-ry land, lead us, O Lord, we pray.
3. Grant us your grace, to turn a - side from e - vil, crook - ed ways.

In your great strength, our soul finds rest. O Lord, we trust in thee.
Give us the strength to do your will, and walk the right-eous way.
Help us to trust in your deep love. Grant us e - ter - nal peace.

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

The Word

Pastor Dan Adamson
Trust in the Lord, Psalm 125 p.517

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.
- ³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.
- ⁴ Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- ⁵ But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

3. Grant us your grace, to turn a - side from e - vil, crook-ed ways.

Help us to trust in your deep love. Grant us e - ter - nal peace.

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the vocal line, with the lyrics written below them. The last two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

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

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

Leader: As we approach this meal, we thank and praise you
because you make these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
into the means of our redemption,
and you turn our fallen folly into the occasion of your risen glory.

All: In Christ the Lamb you gave us every good thing.

Leader: Though we strayed from your ways and slayed your holy one,

**All: you set before us this gracious banquet
in which that crucified and risen Lamb reconciles us with you.**

Leader: And so we live in gratitude for your mercy
and in praise of your grace,
joining the the company of heaven in their constant 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.**

refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -
lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

Distribute the Bread & Cup

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, 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:



1. Je - sus! we bow be - fore thy feet; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. Thy ta - ble is di - vine - ly stored; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
3. And here we drink our Sav - iors blood; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. We thank thee, Lord, 'tis gen' - rous wine Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
5. On earth is no such sweet - ness found, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. For the Lamb's flesh is heav'n - ly food; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!



1. Thy sa - cred flesh our souls have eat, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. 'Tis li - ving bread; we thank thee, Lord! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
3. Min - gled with love; the foun - tain flowed, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. From that dear bleed - ing heart of thine, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
5. In vain we search the world a - round, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. To nourish souls and make us new, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*

refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,



Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -



lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

Jesus! We Bow Before Thy Feet, Words: Isaac Watts, 1700s, Music, The Sacred Harp, 1850, arr. vdbijl, 2014

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.**



7. Joy to the Mas - ter of the feast; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

7. To God the King, and Christ our Priest, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Work of the People

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.

Go With Joy

All:



1. There is one Gos-pel on which I stand For all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
3. There is one Gos-pel where hope is found; the emp - ty tomb still speaks.
4. And in this Gos-pel the church is one; we do not walk a - lone



It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan. The Son has re - scued me.
For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, he saved me on the cross.
For death could not keep my Sa - vior down, He lives and I am free.
We have His Spi - rit as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



Oh what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my
No more I boast in what I can bring. No more I car - ry the
Now on my Sa - vior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that



deep - est need. Now and for - e - ver He is my light.
weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life,
hope is mine! For He has pro - mised I, too, will rise,
re - scued me. Praise to my Sa - vior the King of life.



I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.

There is One Gospel, Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2022

Benediction

Leader:

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

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

Common Ground, 10:15am

- Coffee and snacks available in the courtyard

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Kara Shroyer, Jennie and Ryan Von Drehle (9:00); Hanah Vissepo, Phil Koerner (11:15)

Ushers: Craig Horbinski (9:00); Andrew Dykstra, Shane Rector (11:15)

Musicians: Matthew Siefert, bass; Paul David Young, electric guitar; Adriane Finke, piano; Erica Norman, vocals; Cassidy Miller, vocals; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; Liam van der Bijl, sound technician

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.

One Service Sundays: We'll have one service at 10:15 am on August 27 and September 3. There will be no Common Ground on these days. Childcare will be available during service for children birth through 5th grade. Plan to join us for an all-church cookout after service August 27.



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/>.

Trunk Party: Breakthrough is hosting a Trunk Party on August 5th for 80 high school graduates in Garfield Park headed off to college. A trunk party is a celebration for someone who is getting ready to head off to college to fill up a "trunk" with essentials for college. You can find a list of supplies to purchase on our welcome table. Items should be returned to our Mercy Bin by July 23. Covenant will also help cook and serve food for the party from 9 am to noon on August 5. To learn more or sign up, please contact Margret Ann Natsis margretann.natsis@gmail.com.

Summer Common Ground: Join us for coffee and snacks between the services in the courtyard. Classes and Sunday Schools for kids and adults will return on September 10.

Summer Dinners Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city this summer. On July 29, Covenant is organizing backyard dinners for groups of 12-20 throughout the city. If you'd be interested in attending or hosting one of these get-togethers, please fill out the form on the Welcome Table, on our website (<https://covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together/>) or email Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Pickleball at Covenant: Join others from Covenant for pickleball in the gym on some Saturdays from 9 to 11 am. All are welcome to join; instructors will be available if you're new to the sport. Sign up on our website (covenantchicago.org/pickleball/) for upcoming dates: July 22 and 29. Questions? Contact Jenna Hammond (jenaomia@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 Margaret-Ann Natsis (margretann.natsis@gmail.com).



Gospel Justice Center: Please pray for Covenant's Gospel Justice Center, a legal-aid clinic created in partnership with Together Chicago and Administer Justice, and run entirely by Covenant volunteers. On the second Saturday of every month, we welcome our neighbors with legal questions from the Logan Square, Bucktown, Garfield Park and Humboldt Park neighborhoods. Please pray for us to care well for our guests, and pray for us to grow in our ability to become a more known presence in our neighborhood.

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).

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.

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.

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).

Next Week Sermon Text: Psalm 123

Giving QR Code



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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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Name:

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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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