

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/5/20

**Call to Worship** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)*

**Invocation:** Father, Almighty and Eternal Lord, King and Sovereign of all ages, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent out an invitation. You have prepared a great feast, that at last we might enter into the palatial courts of your presence, into royal mansions of ebony and ivory. Even on this day you have gathered us together in the name of Jesus. You have invited us to the wedding feast. You have brought us to the banqueting house. Kindle our spirits now, most gracious Lord. Renew us in the beauty of holiness that we may be radiant in your presence. All glory to you, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

### **Old Testament Psalm 24 (ESV) A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

*These prayer components are pulled from Matthew Henry's Method of Prayer, a method of prayer that helps us pray the Bible. <http://www.matthewhenry.org>*

### **Adoration: We must entreat God's favorable acceptance of us and our poor performances.**

*There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?" But this we say, "O LORD, lift up the light of your face upon us, and that shall put joy in our hearts, more than they have when their grain and wine abound." Psalm 4:6-7 We entreat your favor with all our heart, Psalm 119:58 for in this we labor, that whether we are at home or away, we may please the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:9 Hear our prayer, O LORD, give ear to our pleas for mercy; in your faithfulness answer us, Psalm 143:1 and be near to us whenever we call upon you; Deuteronomy 4:7 for you have never said to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in vain." Isaiah 45:19 You who hear the*

*young ravens that cry, Psalm 147:9 be not deaf to us, lest if you be silent to us, we become like those who go down to the pit. Psalm 28:1 Let our prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of our hands be acceptable in your sight as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2*

### **Confession: We must judge and condemn ourselves for our sins, and own ourselves liable to punishment.**

*And now, O our God, what shall we say after this, for we have forsaken your commandments? Ezra 9:10 We have sinned; what have we done to you, you watcher of mankind? Job 7:20 We know that the law curses everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law and do them; Galatians 3:10 that the wages of every sin is death; Romans 6:23 and that for these things' sake the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Ephesians 5:6 And we are accountable to God; Romans 3:19 the Scripture has imprisoned us under sin; Galatians 3:22 and therefore you might justly be angry with us until you consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape. Ezra 9:14 If you should make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line, Isaiah 28:17 you might justly separate us to all evil, according to all the curses of the covenant, and blot out our names from under heaven. Deuteronomy 29:20 You might justly swear in your wrath that we should never enter your rest; Psalm 95:11 and put into our hands the cup of staggering, and make us drink even to the dregs of that cup. Isaiah 51:17 You have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly. Nehemiah 9:33 Indeed, our God has punished us less than our iniquities deserved. Ezra 9:13 You therefore shall be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment; Psalm 51:4 and we will accept of the punishment of our iniquity, Leviticus 26:43 and humble ourselves under your mighty hand, 1 Peter 5:6 and say, "The LORD is righteous." 2 Chronicles 12:6*

### **Petition: We must pray for effectual support and comfort under all the crosses and afflictions that we meet with in this world.**

*We know that we are born to trouble as the sparks fly upward; Job 5:7 but in six troubles be pleased to deliver us, and in seven let no evil touch us. Job 5:19 Let the eternal God be our dwelling place, and underneath be the everlasting arms; Deuteronomy 33:27 that the spirit you have made may not grow faint before you, nor the soul that you have redeemed. Psalm 71:23 Let us be strengthened with all power, according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. Colossians 1:11 Let your statutes be our songs in the house of our sojourning; Psalm 119:54 and let your testimonies, which we have taken as a heritage forever, be always the joy of our hearts. Psalm 119:111 When we are afflicted in every way, let us not be crushed; and when we are perplexed, let us not be driven to despair; 2*

*Corinthians 4:8 but as sorrowful, let us be always rejoicing; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. 2 Corinthians 6:10*

**Thanks: For the prospect and hope of eternal life, when time shall be no more.**

*We thank you for the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him; James 1:12 the inheritance imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. 1 Peter 1:4 That having here no lasting city, Hebrews 13:14 we are encouraged to seek the better country, that is, the heavenly one; Hebrews 11:16 the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. Hebrews 11:10 That we are in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, has promised; Titus 1:2 and that all true believers, through grace, Acts 18:27 have eternal life abiding in them. 1 John 3:15*

**We must give God thanks for the spiritual mercies bestowed upon us in particular, especially if we are called with an effectual call and have a good work of grace begun in us. We must bless God for the striving of his Spirit with us, and the admonitions and checks of our own consciences.**

*We bless you that you have not given us up to a debased mind; Romans 1:28 that our consciences are not seared; 1 Timothy 4:2 that you have not said concerning us, "They are joined to idols, leave them alone"; Hosea 4:17 but that your Spirit is yet contending with us. Genesis 6:3 We thank you for the work of the law written on our hearts, our own consciences also bearing witness, and our own conflicting thoughts accusing or excusing us. Romans 2:15*

**Intercession: For all the ministers of God's holy word and sacraments, the masters of assemblies.**

*Teach your ministers how they ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, 1 Timothy 3:15 that they may not preach themselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, 2 Corinthians 4:5 and may do their best to present themselves approved to God, workmen who have no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 Make them competent in the Scriptures, Acts 18:24 that from them they may be equipped for every good work, 2 Timothy 3:17 in teaching showing integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned. Titus 2:7-8 Enable them to give attendance to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching; to practice these things; 1 Timothy 4:13-15 to devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word; Acts 6:4 to immerse themselves in them and to persist in them, that they may save both themselves and their hearers. 1 Timothy 4:15-16 Let words be given to them in opening their mouths boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, that they may speak as they ought to speak, Ephesians 6:19-20 as competent ministers of a new*

*covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; 2 Corinthians 3:6 Let them be full of power by the Spirit of the Lord of hosts, Micah 3:8 to show your people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah 58:1 Make them sound in the faith, Titus 1:13 and enable them always to teach what accords with sound doctrine, Titus 2:1 correcting their opponents with gentleness; and let not the Lord's servants be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach. 2 Timothy 2:24-25 Make them good examples to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity; 1 Timothy 4:12 and let them purify themselves who bear the vessels of the Lord, Isaiah 52:11*

**Intercession:** *The sick, those working with the sick, the spread of the gospel.*

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Kevin & Jan Rutledge - Germany, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, Palmetto Women's Center,

**Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Hebrews 7:25* He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**New Testament Reading: Matthew 21:1-9**

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

**Benediction:** Now to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come ... from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth, May Grace and Peace abound. Rev. 1:4,5