

Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/26/20

Call to Worship It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:9

Invocation: Father, Most High, you have given your Son Jesus to be born of the Virgin Mary, to inherit the throne of David, and reign over your Kingdom forever. Father, faithful God, ever faithful to your promises. We bless you for the birth of your Son, Emmanuel. We bless you because you are with us. Grant that through Christ your Son, born to Mary, child of our humanity, the first-born of all creation, we too, be born from above, inheriting through faith, the covenant promises of the children of God, that we, too, know you as our Father and love you as your children. All praise and honor be to you, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament Lamentations 3:18–26 ¹⁸ so I say, “My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord.” ¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! ²⁰ My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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, with a fixed attention and application of mind and an active lively faith, set the Lord before us, see his eye upon us, and set ourselves in his special presence, presenting ourselves to him as living sacrifices, which we desire may be holy and acceptable to God and a spiritual service; Romans 12:1

Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands, to God in heaven. Lamentations 3:41 Let us rouse ourselves to take hold of God, Isaiah 64:7 to seek his face, Psalm 27:8 and to ascribe to him the glory due his name. Psalm 29:2 Unto you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. Psalm 25:1 Let us now with confidence enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh. Hebrews 10:19-20 Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, 1 Cor 7:35 and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. Isaiah 29:13 Let us now worship God, who is spirit, in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. John 4:23-24

Confession: We must acknowledge the great reason we have to lie very low before God and to be ashamed of ourselves when we come into his presence and to be afraid of his wrath, having made ourselves both odious to his holiness and obnoxious to his justice.

O our God, we are ashamed and blush to lift our faces to you, our God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our head, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. Ezra 9:6 To us belongs open shame, because we have sinned against you. Daniel 9:8 Behold we are of small account, what shall we answer you? We lay our hand on our mouth, Job 40:4 and put our mouth in the dust, for there may yet be hope, Lamentations 3:29 crying with the convicted leper under the law, “Unclean, unclean.” Leviticus 13:45 You put no trust in your holy ones, and the heavens are not pure in your sight; how much less one who is abominable and corrupt, man who drinks injustice like water! Job 15:15-16 When our eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts, we have reason to cry out, “Woe to us, for we are lost!” Isaiah 6:5 Dominion and fear are with you; you make peace in your high heaven: Is there any number to your armies? Upon whom does your light not arise? How then can man be in the right before God? How can he who is born of woman be pure? Job 25:2-4 But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? Psalm 76:7 You, our God, are a consuming fire; Hebrews 12:29 and who considers the power of your anger? Psalm 90:11 If we claimed to be in the right, our own mouth would condemn us; if we said, “We are blameless,” you would prove us perverse; Job 9:20 for if you contend with us, we could not answer you once in a thousand times. Job 9:3 If we were not aware of anything against ourselves, yet we are not thereby acquitted, for he who judges us is the Lord, 1 Corinthians 4:4 who is greater than our hearts and knows everything. 1 John 3:20 But we ourselves know that we have sinned, Father, against heaven and before you, and are no longer worthy to be called your children. Luke 15:21

Petition: We must pray to be supplied with the comforts and supports we daily stand in need of.

O that the favor of the LORD our God may be upon us; prosper the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Psalm 118:25 May our sons in their youth be as plants full grown, and our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace. May our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; and may there be no breaking in or going out, no cry of distress in our streets. Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD! Psalm 144:12-15 Let us be blessed in the city and blessed in the field; Deuteronomy 28:3 let our basket and our kneading bowl be blessed; let us be blessed when we come in and when we go out. Deuteronomy 28:5-6 Let your good providence so

order all events concerning us that they may be made to work for good for us, as you have promised they shall for all who love you and are called according to your purpose. Romans 8:28 Give us to trust in the LORD and do good, and then we shall dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness; Psalm 37:3 and be pleased to bring forth our righteousness as the light, and our justice as the noonday. Psalm 37:6 Let us be hidden from the lash of the tongue, and not fear destruction when it comes; Job 5:21 let us be in league with the stones of the field, and let the beasts of the field be at peace with us; let us know that our tent is at peace, and let us inspect our fold and miss nothing. Job 5:23-24 And if God will be with us and will keep us in the way that we go during our pilgrimage in this world, and will give us bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that we may come to our heavenly Father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be our God. Genesis 28:20-21

Thanks: For the powerful influences of divine grace to sanctify and preserve us, to prevent our falling into sin, and to strengthen us in doing our duty.

You have not quenched the smoldering wick, nor broken the bruised reed, Matthew 12:20 nor despised the day of small things; Zechariah 4:10 but having had the help of God, we continue up to this time. Acts 26:22 On the day we called, you answered us; and our strength of soul you increased. Psalm 138:3 We have been continually with you, you have held our right hand, Psalm 73:23 when our feet had almost stumbled and our steps had nearly slipped. Psalm 73:2 We have reason never to forget your precepts, for by them you have given us life; and if your law had not been our delight, we would have perished in our affliction many a time; Psalm 119:92-93 for your statutes have been our songs in the house of our sojourning. Psalm 119:54 If the Lord had not been our help, our souls would soon have lived in the land of silence: But when we thought, "Our foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held us up; and when the cares of our hearts are many, your consolations cheer our souls. Psalm 94:17-19

Intercession For those who are rich and prosperous in the world, some of whom perhaps need prayers as much as those who request them. Lord, keep those who are rich in this present age from being haughty and setting their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, and give them to trust in God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy: That they may do good and be rich in good works, generous and ready to share; that they may store up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

For those who are poor and in affliction, for such we have always with us. Lord, make those who are poor in the world rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, James 2:5 and give to them to receive the gospel. O that the poor of the flock may wait upon you and may know the word of the LORD. Zechariah 11:11

For our enemies and those who hate us. Lord, give us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who despitefully use us and persecute us. Matthew 5:44

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; Luke 23:34 and do not hold their malice against them; Acts 7:60 and work in us a disposition to bear with others and forgive in love, Colossians 3:13

For our friends and those who love us. And we wish for all those whom we love in truth, that all may go well with them and that they may be in good health; we especially pray that it may go well with their souls. 2 John 1:2

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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: Psalm 116:1-2 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:11-20

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Benediction: May the only One Who grants pardon for sin and a peace that endures, and Whose own presence guides and cheers, Strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thess 3:3