

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

“Father, Long Before Creation”

Andrew Osenga

**Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27

Come to the temple, and learn about your God.
Cast your gaze upon the beauty of the LORD.

Silence

LITURGY OF THE WORD Psalm 27

Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

**We believe that we shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!**

Thus saith the LORD, behold, I am coming soon,
bringing My recompense with Me,
to repay each one for what he has done.

We shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever!

INVOCATION

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Madrid
text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,

loud praise to Christ our King;
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain;

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, “Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!”

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON
text: Robert Robinson, 1758

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.

O LORD, we come to You with hearts burdened for Your light.

**We confess that we have held jealousy, resentment,
and hidden wrongs in our hearts.**

**We have hurt others and then feared the consequences,
instead of trusting Your mercy.**

We also confess that we have doubted You.

**When life is uncertain, we become faithless,
even though You are our light and our salvation.**

Forgive us, LORD.

Do not turn us away in anger, nor forsake us, or cast us off.

Bring us back into right relationship with You.

Amen.

Silent confession

Christian, these words are trustworthy and true—by grace, the God of Your salvation has not cast you off! He has not turned you away in anger. He has revealed the face of Christ to you. By faith, trust and believe in Him today.

Even what we intended for evil, God intended for good to us.

Come, Lord, come. Amen.

A reading from Hebrews: A saint remembers and thus hopes for the substance of God's promise.

**CONFESSION
OF SIN & PLEA
FOR PARDON**

Genesis 50

Psalm 27

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON &
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER**

Genesis 50

Psalm 27

Revelation 22

**NEW TESTAMENT
READING**

Hebrews 11.1-3, 22

PREPARATION
FOR BAPTISM
Deuteronomy 6.4-9

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Acts 2.38-39

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit.

For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

WORDS OF
INSTRUCTION

Rev. Stephen Buerger

SIGN OF GOD'S
COVENANT IN
BAPTISM

Mr. Rodman Ricketts and Mr. Buerger

1. *Do you acknowledge your son's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation as you do for your own?*
3. *Do you now unreservedly dedicate your son to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of your holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

The Baptism of Thomas Michael Tarbell

Will you the people of New St. Peter's pray for Thomas that this water will be to him the joyful sign of the Father's gracious election, the covenant faithfulness of the Son, and the washing of regeneration by the Spirit? And will you pray that this remembered sign will stir in him and his parents lively Gospel faith and abundant Gospel fruit? Will you?

We will pray these covenant promises for the Tarbell family.

And will you pray for all our recently baptized—Simon Griffin, Ayus Mitra, Kadence Gercak, Lochlan McEwen, Anders Hillman, Mark Stejskal, and Thomas Sigler—and for yourselves, that this sacrament would preach to our souls the Covenant of Grace, that we are washed in Christ, engaged to be His, and eagerly look for His return as a watchful bride? Will you?

We will pray these covenant graces for our church family.

"Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You"

Michael Card

1. Je - sus, let us come to know You; let us see You
2. Je - sus, draw us ev - er near - er; hold us in Your
face to face. Touch us, hold us, use us,
lov - ing arms. Wrap us in Your gen - tle
mold us, on - ly let us live in You.
pres - ence, and when the end comes bring us home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 the safe return of our friends who went to serve in Cambodia, and
for the good work they did serving Your kingdom,
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

“Father, Long Before Creation”

Andrew Osenga

**Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.**

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, *"It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."* ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, *"Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, 'Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."* Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, *"Behold, we are your servants."* ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, *"Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?"* ²⁰ *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.* ²¹ *So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones."* Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

²² So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. ²³ And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. ²⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, *"I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."* ²⁵ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, *"God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."* ²⁶ So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

“By Faith: Joseph”
Genesis 18.15-26

Faith for remembering your past

Faith for remembering God’s promise

Faith for hoping in the Substance

**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.*

Come, let us celebrate with praise and thanksgiving the sacrament of the new and eternal covenant, which calls to memory the Last Supper, and proclaims the death and victory of the Lord, and His living presence through the holy mysteries of His Body and Blood, in the midst of His own people, to whom the Lord Himself proclaims:

**“I am the living bread which comes down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever,
through whom we proclaim the hope of our faith:

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

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION &
INVITATION TO
THE TABLE**
*Adapted from
a Brazilian
Community
Liturgy, 2015*

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

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

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.

DIRECTIONS

"Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want)"

CRIMOND
text: Scottish Psalter, 1650

1. The Lord's my_ Shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me
 2. My soul He_ doth re - store a - gain; And me__ to
 3. Yea, though I__ walk through death's dark vale, Yet will__ I
 4. My ta - ble_ Thou hast_ fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy__ all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie_____ In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make_____ With - in__ the paths of
 fear no ill;_____ For Thou__ art with me,
 of my foes;_____ My head_ Thou dost with
 fol - low me;_____ And in__ God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, E'en for__ His own name's sake.
 and__ Thy rod And staff__ me com - fort still.
 oil__ a - noint, And my__ cup o - ver - flows.
 - ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

"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.

“For All the Saints”

Christopher Miner, 1997

William H. How, 1864



1. For all the saints_ who from his la - bor's rest_ to thee by_
2. Thou wast their rock,___ their for - tress and their might; Thou, Lord their
3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and_ bold, Fight as the



faith___ be - fore the world con - fess_ thy name O Je - sus be for -
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their
saints_ who no - bly fought of___ old,___ And win with them the vic - tor's

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- ev - er___ blessed.
one___ true___ light. *Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.*
crown of___ gold.

⊕ Coda



lu - - ia.

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia, Allelu.*

5. But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia, Allelu.*

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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.**

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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

SCATTERING
*Kenyan Reformed
Prayer*

BENEDICTION
Habakkuk 3

POSTLUDE

**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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

- **Youth** - Join us this Wednesday, April 22. Remember, doors open at 5 for students that want to hang out, and Bible study runs from 6:30-8:00.
- **NSP Workday** - On Saturday, April 25 at 9am, we will have a church work day to make final preparations for construction to begin (more info soon). We will work on both interior and exterior. Bring any lawn tools or hand tools that you may like. Some of our work will include heavy lifting as we move some items into storage on the third floor.
- **College Boxes** - This is the last Sunday to write your notecards in the lobby! If you forgot your cookies, please contact Kelley Bruss, Sharissa Murray, or Arleen Ratliff.

UPCOMING

- **20somethings Fellowship Dinner** - Friday night, 4/24 at the Chambers, 6-8pm.
- **Cambodia Team** - Plan to join us next Sunday as the team shares during SOLD.
- **VBS Registration** - Now open for everyone attending (link is in Tuesday's email).
- **Spring Picnic/Easter Egg Hunt** - save the date: May 3.
- **Women's Spring Fellowship** - details in the Tuesday email; Evite has been sent.

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