

Hopewell Worship Guide for 11/22/20

Call to Worship: *Zephaniah 3:14; Isaiah 30:18*

“Shout aloud, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart. For the LORD wait to be gracious to you.”

Invocation: Let us pray: O Eternal and Everlasting Father, God most glorious, God most exalted, whom we have come to know in Jesus of Nazareth, the rock of our salvation, the cornerstone, chosen and precious in your sight. Bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual Temple, that found on him we be built together as living stones; that in him we offer to you the spiritual service of praise and thanksgiving, of proclaiming your work, and of sharing your gifts. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. One God forever and ever. Amen

Old Testament Psalm 47 (ESV) — To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. 3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. 4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah 5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! 7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! 8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. 9 The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

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 are kind in all your works, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore. Righteous are you, O God, when we complain to you, and you will be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Far be it from God that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that he should do wrong; for according to the work of a man he will repay him. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God, even when your judgments are like the great deep! And though clouds and thick darkness are all around you, yet righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. You are holy, O you who are enthroned on the praises of Israel: Holy and awesome is your name, and we give thanks to your holy name. You are of purer eyes than to see evil; neither may evil dwell with*

you. You are the Rock, your work is perfect, all your ways are truth and justice; a God of faithfulness and without iniquity. You are our Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in you.

Confession: *We have sinned, Father, against heaven and before you: we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God; for the God in whose hand is our breath and whose are all our ways, we have not honored. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he has set before us, though they are holy and righteous and good. Who can discern his errors? Declare us innocent from hidden faults. In many things we stumble, and our iniquities are more than the hairs of our head. As a well keeps its water fresh, so our hearts keep fresh their evil; and this has been our way from our youth up, that we have not obeyed your voice. Out of the evil treasure of our hearts, we have brought forth much evil. We have every reason to be humbled for the pride of our hearts; for we have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought to think and have not thought with sober judgment, nor have we walked humbly with our God. We have leaned on our own understanding, and trusted in our own minds, and have sacrificed to our own net. We have sought our own glory more than the glory of him who sent us, and have been arrogant concerning that for which we should have mourned.*

Petition: *We pray that we may not enter into temptation; or, however, that no temptation may overtake us that is not common to man. And may the faithful God never let us be tempted beyond our ability, but with the temptation provide the way of escape for us. Put upon us the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil; to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Fasten on us the belt of truth, put on us the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for our feet, put on us the readiness given by the gospel of peace. Give us the shield of faith, with which we may extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one, and the helmet of salvation; and let the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, be always ready to us. Enable us to resist the devil, so that he may flee from us; to resist him firm in the faith. And may you, the God of peace, tread Satan under our feet, and may you do it soon*

Thanks: *We bless you that when sacrifices and offerings you did not desire, and in them took no pleasure, that then the eternal Son of God said, “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, and a body have you prepared for me.” And that, as in the scroll of the book it was written of him, he did delight to do your will, O God; yes, your law was*

within his heart. You have granted help to one who is mighty, one chosen from the people: You have found David, your servant; with your holy oil you have anointed him, even with the oil of gladness beyond his companions; and you did promise that your hand should be established with him and your arm should strengthen him, and that you would make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. We bless you that the Father now judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son; that as he has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, and has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man; that the Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand; and that the counsel of peace is between them both. That he is your servant, whom you uphold, your chosen in whom your soul delights; your beloved Son, with whom you are well pleased; that you have given him as a covenant to the people; and that through him we are not under law but under grace. That God so loved the world, as to give his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Intercession: *Let all who set themselves, and take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, who would burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from them, plot in vain. Let him who sits in the heavens laugh at them and hold them in derision; speak to them in your wrath, and terrify them in your fury. Give them, O LORD, what you will give them; give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. O our God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind; fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O LORD, and that they may know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth. Put them in fear, O LORD, that the nations may know that they are but men! And wherein the proud enemies of your church deal arrogantly, make it to appear that you are above them. May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward! Let them be like the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up. Let no weapon fashioned against your church succeed, and let every tongue that rises against it in judgment be confuted. Make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples, and let all that lift it hurt themselves, though all the nations of the earth should gather against it; so may all your enemies perish, O LORD, but let your friends be like the sun as he rises in his might. Lord, let the man of lawlessness be killed with the breath of your mouth and brought to nothing by the appearance of your coming: And let those be undeceived who have long been under the power of strong delusions to believe what is false, and let them love the truth. Let Babylon fall and sink like a millstone into the sea; and let the kings of the earth who have given their royal power and honor to the beast, be wrought upon at length to bring them into the new Jerusalem.*

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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: *Micah 7:18*

“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.”

New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Benediction: Go equipped by His Grace, Surrounded by Salvation’s Walls. Let nothing shake your sure repose, For no man has laid such a firm foundation, Other than the One, which is laid, which is Christ Jesus the Lord. ***From 1 Cor. 3:11 & Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken***