

Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/12/20

Call to Worship Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Invocation: Father, God on high, O Ancient of Days, from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus we would come before you, ever mindful of the love of Jesus, which he poured out to death for us, ever mindful of the resurrection of Jesus, which has given us new life. "Blessing, and honor and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament Psalm 16 A Miktam of David.

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 beg for the powerful assistance and influence of the blessed Spirit of grace in our prayers.

L o r d, w a t c h u p f o r u s u n t i l y o u r S p i r i t h e l p u s i n o u r w e a k n e s s a n d i n t e r c e d e f o r u s. Romans 8:26

O p o u r u p o n u s a s p i r i t o f g r a c e a n d p l e a s f o r m e r c y, Z e c h a r i a h 1 2 : 1 0 t h e S p i r i t o f a d o p t i o n t e a c h i n g u s t o c r y, ' A b b a , F a t h e r ' R o m a n s 8 : 1 5 I n v o c a t i o n t o p r a y t h i s p r a y e r : S e n d o u t y o u r l i g h t a n d y o u r t r u t h ; l e t t h e m l e a d u s , l e t t h e m b r i n g u s t o y o u r h o l y h i l l a n d t o y o u r d w e l l i n g ; t o G o d , o u r e x c e e d i n g j o y . P s a l m 4 3 : 3 - 4

O L o r d, o p e n o u r l i p s, a n d o u r m o u t h s w i l l d e c l a r e y o u r p r a i s e. P s a l m 5 1 : 1 5

We must make the glory of God our highest end in all our prayers.

This is why, O L o r d, h a v e c o m e t o u s a n d b e s a n c t i f i e d a m o n g t h o s e w h o a r e n e a r y o u, a n d b e f o r e a l l t h e p e o p l e y o u w i l l e g l o r i f y L e v i t i a s 1 0 : 3

W a s h e f o r e y o u, O L o r d, i n y o u r n a m e; P s a l m 8 6 : 9 a n d t h e r e f o r e w e c a l l u p o n y o u, t h a t y o u m a y d e l i v e r u s, a n d w e m a y g l o r i f y y o u. P s a l m 5 0 : 1 5 F r o m y o u a n d t h r o u g h y o u a n d t o y o u a r e a l l t h i n g s. R o m a n s 1 1 : 3 6

Confession: We must give to God the glory of his patience and long-suffering towards us and his willingness to be reconciled.

O t h e r r i c h e s o f t h e p a t i e n c e a n d f o r b e a r a n c e o f G o d ! R o m a n s 2 : 4 H o w p a t i e n t h e i s t o w a r d u s, n o t w i s h i n g t h a t a n y s h o u l d p e r i s h, b u t t h a t a l l s h o u l d r e a c h r e p e n t a n c e. 2 P e t e r 3 : 9

Y o u h a v e n o t d e a l t w i t h u s a c c o r d i n g t o o u r s i n s, n o r r e p a i d u s a c c o r d i n g t o o u r i n i q u i t i e s, P s a l m 1 0 3 : 1 0 b u t y o u w a i t t o b e g r a c i o u s t o u s. I s a i a h 3 0 : 1 8

S e n t e n c e a g a i n s t o u r e v i l d e e d s h a s n o t b e e n e x e c u t e d s p e e d i l y; E c c l e s i a s t e s 8 : 1 1 b u t y o u h a v e g i v e n u s t i m e t o r e p e n t a n d m a k e o u r p e a c e w i t h y o u, R e v e l a t i o n 2 : 2 1 a n d c a l l e v e n f a i t h l e s s s o n s t o r e t u r n t o y o u, a n d h a v e p r o m i s e d t o h e a l o u r f a i t h l e s s n e s s; a n d t h e r e f o r e, b e h o l d, w e c o m e t o y o u, f o r y o u a r e t h e L o r d o u r G o d. J e r e m i a h 3 : 2 2

S u r e l y t h e p a t i e n c e o f o u r L o r d i s c o u n t e d a s s a l v a t i o n; 2 P e t e r 3 : 1 5 a n d i f t h e L o r d h a d m e a n t t o k i l l u s, h e w o u l d n o t n o w h a v e s h o w n u s s u c h t h i n g s a s t h e s e. J u d g e s 1 3 : 2 3 A n d O t h a t t h i s k i n d n e s s o f G o d m i g h t l e a d u s t o r e p e n t a n c e ! R o m a n s 2 : 4 F o r t h o u g h w e h a v e b r o k e n f a i t h w i t h o u r G o d, y e t n o w t h e r e i s h o p e f o r u s i n I s r a e l i n s p i t e o f t h i s. E z r a 1 0 : 2

Y o u h a v e s a i d i t a n d h a v e c o n f i r m e d i t w i t h a n o a t h, t h a t y o u h a v e n o p l e a s u r e i n t h e d e a t h o f s i m m e r s, b u t r a t h e r d e s i r e t h a t w e s h o u l d t u r n a n d l i v e. E z e k i e l 3 3 : 1 1

T h e r e f o r e w i l l w e r e n d o u r h e a r t s, a n d n o t o u r g a r m e n t s, a n d r e t u r n t o t h e L o r d o u r G o d; f o r h e i s g r a c i o u s a n d m e r c i f u l, s l o w t o a n g e r a n d a b o u n d i n g i n s t e a d o f a s t l o v e. W h o k n o w s w h e t h e r h e w i l l n o t t u r n a n d r e l e n t, a n d l e a v e a b l e s s i n g b e h i n d h i m? J o e l 2 : 1 3 - 1 4

Petition: We must pray for grace to preserve us to the end and to fit us for whatever lies before us between this and the grave.

L o r d, r e a s o n f o r t h e t h i n g s t h a t b r i n g u s f l i o u r h e a v e n l y k i n g d o m; 2 T i m o t h y 4 : 1 8 b e i n g k e p t f r o m m e m b e r i n g t h e p r a i s e o f y o u r g l o r y w i t h g r e a t j o y. J u d e 1 : 2 4

L o r d , m a i n t a i n u s u n d e r t h e
g o d l y b e e s t b l i s s e d b l a m e
i n h o l i n e s s e f o r e o u r G o d a n d F a t h e r , a t t h e c o m i n g o f o u r
L o r d J e s u s w i t h a l l h i s s a i n t s . 1 T h e s s a l o n i a n s 3 : 1 2 - 1 3

If Satan demands to have us that he may sift us like wheat, yet
let Christ's intercession prevail for us that our faith may not
fail. L u k e 2 2 : 3 1 - 3 2 U n t i l w e a r e t a k e n o u t o f t h e w o r l d , l e t u s
b e k e p t f r o m t h e e v i l o n e , J o h n 1 7 : 1 5 a n d s a n c t i f i e d t h r o u g h
y o u r t r u t h : y o u r w o r d i s t r u t h . J o h n 1 7 : 1 7

Build us up, we pray, in our most holy faith, and keep us in
the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our L o r d J e s u s
C h r i s t t h a t l e a d s t o e t e r n a l l i f e . J u d e 1 : 2 0 - 2 1

Grant that we may continue to call on you as long as we live,
Psalm 116:2 and until we die, may we never put away our
integrity from us; let us hold fast our righteousness and never
let it go, and may our hearts not reproach us for any of our
days. J o b 2 7 : 5 - 6

**Thanks: We must bless God if there is a saving change
wrought in us by his blessed Spirit.**

A n d h a s G o d b y h i s g r a c e t r a n s f e r r e d u s o u t o f t h e k i n g d o m
o f d a r k n e s s i n t o t h e k i n g d o m o f h i s d e a r S o n ? C o l o s s i a n s
1 : 1 3 H a s h e c a l l e d u s i n t o t h e f e l l o w s h i p o f J e s u s C h r i s t , 1
n a t u r e w e r e f a r o f f ? E p h e s i a n s 2 : 1 3 N o t t o u s , O L O R D , n o t
t o u s , b u t t o y o u r n a m e w e g i v e g l o r y . P s a l m 1 1 5 : 1

We give thanks to God always for those to whom the gospel
has come not only in word, b u t i n p o w e r a n d i n t h e H o l y
S p i r i t a n d w i t h f u l l c o n v i c t i o n . 1 T h e s s a l o n i a n s 1 : 5

You have loved us with an everlasting love; therefore you
have continued your faithfulness to us. J e r e m i a h 3 1 : 3 Y o u
h a v e l e d u s w i t h c o r d s o f k i n d n e s s , w i t h t e n d e r a n d s o f l o v e .
H o s e a 1 1 : 4

When the strong man, fully armed, guarded his palace in our
hearts, and his goods were safe, it was One stronger than he
who attacked him and took away his armor in which he
trusted and divided the spoil. L u k e 1 1 : 2 1 - 2 2

**Intercession: For all the universities, schools, and
nurseries of learning.**

L e t t h e d r a f t s p e r h a b e r e p l e n i s h e d w i t h
g o o d g i f t a n d e v e r y p e r f e c t g i f t f r o m a b o v e , f r o m t h e F a t h e r
o f l i g h t s . J a m e s 1 : 1 7

Throw salt into these fountains and heal its waters, 2 Kings
2:21 so that from them may issue streams that shall make
glad the city of our God, the holy h a b i t a t i o n o f t h e M o s t
H i g h . P s a l m 4 6 : 4

For the common people of the land.

Give grace to all the sub j e c t s o f t h i s l a n d , t h a t t h e y m a y ,
u n d e r t h e g o v e r n m e n t G o d h a s s e t o v e r u s , l e a d p e a c e f u l a n d
q u i e t l i v e s , g o d l y a n d d i g n i f i e d i n e v e r y w a y , 1 T i m o t h y 2 : 2
d w e l l i n g t o g e t h e r i n u n i t y , t h a t t h e L o r d m a y c o m m a n d a
b l e s s i n g u p o n u s , e v e n l i f e f o r e v e r m o r e . P s a l m 1 3 3 : 1 - 3

L e t e v e r y o n e o f e v e r y d e n o m i n a t i o n w h o f e a r s G o d a n d w o r k s
r i g h t e o u s l y e a c c e p t b l e s s i n g a s t h e i r S a l v a d o r
a s l o v e y o u r s a l v a t i o n s a y c o n t i n u a l l y , " G r e a t i s t h e L O R D ,
w h o d e l i g h t s i n t h e w e l f a r e o f h i s s e r v a n t s . " P s a l m 3 5 : 2 7

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: Zechariah 13:1 On that day there
shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and
uncleanness.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how
can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even
Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We
are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we
testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not
raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead
are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if
Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still
in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in
Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life
only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact
Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep.

Benediction: May the God who sent His Son to save from
guilt and darkness and the grave, be gracious to you and bless
you, and cause His face to shine upon you. Psalm 67:1