

PALM SUNDAY



NEW ST PETER'S

MARCH 24, 2024

*“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
I will dwell in you and walk among you; and I will be your God,
and you shall be My people.”*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please be seated as we gather to sing. Congregants read the bolded text aloud.

GATHERING

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Darwall

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 45, Zechariah 9, Matthew 21

Your throne, Lord Christ, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of righteousness; You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore, God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

Rejoice greatly and shout aloud, O people of God! Behold your King is coming to you, righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we
also forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Dix
text: *Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1864*

1. For the_ beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the_ beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the_ joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the_ joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the_ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and_ vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
for the_ mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on_ earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es_ hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

MOODY, text: Julia H. Johnston, c. 1910

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a - vail to
3. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured, there where the
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide; whit - er than
all who be - lieve: you that are long - ing to see his face, will you this

Refrain

blood of the Lamb was spilt.
snow you may be to - day. Grace, grace, God's grace,
mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace, grace,

God's grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.

Father, we are the people of Your pasture, and the sheep of Your hand.

And yet, we have not listened to Your voice. Our hearts are prone to evil, to doubt, and to unbelief. We easily become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, putting You to the test with our rebellious thoughts, words, and deeds. We turn worship and generosity into pretense and neglect to show mercy to the outcast and the stranger. We turn Your house of prayer for all peoples into a robbers' den, holding tightly onto our possessions, time, and energy. King Jesus, drive out this sin from our hearts, heal our blindness, and restore us to obedience.

Silent confession

Church, Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. He is your King and High Priest—holy, innocent, and unstained. Therefore, He has offered Himself for your sin and has provided you entrance into God's rest.

Since then, we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession and draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

A reading from Paul: The law was not given to nullify God's promise, but to inform the hope of redemption through Jesus Christ.

*Children, Pre-K and Kindergarten, may be dismissed to
Worship Training and retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

May the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Please return to your seats and remain standing.

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Darwall

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**

Psalm 95,
Matthew 21,
Hebrews 3

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**

Hebrews 3-7

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**

Galatians 3.19-29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERINGS
AND ALMS
Micah 6,
2 Corinthians 8

So may our abundance of joy overflow in a wealth of generosity through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God, knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor so that we by His poverty might become rich.

SERMON

Leviticus 11.1-8, 44-47

Rev. Alex Dean

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, ² “*Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.* ³ *Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat.*

⁴ *Nevertheless, among those that chew the cud or part the hoof, you shall not eat these: The camel, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you.* ⁵ *And the rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you.* ⁶ *And the hare, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you.* ⁷ *And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you.* ⁸ *You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.”*

⁴⁴ *“For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.* ⁴⁵ *For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”*

⁴⁶ This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground, ⁴⁷ to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.

“Why Then the Law?”

Leviticus 11.1-8, 44-47

It Orders but Cannot Perfect

It Teaches but Cannot Image

It Convicts but Cannot Bring To Life

THE APOSTLES'
CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell*, the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**He descended into judgment and continued in the state of the dead until the third day.*

O Holy Spirit, fill our hearts while we gather at the table of the Lord.

**As we feed on this bread and wine, pour out in us the health and
comfort they afford.**

O Spirit of the living God, the gift of our risen and ascended King, lift
now our hearts to things above, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Come to the Table...

*Ushers will release you by rows after the music team has partaken.
Grape juice is in the outer ring of the tray and wine in the center.
Gluten-free bread is available at each table.*

*If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to remain in the service and reflect
on the following prayer, and we invite you to talk with our pastors if you would
like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.*

*Good Father, open my heart and my eyes to see the light of the gospel of the
glory of Christ, even against the darkness of my sin and suffering; and help me
to draw near, believing that You exist and that You meet those who seek You in
Christ. In my doubt, guide my mind. In my wandering, guide my feet and bring
me ultimately home through Jesus, the Way. (2 Corinthians 4, Hebrews 11)*

WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE
*Colossians 3,
Scottish
Communion
Hymn*

DIRECTIONS
FOR THE
TABLE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Aberstwyth
text: Charles Wesley, 1704
arr. Ben Weldy



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Laura Taylor
text: John Newton, 1774



1. Let us love and sing__ and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord__ who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce__ temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to bear__ us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace__ and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join__ the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's__ loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
called us by his grace,__ and taught us, gave us ears and gave__ us eyes:
For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks__ no more:
here they trust - ed him__ be - fore__ us, now their prais - es fill__ the sky:



he has washed us with his blood,__ he has washed us with his blood,__
he has washed us with his blood,__ he has washed us with his blood,__
he who washed us with his blood,__ he who washed us with his blood,__
he who washed us with his blood,__ he who washed us with his blood,__
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood,__ thou hast washed us with thy blood,__



he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.__
he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.__
he who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.__
he who washed us with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.__
thou hast washed us with thy blood; thou art wor - thy, Lamb of God!''__

"O Love Incomprehensible"

Kevin Twit
 Augustus M. Toplady (chorus v. 3)
 Anne Steele (other verses)

Refrain



O Love in - com - pre - hen - si - ble, That made Thee bleed for — me



The Judge of all has suf - fered death, To set His pris - oner — free



1. What pain what soul - op - press - ing pain,
2. Ar - rained at Pi - late's shame - ful bar,
3. The spot - less Sav - ior lived for me,
4. "Tis fin - ished!" now a - loud He cries,
5. On Thee a - lone my hope re - lies,



The Great Re - deem - er — bore	While blood - y sweat like
Un - par - al - leled dis - grace!	See spot - less in - no -
And died up - on the — mount	The o - be - dience of His
No more the Law re - quires	And now, a - maz - ing
Be - neath Thy cross I — fall	My Lord, my Life, my



drops of rain,	Dis - tilled from eve - ry pore! _____
- cence ap - pear,	In guilt's de - test - ed place! _____
life and death,	Is placed to my ac - count! _____
sac - ri - fice,	The Lord of Life ex - pires! _____
Sac - ri - fice,	My Sav - ior and my All! _____

SCATTERING
*Kenyan
Reformed
Prayer*

Almighty God, eternal Father,

**we have sat at Your feet,
learned from Your word,
and eaten from Your table.
We give You thanks and praise
for accepting us into Your family.
Send us out with Your blessing,
to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.**

BENEDICTION
Hebrews 3-5

Now, you who have come to share in Christ—our source of eternal salvation and blessing—may your hearts be softened and your wills be strengthened to know, love, and obey Him, from this time forth, and forevermore.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please enjoy the fellowship of believers in the lobby or outside.

ABOUT NSP



In a city that pursues arrival, New St. Peter's exists to make disciples by inviting pilgrims and skeptics into life on the road with Jesus.

CORE VALUES

Worship



Calling



Suffering



Membership



THE ROOSTER

The rooster is a common Christian symbol, used throughout the history of the church to tell the story of St. Peter's denial of Christ on the night He was betrayed. Peter was a brash and bold disciple, and a dear friend of Jesus, but in his doubt and fear he denied his Lord three times before the rooster's crow early on that Good Friday morning. But the rooster clutches the cross, clinging to the hope of Jesus' great mercy for doubters and deniers like us. Because Jesus Christ has died as if He were the worst of doubters, the worst of deniers, we are free to cling to His cross and to follow Him on the pilgrim road. Jesus forgave and restored Peter shortly after His resurrection, and it was in the hope of this restoration that our church—New St. Peter's—was born in 2003.

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GATHERED

As a church family, we gather weekly to celebrate God's grace in worship and teach and encourage one another as we follow Jesus.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

(Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

The church is an outpost of heaven on earth, and nowhere is this more evident than in its worship. So, even on the road with Jesus, we taste home each Lord's Day in the worship gathering, as we feed on Christ through His preached word, the sacraments, fellowship, and prayer. (Matthew 11:28-29).

SOLD

(Sundays, 9-9:50am, Jan. 14 - May 19)

School of Life & Doctrine (SOLD) is our Christian education ministry for all ages. Historically, we've held this time on Sunday evenings in various places throughout the city. However, beginning in the fall of 2023, we will host SOLD on Sunday mornings at the Dallas Children's Theater, including classes for kids, youth, and adults.

KIDS - WORSHIP TRAINING

(Sundays, 10:15-11:30am)

Our goal is to prepare our children in Worship Training to enter into the "big" Worship Service with their parents, better able to listen and engage with the liturgy as they grow in maturity. In Worship Training, leaders guide the children in singing, prayer, a simple liturgy, and a curriculum lesson with age-appropriate activities.

YOUTH - RYF

Reformed Youth Fellowship (RYF) is our ministry to Middle School and High School students. In our dedicated teaching times the youth at New St. Peter's work through the topics of Basic Bible (Old and New Testament), Apologetics, Spiritual Disciplines, and Christian History. During the School year, we meet most regularly on Sunday mornings during SOLD, but also meet outside of that time for fellowship, encouragement, and service in both large and small groups.

SCATTERED

When we are scattered throughout the city, we are no less the church. In our diverse neighborhoods, we want to invite disciples and skeptics to join us on the road with Jesus.

PARISHES

In order to better equip our members for fellowship and outreach, we have organized our city into parishes. Each parish is overseen by an Elder—with assistance from the Deacons and Women's Leadership Team—who shepherds the neighborhood group leaders in that parish.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Our neighborhood groups meet in people's homes at different frequencies and locations throughout the metroplex. The aim of these groups is to walk together in fellowship, prayer, and service in the community.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRY

There are a number of ways to get involved in men's and women's ministry at NSP, including Bible and book studies, discipleship and prayer groups, and special events.

20somethings

Anyone from college through the late 20s is welcome—both married and single! This group enjoys bi-monthly fellowship dinners in homes of different families in our church and also gets together for seasonal Bible studies and occasional celebrations.

To learn more about these ministries, scan the QR code below or visit www.newstpeters.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Maundy Thursday** - Save March 28, 6:00 p.m. at DCT. Childcare will be provided for children, 0-3 years of age. A signup is now available on the weekly email.
- **Easter Egg Hunt Outreach** - Join us at McCree Park on Saturday, March 30th, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Please invite your neighbors. A sign-up is in the weekly email.
- **No SOLD on Easter** - We will celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection beginning at 10:15 a.m. Pre-K and Kinder will be with us in the service.
- **RYM Summer Conference Registration** - Registration is open. **The deadline for registration is March 31 (Easter)**. The dates are—HS Colorado (June 10-15), MS Texas (July 31 - Aug 4). If you have any questions, reach out to parker@newstpeters.org.

UPCOMING

- **Restore 2024: MNA Mercy Conference - April 12-13, 2024** - Restore 2024—a conference hosted this year in Dallas by Mission to North America—will recast a vision for Kingdom-centered mercy ministry, and equip members of the church to enter into the restorative work of mercy in their communities. More details are in the all church weekly email.

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