

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/9/20

Call to Worship Open the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts.
Ps 118:19; Zech 8:21

Invocation: Let us pray: Father, gracious Lord, righteous, merciful God, Father, full of care for all your children, hearing our voice and supplication, saving us in distress and anguish, by your will, alone, all things come to pass. Hear our prayer in the name of Christ, who in all things was obedient to your will, who took the bitter cup of suffering for us. Hear our prayer for the sake of his sacrifice. Father, to you be praise. Son to you be adoration. Holy Spirit, to you be glory. One God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Genesis 39:1–6a

39 Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

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: *You, O God, made us, and not we ourselves, and therefore we are not our own but yours: your people, and the sheep of your pasture; let us therefore worship and bow down and kneel before the LORD, our Maker. You, Lord, are the former of our bodies, and they are fearfully and wonderfully made and intricately woven. Your eyes saw our unformed substance, and in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for us, when as yet there was none of them. You have clothed us with skin and flesh; you have knit us together with bones and sinews; you have granted us life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved our spirits. You are the Father of our spirits, for you formed the spirit of man within him, and made us these souls. The Spirit of God has made us, and the breath of the Almighty gives us life. You*

put wisdom in the inward parts and give understanding to the mind. You are God our Maker, who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens. We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are the work of your hand. You are he that took us from the womb and kept us in safety when we were at our mothers' breasts; we have been cast upon you from our birth and held up by you. You are our God from our mothers' womb, and therefore our praise is continually of you. In you, O God, we live and move and have our being, for we are your offspring. In your hand is our breath, and yours are all our ways; for the way of man is not in himself, neither is it in man who walks to direct his steps, but our times are in your hand. You are the God who has been our shepherd all our life long to this day and redeemed us from all evil. It is because of the steadfast love of the LORD that we are not cut off, even because your mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. If you take away our breath, we die and return to the dust out of which we were taken. Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? From your mouth, O Most High, both good and bad come.

Confession: *O that sin might be shown to be sin to us and appear in its own colors; and through the commandment may we see it to be sinful beyond measure, because it is lawlessness. By every willful sin we have in effect said, "We do not want this man to reign over us." And, "Who is the LORD, that we should obey his voice?" And thus have we reviled the LORD, and cast his law behind our back. O God, you know our folly; the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you. We were foolish in being disobedient, and our desires are senseless and harmful. Folly was bound up in our hearts when we were children; for though vain man would be wise, he is born like the wild donkey's colt. Our path has been one of foolish confidence, and in many instances we have done very foolishly. We have been brutish and ignorant, and even like beasts toward God.*

Petition: *Lord, give us grace to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow Christ; to discipline our bodies and keep them under control. Lord, keep us from being lovers of ourselves, from being wise in our own eyes and leaning to our own understanding. Lord, give us to seek, not our own good only, but also the good of our neighbor. And grant that we may not live to ourselves or die to ourselves, but whether we live or die, we may be the Lord's, and may live and die to him. Lord, give us to learn from Christ to be gentle and lowly in heart, that we may find rest for our souls; and that herein the same mind may be in us that was also in Christ Jesus. Lord, conceal pride from us, and clothe us with humility; and put upon us the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in your sight is very precious. Lord, give us grace to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called,*

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. Let anger never lodge in our bosoms, nor the sun ever go down on our anger; but enable us to show perfect courtesy toward all people, because we ourselves were once foolish and disobedient. Let us be clothed as becomes the elect children of God, holy and beloved, with compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that being merciful, even as our heavenly Father is merciful, we may be perfect as he is perfect.

Thanks: *We bless you that our Lord Jesus has ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God; has ascended on high, having led a host of captives in his train, and has received gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there. That as the Forerunner he has for us entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf: a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, in the midst of the throne. That he is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. That he has gone before, to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, where there are many rooms; and though where he has gone we cannot follow him now, yet we hope to follow him hereafter, when he shall come again to take us to himself, that where he is, there we may be also*

Intercession: *O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and establish the righteous – you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God. Spirit many to rise up for you against the wicked and to stand up for you against evildoers. Let the Deliverer come to Zion and banish ungodliness from Jacob; and let the filth of Jerusalem be cleansed from its midst by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning. Let all wickedness shut its mouth; and let the infection of that plague be stayed by intervening judgment. Let those who are struggling against sin never grow weary or fainthearted. Remove the spirit of uncleanness from the land, and change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that they may call upon the name of the LORD. Set us high above all nations in praise and in fame and in honor by making us a people holy to the LORD our God.*

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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 82:1-2*

¹ Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:6–13

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Benediction: May He who is full of kindness and compassion, Who is slow to anger, vast in love; Whose works of love are of surpassing measure, Keep you in the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Eph 4:3,