

Opening Prayer: Creator-Father,  
in adoration of your goodness, we  
gather to pray and to praise you,  
to hear your word and to find  
hope for our lives.

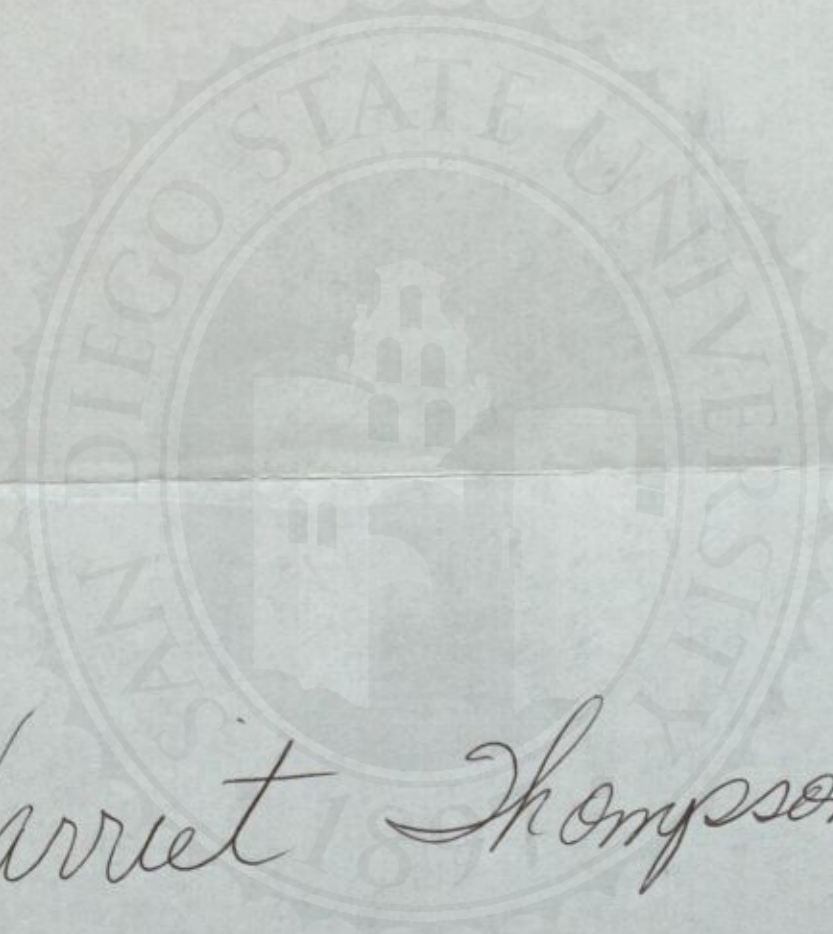
In celebration of your love, we  
recognize the weakness of our love,  
which has caused us to be unloving  
toward our neighbor. Inspire us  
with your forgiveness, so that we may  
embrace those who offend us as  
well as be restored to those to whom  
we have given offense. Make us one  
as our Lord prayed in the upper room.

Pastoral Prayer: Let us not sidestep  
your questions Lord Jesus, or ignore  
your signs and wonders or miss  
the fish or ignore the sheep. En-  
courage us through the Holy Spirit  
to see those who love your Lamb  
with the care you commanded us to  
give. Inspire us by your word  
to watch over your sheep, nurtur-  
ing them lovingly - those who  
live in splendor as well as those  
who live sparsely and sparingly,  
those ailing in mind and body  
as well as those agile and whole,  
those faithful and generous as  
well as those faithless and furi-  
ous. This day, Lord, show  
us where the fish and the  
sheep are so that we may lead

you in a catch of the  
former and gladly feed  
the latter. Help us, Lord, by  
our actions and expressions  
to love you as much as did  
your disciples of the past and  
more so, if you will en-  
liven our hearts. To your  
glory ~~and the glory~~, we pray.

Pardon

By his forgiveness, God has  
turned our mourning into  
dancing, God has taken  
off our sackcloth and clothed  
us with joy.



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