

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



NEW ST PETER'S

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“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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

**All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, all His works,
in all places of His dominion.
Again I say, bless the Lord!

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Exodus 19

Thus says the LORD: "Let my people go!"

**For God will send all His plagues on Egypt,
so that we may know that there is none like Him in all the earth.**

For by now He could have put out His mighty hand
and struck the Egyptians down.
But for this purpose He has raised the Pharaoh up,
to show His power, so that His name may be proclaimed in all the earth.

**So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened,
and he did not let the people go,
just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.**

INVOCATION

"Father, Long Before Creation"

Andrew Osenga
Chinese hymn, trans. Francis Jones, 1953



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho - sen us in love,
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, Yet our God is e'er the same;
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, Is my boast - ing all the day;
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee We will ev - er praise Thy love,



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, Draws us close to Christ a - bove.
His com - pas - sion and His cov - 'nant Through all age s will re - main.
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing Moves my will, di - rect my way.
And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'Til we reach our home a - bove,

4th X To Coda ♪



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us Firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own child - ren, God's own child - ren Must for - ev - er praise His name.
God so loved us, God so loved us That His on - ly Son He gave.
Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry To our God and to the Lamb;

♪ Coda



Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry To our God and to the Lamb.

"Come Magnify the Lord with Me (Psalm 34)"

David Potter, 2016
text: Isaac Watts, 1719



1. Lord I will bless You all my days, Your praise will their faces and guard the.

2. To Him the wand'r - ers lift their eyes, _____.

3. God's ang - els help the one that faints, _____.

6. dwell u - pon my - tongue. My soul will glo - ry in Your grace, -

feel a heav' - nly - shine. A beam of mer - cy from the skies, -

ones that serve the - Lord. O - obey and love Him, all ye saints, _____.

9. Let all re - joice to hear my - song. Come mag - ni -

Will bless with light and joy di - vine. _____.

Taste of His grace, and trust His - Word. _____.

12. fy the Lord with - me! Come let us all ex - alt His - name! _____.

15. I sought the e - tern - al God and - He has freed my

long - ing heart from - blame! _____.

(2. To Him the)

(3. God's ang - els)

Sovereign God, You are the Potter and we are the clay.

**We confess that we question Your ways
and trust in ourselves rather than in Your mercy.
We presume upon Your grace
and resist Your will when it confronts our desires.
We grumble at Your freedom
and grow resentful when Your mercy humbles us.
We confess our envy of the grace shown to others,
our impatience with Your timing,
our hardness toward our fellow image bearers,
and our failure to rejoice in Your sovereign goodness.
Forgive our pride and unbelief.
Soften our hearts by your Spirit.
Amen.**

Silent confession

Christian, hear the good news,
your salvation depends not on human will or exertion,
but on God, who shows mercy.
In Jesus Christ, God's mercy has been fully revealed.
All who trust in Him are forgiven,
welcomed, and secure in Him.
Believe this promise and rejoice!

**The Lord has shown mercy to us,
and has made known the riches of His glory to us!
Hallelujah, Amen!**

A reading from Moses: A pilgrim's laugh of cynicism turns into the laughter of joy by the grace of the LORD.

**CONFESION
OF SIN & PLEA FOR
PARDON**
Romans 9

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAAYER**
Romans 9

**OLD TESTAMENT
READING**
Genesis 18.11-15,
21.1-7

*Children, Pre-K and Kinder, are invited to attend Worship Training.
All children are retrieved after the sermon for Communion.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY OF
THANKSGIVING

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

For the assurance of pardon from our sins through faith in Christ,
we thank You, Lord.

For the confidence to draw near to Your throne of grace
as daughters and sons,
we thank You, Lord.

For the beauty of the earth and the glories of the skies,
and for Your abundant provision in all things,
we thank You, Lord.

For our union with Christ, and for calling us to be a people set apart to
be a royal priesthood in Your name,
we thank You, Lord.

For the peace we have in Christ, peace with God and with one another,
we thank You, Lord!

SHARING OF THE
PEACE OF CHRIST

So, Church, may the peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

TITHES &
OFFERINGS

*The musicians will play for a moment before singing
so that you can bring your tithes and offerings
and share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

DOXOLOGY

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.**

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “*Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.*”⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.⁹ For this is what the promise said: “*About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.*”¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of Him who calls—¹² she was told, “*The older will serve the younger.*”¹³ As it is written, “*Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.*”

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means!

¹⁵ For He says to Moses, “*I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.*”¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “*For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.*”¹⁸ So then He has mercy on whomever He wills, and He hardens whomever He wills.

“Doctrines of Grace: Unconditional Election”
Romans 9.6-18

Grace in His Promise

Freedom in His Purpose

Justice in His Character

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.*

This is the testament of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He took bread and the blessed cup, earthly and visible,
to bless, break, and give to be consumed by all.

**These ordinary elements lift our hearts to the true body of Christ,
given for us on the cross,
and to His precious blood,
poured forth for the forgiveness of our sins.**

In these sacred signs, we behold the mystery:
the breaking of His body,
the shedding of His blood,
the outpouring of grace from the cross.
And so, in faith and wonder, we proclaim the mystery of salvation:

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

Come to the Table...

WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE
Adapted from
a Reformed
Lithuanian and
Polish Communion
Liturgy, 1621

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*

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.

OFFERINGS

- *Tithes and gifts can be brought to the box in the center of the room.*
- *Online Giving - newstpeters.org/give*

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas -
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -

-ure, that He should give His on - ly Son to
-ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
-dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His

make a wretch His treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing
out a - mong the scoff - ers. It was my sin that held Him
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re -

loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as
there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
-ward? I can - not give an an - - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

“And Can It Be”

Scott Raley, 1994
text: Charles Wesley, 1738



1. And can it be that I should gain An in - terest in the Sav-
2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in - fi - nite
3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, Fast bound in sin and na -
4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in Him,



- ior's blood! Died He for me who caused His pain! For me
His grace! Emp - tied Him - self of all but love, And bled
ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ening ray; I woke,
is mine; A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed



— who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can
for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense
the dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart
in right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach the e - ter -



— it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?
and free, For O my God, it found out me!
was free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.
nal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain



A - maz - ing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?



A - maz - ing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?

"His Mercy Is More"

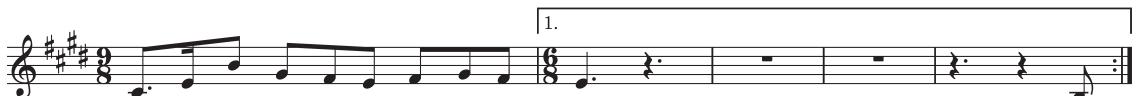
Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2016



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - nis - cent, all know - ing, He
2. (What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. (What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;—
call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;— Our
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;—



sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

2. What



more.

Refrain

His mer - cy is more.



Strong - er than dark-ness, new ev - 'ry morn; Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is



more.

3. What

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.**

SCATTERING
Kenyan Reformed
Prayer

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.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

BENEDICTION
Romans 15

POSTLUDE

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

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)

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH**

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. We meet here 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** - We have resumed Wednesday night youth and Bible study at the new building, from 6:30-8:00pm. This spring we're studying the book of Ephesians.
- **New Member Class** - Our New Member Class kicked off this morning. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for the class, it's not too late. Please contact Stephen Buerger (stephen@newstpeters.org)
- **Women's Bible Study** - Both morning and night classes resume this Wednesday, January 21. The semester schedule has been updated in the church center groups. Please reach out to Denise Walker or Sheryl Brown if you need more information.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study** - This spring we continue our study in the Psalms. We meet each Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Peter Moore, pmoore@smu.edu. To find out more you can also talk with Steve or Ernie Chambers or Keith Hulsey.

UPCOMING

- **Men's Morning Bible Study** - This spring we will study 1 Peter. We will meet on Monday mornings from 7:00-8:00am at the new church building. The study will last for 13 weeks, beginning on January 26. We welcome newcomers to our exploration of life on the road with Jesus from Peter's letter to exiles. Please contact Peter Moore, pmoore@smu.edu, if you intend to participate.

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