

Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/30/21

Call to Worship Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! *Psalm 135:3*

Invocation: Our Father, rich in mercy, splendid in grace, wisdom and justice go before you; peace and righteousness are at your right hand. Lord of heaven above, you are God and you alone. Give ear to our prayer in the name of Jesus, for we would worship you in him. He is our Great High Priest; He is our intercessor and mediator. Give ear to our prayer that we may serve you as a royal priesthood, your own people, for you are God and you alone. To you be all honor, all praise, and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen

Old Testament Psalm 150

150 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! ² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! ³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise 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:

You are the King of ages, immortal, invisible. 1 Timothy 1:17 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God; Psalm 90:2 the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away; but you are the same, and your years have no end. Psalm 102:25-27 You are God and do not change; therefore we are not consumed. Malachi 3:6 Are you not from everlasting, O LORD our God, our Holy One? Habakkuk 1:12 You are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not faint or grow weary, whose understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28

Confession:

Every intention of the thoughts of our heart is evil, only evil, and that continually, Genesis 6:5 and it has been so from our youth. Genesis 8:21 O how long have those wicked thoughts lodged within us! Jeremiah 4:14 Like the

devising of folly, those thoughts are sin. Proverbs 24:9 From within, out of the heart, come evil thoughts, Matthew 15:19 which devise evil on the bed, Micah 2:1 and carry the heart with the fool's eyes to the ends of the earth. Proverbs 17:24 But God is not in all our thoughts; Psalm 10:4 it is well if he is in any of them. Of the Rock that bore us, we have been unmindful and have forgotten the God who gave us birth: Deuteronomy 32:18 We have forgotten him days without number, Jeremiah 2:32 and our hearts have gone after worthlessness and become worthless. Jeremiah 2:5 Our inward thought having been that our houses should continue forever; this, our way, is the path of those who have foolish confidence. Psalm 49:11-13

Petition:

We know that as you are gracious and merciful, so you are the righteous God who loves righteous deeds, Psalm 11:7 and will by no means clear the guilty. Exodus 34:7 We cannot say, "Have patience with us, and we will pay you everything," Matthew 18:26 for we are like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. Isaiah 64:6 But Jesus Christ has become to us righteousness from God; 1 Corinthians 1:30 being made to be sin, though he knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 We have sinned, but we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2 It is God who justifies, who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us, Romans 8:33-34 and whose blood speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Hebrews 12:24 We desire to count everything as loss for the sake of Christ, and as rubbish, in order that we may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of our own, but that which comes through faith in Christ. Philippians 3:7-9 This is the name whereby we will call him, THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:6

Thanks:

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks to you, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. Psalm 75:1 Let our souls bless the LORD, and let all that is within us bless his holy name; yes, let our souls bless the LORD and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:1-2 We will praise the Lord, for it is good, it is pleasant, Psalm 92:1 and praise befits the upright; Psalm 33:1 yes, it is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night. Psalm 92:1-2 We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever; Psalm 145:1-2 we will pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and sing aloud

of your righteousness. Psalm 145:7 We will sing to the LORD a new song and his praise in the assembly of the godly. We will bless the LORD as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God while we have our being; Psalm 146:2

Intercession:

O teach transgressors your ways, and let sinners return to you. Psalm 51:13 O give them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 2 Timothy 2:25 the truth as it is in Jesus, Ephesians 4:21 the truth which accords with godliness; Titus 1:1 that they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil. 2 Timothy 2:26 Let those who are straying like sheep return to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. 1 Peter 2:25 Show those fools their folly and misery who have said in their hearts, "There is no God," and who are corrupt and do abominable deeds. Psalm 14:1 Lord, maintain the honor of the Scriptures, the teaching and the testimony, and convince those who speak not according to that word, that it is because they have no dawn. Isaiah 8:20 You have exalted above all things your name and your word; Psalm 138:2 magnify the law, magnify the gospel, and make both glorious. Isaiah 42:21 Let those who will not be won by the word, be won by the conduct of Christians, 1 Peter 3:1 which we beg may be such in everything that those who do not believe may be convicted by all and called to account by all, may be brought to worship God and to declare that God is really among them. 1 Corinthians 14:24-25

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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 103:8-12 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

New Testament Reading: John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again² he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.³ ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You⁴ must be born again.' ⁸The wind⁵ blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you⁶ do not receive our testimony.

¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.⁷ ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.⁸

¹⁶"For God so loved the world,⁹ that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Benediction: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.