

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/30/20

Call to Worship

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:3

Invocation: Let us pray: Blessed God and Father, you are praised above by the heavenly host, praised in the Church by your people. Blessed God and Father, who have given us your Son, that we might be your sons and daughters. We bless you because in Him we have been blessed again and again. Hear us now as we come to you in the name of your Son, for we are his people, his Church. We are called by his name. Hear us now in our generation, that we might inherit the blessing, that we might be united to your Son by faith, and know the mystery and fullness of time. Blessed you are, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever three Persons, ever One God. Amen

Old Testament Micah 7:18–20

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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: *But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? That God whom heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain,) with man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm? Who are we, O Lord GOD, and what is our father's house that you have brought us thus far to present ourselves before the Lord? That we have through Christ an access in one Spirit to the Father? And yet, as if this had been a small thing in your sight, you have spoken concerning your servants for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him, and thus magnify him? Oh let not the Lord be angry, if we who are but dust and ashes undertake to speak to the Lord of glory. We are not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servants; nor is it right to take the children's bread and throw it to such as we are; yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table; and you bestow your riches on all who call on you*

Confession: *We bewail before you all our iniquities, all our transgressions, and all our sins. We have known our Master's will but have not done it, and therefore deserve a severe beating. We have known the way of the LORD and*

the justice of our God, and yet have broken the yoke and burst the bonds. We have known God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, and yet have not only done them, but given approval to those who practice them. We have taught others, and yet have not taught ourselves; and while we profess to know God, we have denied him by our works. We call ourselves after the holy city and stay ourselves on the God of Israel and confess his name, but not in truth and in righteousness. For we have dishonored that worthy name by which we have been called, and given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme. We have named the name of Christ, and yet have not departed from iniquity

Petition: *Do not let our wisdom be that from beneath, which is earthly, unspiritual, demonic; but wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O that we may always behave in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God. Lord, uphold us in our integrity, and set us in your presence forever; and may integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for you. May our hearts be blameless in your statutes, that we may not be put to shame; and let our eye be healthy, that our whole body may be full of light.*

Thanks: *We thank you that we have the Scriptures to search, and that in them we have eternal life, for it is they that bear witness about Christ; and that all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. That whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope; and that we have this sure prophetic word, as a lamp shining in a dark place. That the vision has not become to us like the words of a book that is sealed, but that we hear in our own tongue the mighty works of God. We thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that the things which you have hidden from the wise and understanding and which many prophets and kings desired to see but did not, are revealed to us little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will*

Intercession: *Lord, preserve to us the lamp that you have prepared for your Anointed, that the next generation may know you, even the children yet unborn, that they may set their hope in God and keep his commandments. Let the gospel-believing church abide before God forever: Appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over it, so we will ever sing praises to your name. Thus, let the Lord save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and the offspring of your servants shall inherit it, and those who love your name shall dwell in it. Let their design who would choose a leader to go back to Egypt, be again defeated; and let not the mortal wound that has been given to the beast be*

healed anymore. Let our eyes see Jerusalem, the city of our appointed feasts, an untroubled habitation, an immovable tent: Let none of its stakes be plucked up, nor any of its cords be broken, but let the LORD in majesty be for us a place of broad rivers and streams; for the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king, he will save us.

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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: Jeremiah 31:34

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses’ face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Benediction: Ephesians 6:23, 24

Peace be to you and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.