

Hopewell Worship Guide for 11/8/20

Call to Worship: *Psalm 45:6-7* ⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; ⁷you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Invocation: Let us pray: Let us now lift up our hearts, with our eyes and hands, to God in heaven. Let us rouse ourselves to take hold of God, to seek his face, and to ascribe to him the glory due his name. Unto you, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. 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. Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. Let us now worship God, who is spirit, in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. Amen

Old Testament *Daniel 7:9–14 (ESV)* — 9 “As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. 11 “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. 12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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: *O LORD our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, you cover yourself with light as with a garment; and yet to us you make darkness your canopy for we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. This is the message which we have heard of you, and we set our seal to it that it is true: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all; God is love, and*

whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. You are the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change, and from whom proceeds every good and perfect gift. You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see

Confession: *Lord, you made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes; and being in pomp, they did not understand, and therefore did not remain, but became like the beasts that perish. Through one man sin came into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned: By that one man's disobedience many were made sinners, including all of us. We are the offspring of evildoers; our father was an Amorite and our mother a Hittite; and we ourselves were called (and not miscalled) rebels from before birth, and you knew we would deal treacherously. The nature of man was planted a choice and noble vine, wholly of pure seed, but it has turned degenerate and become a wild vine, producing the grapes of Sodom and the clusters of Gomorrah. How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. For, who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. We are by nature children of wrath, because children of disobedience, like the rest of mankind. All flesh has corrupted their way; we have all turned aside; together we have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one*

Petition: *Lord, is not this the word which you have spoken: that if the wicked man forsakes his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and returns to the LORD, even to our God, that you will abundantly pardon, will multiply to pardon? To you, the Lord our God, belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against you. Is not this the covenant which you have made with the house of Israel: that you will take away their sins; that you will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more; that iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found? Have you not said that if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep your statutes, he shall live; he shall not die; all his transgressions shall not be remembered against him? Have you not appointed that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in Christ's name to all nations? Did you not promise that when the sins of Israel were put upon the head of the scapegoat, they should be sent away into the wilderness, into a remote area? And as far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove*

our transgressions from us. O remember these words to your servants, in which you have made us hope.

Thanks: *We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made; and that our souls, our nobler part, know very well; for no man knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him. You have made us of that rank of beings which is a little lower than the heavenly beings and is crowned with glory and honor; for it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand; and the spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD. Our bodies are capable of being the temples of the Holy Spirit, and our souls of having the Spirit of God dwell in them; we therefore glorify you with our bodies and with our spirits, which are both yours. You, Lord, have formed us for yourself, that we might declare your praise.*

Intercession: *O let the gospel be proclaimed to the whole creation; for how are men to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? And who shall send out laborers but the Lord of the harvest? Let the people dwelling in darkness see a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them let a light dawn. Add to your church day by day those who are being saved; enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes. Bring your offspring from the east and gather them from the west; say to the north, "Give up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring your sons from afar and your daughters from the end of the earth." Let them come with acceptance to your altar, and beautify your beautiful house; let them fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows. In every place let incense be offered to your name, and pure offerings; and from the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be great among the nations, and let the offering of the Gentiles be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. O let the earth be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

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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: *Ephesians 2:4-6* But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Benediction: And now, may the Man of Sorrows, Who came to reclaim ruined sinners, Who sealed your pardon with His blood, And made a full atonement for helpless we. Bless you from Zion all the days of your life, And direct your hearts into God's love and into the steadfastness of Christ. (2 Thes 3:5)