

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

MARCH 23, 2025

*“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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Lasst uns erfreuen

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer
gleam,**

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,
and give thanks to His holy name.

For the LORD is good, and His steadfast love endures forever!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 30

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

**By Your favor, O LORD,
You made our mountain stand strong;
You hid Your face;
we were dismayed.**

To You, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy.
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, by my helper!

**You have turned our mourning into dancing;
You have loosed our sackcloth and clothed us with gladness,
that our glory may sing Your praises and not be silent.
O LORD our God, we will give thanks to You forever!**

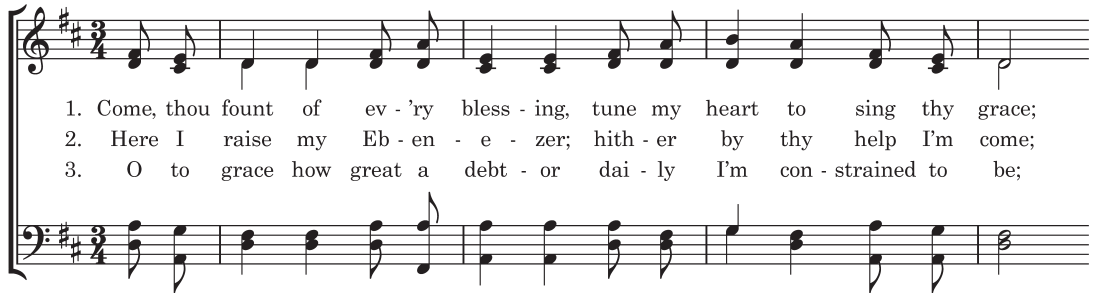
INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6

**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.**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”


NETTLETON
text: Robert Robinson, 1758
Harmony alt., Ben Weldy



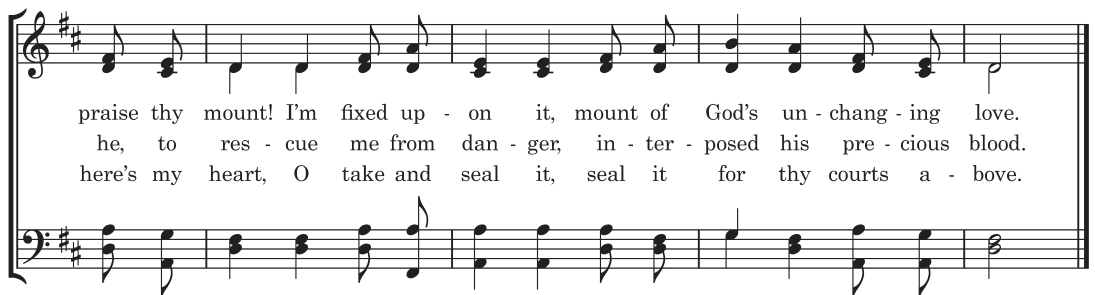
1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me_ some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by_ flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to_ wan - der— Lord, I feel_ it— prone to_ leave the God I love:



praise thy mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

“Psalm 131 (A Song of Ascents)”

Alex Dean, 2023

O Is - ra - el, hope in the Lord, from this time forth and for - ev - er - more.

All you rest - less hearts out on the road, won't you let Christ bear your

Fine 1.2.

pil - grim load?

1. If you raise up your eyes, don't raise them up too
2. All you with anx - ious hearts, rest in your Fath - er's

high. Fix them on_ Je - sus Christ, who is the Lord.
arms. Just like the babe who rests, near moth - er's heart.

3.

Rise up, O be - liev - er_ and_ fol - low your King who will_

walk with you in your dis - tress._ Rise up, O you sleep - er,_ and

D.C. al Fine

Christ will shine on you and_ lead you one_ day to His rest.

Heavenly Father, hear our pleas for mercy in the name of Jesus, Your Son.

**In our pride we become foolish,
turning our backs on Your wisdom
and doubting Your goodness and generosity.
We are like the waves of the sea
that are driven and tossed by the wind.
Lured and enticed by our own lusts,
we produce the fruit of sin and death in our members.
We so often neglect prayer,
but when we do pray, we come to You with selfish demands.
Father of lights, forgive us these things.
Give us the peace that comes from our union with Christ
that our joy may be full in Him. Amen.**

Silent confession

Sisters and brothers, the LORD has heard your cries for help,
and He has forgiven your sins in the name of Jesus Christ.

**We will extol you, O LORD, for You have drawn us up.
You have brought up our souls from the pit;
You have delivered us from death and restored us to life!
Thanks be to God from this time forth and forever! Amen!**

A reading from the prophets: The LORD promises victory and joy after the
birth pangs of His people.

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, may be dismissed to Worship Training.
All children are 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.

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
John 16
James 1, 4

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**
Psalm 30

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Isaiah 26.12-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE
PEACE OF CHRIST**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERINGS
& 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

John 16.16-33

Rev. Alex Dean

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.”¹⁷ So some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’?”²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.²³ In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!”³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.”

³¹ Jesus answered them, *“Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

“Turning Point”

John 16.16-33

Sorrow turned to joy

Alienation turned to access

Denial turned to peace

**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.*

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE**

*Khmer
Communion
Hymn
(Cambodia),
20th Century*

Christ said, "I am the bread of life."

"Anyone who truly comes to Me will not hunger again."

Christ said, "I am the bread of life."

**"Anyone who truly believes in Me, their heart will be satisfied.
And My bread is the bread that comes from heaven."**

And all who eat will not die, for:

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

Come to the Table...

DIRECTIONS

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*

OFFERINGS & ALMS

- *Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room. Alms can be placed in the bowl held by the deacon.*
- *Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Elders, Deacons, and members of our Women's Leadership Team will be on stage near the musicians to pray with and for you.

PRAYER FOR FAITH

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to reflect on the prayer at the bottom of page 12, and we invite you to talk with our pastor if you would like to know more about the hope of the Good News on display at Christ's Table.

“Be Still My Soul”

Finlandia
text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
Harmony alt. Ben Weldy



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; _____ bear pa - tient -
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take _____ to guide the
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part, _____ and all is
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on _____ when we shall



- ly the cross of grief or pain; _____ leave to your God to
fu - ture as he has the past. _____ Your hope, your con - fi -
dark - ened in the vale of tears, _____ then shall you bet - ter
be for - ev - er with the Lord, _____ when dis - ap - point - ment,



or - der and pro - vide; _____ in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -
- dence let noth - ing shake; _____ all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
know his love, his heart, _____ who comes to soothe your sor - row and your
grief, and fear are gone, _____ sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



- main. _____ Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend _____
last. _____ Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know _____
fears. _____ Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay _____
- stored. _____ Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, _____



— through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
— his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
— from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
— all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

“We Are Not Overcome”

Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell, 2013
Harmony alt. Ben Weldy



1. Flesh will fail, _ and bones will break; thieves will steal, the earth will
2. Put no trust in the earth, in the sod _ you stand up-
3. Have no fear _ for your life; _ turn your cheek, turn your



_ shake. Night will fall, _ the light will fade; The Lord will give
- on. Flow - ers fade _ in - to dust; The Lord will make
_ cheek. Bear the yoke of life and death; The Lord will give

Refrain



_ and take a - way. _
_ a place for us. _ *Be - cause of His great*
_ all life and breath.



love, we are not o - ver - come! _ Be - cause of



His great love, we are not o - ver - come! _

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing Grace

text: St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779

St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me! _____
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved; _____
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come; _____
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures; _____
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal life shall cease, _____
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, _____

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. _____
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved! _____
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. _____
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures. _____
I shall pos - sess with - in the veil a life of joy and peace. _____
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun. _____

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
Numbers 6

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

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)

Scripture References from the ESV ©2002
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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.

www.newstpeters.org

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)

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

(Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm)

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

- **Youth** - Our next large group is Wednesday, March 26, at the Oasis, beginning at 6:30 pm.
Camp Reminder: Be sure to sign up for camp before March 31! All details have been sent in an email. If you have any questions, please see Alex McEwen!
- **College Boxes** - It's that time of year again: our college students look forward to receiving care packages from their church family! They will be mailed on April 28, so we have several weeks to bake cookies, donate gift cards, and write notes. Look for details on how to help in next Tuesday's email. Notecards and a collection box will be provided in the lobby of DCT through April 27. For questions, please contact Stephanie Clemmons, Tricia Horne, Arleen Ratliff, Sharissa Murray, or Kelley Bruss.

UPCOMING

- **VBS Registration** - Is now open for those that are volunteering. For non-volunteers, please watch for registration to open in April. It will be in the Tuesday email.
- **Women's Fellowship Event** - Save the date! We will be having a brunch and fellowship on Saturday, April 12. More details will be coming soon.

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