

Hopewell Worship Guide for 5/24/20

Call to Worship *Psalm 67:1–2* May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Invocation: O Father, majestic is your name. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is to be praised, Merciful God, Gracious Lord. Hear us in the name of your Son, for he has promised that where two or three are gathered in his name he would be with us and our prayer would be heard. Hear us in the name of your Son, for he is the revelation of your wisdom, the outpouring of your glory, the incarnation of your mercy toward us and the whole human race. To you be glory, all praise and honor, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and evermore. Amen

Old Testament *Ezekiel 36:24–28*

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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: We must acknowledge his perfections to be matchless and without compare.

Who is a God like you, O LORD, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? Exodus 15:11 Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD? O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are with your faithfulness all around you? Psalm 89:6-8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Psalm 86:8-10 No creature has an arm like God, or can thunder with a voice like his. Job 40:9

And that he is infinitely above us and all other beings.

You are God and not man; you do not have eyes of flesh, nor do you see as man sees. Your days are not as the days of man, nor your years as a man's years. Job 10:4-5

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are your thoughts higher than our thoughts and your ways than our ways. Isaiah 55:9 All nations before you are like a drop from a bucket, or the dust on the scales; and you take up the coastlands like fine dust; Isaiah 40:15 they are as nothing, and are accounted by you as less than nothing and emptiness. Isaiah 40:17

Confession: We must lament the stubbornness of our wills and their unaptness to submit to the rules of the divine law.

We have within us a mind that is set on the flesh, which is hostile to God and does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Romans 8:7 Were you to write for us your laws by the ten thousands, they would be regarded by us as a strange thing; Hosea 8:12 and our corrupt hearts have been sometimes ready to say, "What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?" Job 21:15 And, "We will do everything that we have vowed." Jeremiah 44:17 For we have walked in the ways of our own heart and in the sight of our eyes, Ecclesiastes 11:9 carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind. Ephesians 2:3

Our neck has been an iron sinew, Isaiah 48:4 and we have made our hearts diamond-hard; we have refused to pay attention, have turned a stubborn shoulder, Zechariah 7:11-12 and stopped our ears like the deaf adder that will not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter. Psalm 58:4-5 How we have hated discipline, and our hearts despised reproof! We did not listen to the voice of our teachers or incline our ears to our instructors. Proverbs 5:12-13

Petition: We must plead with God for the infinite goodness of his nature, his readiness to forgive sin, and his glorying in it.

You, Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Psalm 86:5 You are a God gracious and full of compassion, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth. Psalm 86:15(KJV) You are a God ready to forgive, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, Nehemiah 9:17 who does not always chide nor keep his anger forever. Psalm 103:9 You, you are he who blots out our transgressions for your own sake, and will not remember our sins, which we are here to put you in remembrance of and to declare, in order to plead for mercy in Christ. Isaiah 43:25-26(KJV) And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, "The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression." Please pardon the iniquity of your people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven us even until now. Numbers 14:17-19

For who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of your inheritance?

You do not retain your anger forever, because you delight in steadfast love. O that you would have compassion upon us and tread our iniquities underfoot and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19

Thanks: Thank God For the performance of God's promises.

You have dealt well with your servants, O LORD, according to your word, Psalm 119:65 and you have been ever mindful of your covenant, the word that you commanded, for a thousand generations. Psalm 105:8 Not one word has failed of all your good promise, 1 Kings 8:56 which you have promised to David your servant and to Israel your people. 1 Kings 8:66 And now, what shall we render to the LORD for all his benefits to us? Psalm 116:12 Let our souls return to him and repose in him as their rest, for he has dealt bountifully with us: Psalm 116:7 We will lift up the cup of our salvation and call upon the name of the LORD. Psalm 116:13 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5 We will bless the LORD at all times; yes, his praise shall continually be in our mouths; Psalm 34:1 we will sing to the LORD as long as we live; Psalm 104:33 and we hope to be shortly with those blessed ones who dwell in his house above and are still praising him and who day and night never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty." Revelation 4:8

Intercession For the universal church, wherever dispersed, and for all the interests of it.

Our heart's desire and prayer to God for the gospel-Israel is that it may be saved. Romans 10:1 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem. Psalm 51:18 Peace be within her walls and security within her towers. For our brothers and companions' sake, we will now say, "Peace be within her." Psalm 122:7-8

O that we may see the prosperity of the gospel-Jerusalem all the days of our life and peace upon Israel. Psalm 128:5-6 And that, thus, we may have reason to answer the messengers of the nations, saying, "The LORD has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people find refuge." Isaiah 14:32 Save your people, O Lord, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd and carry them forever. Psalm 28:9 Give strength to your people and bless your people with peace; Psalm 29:11 cover them with favor as with a shield. Psalm 5:12

Grace be with all who love the Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible; Ephesians 6:24 for you know those who are yours and give to all who name the name of Christ to depart from iniquity. 2 Timothy 2:19 We pray for all who believe in Christ, that they may all be one; John 17:20-21

and since there is one body and one Spirit and one hope that belongs to our call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, Ephesians 4:4-6 give to all Christians to be of one heart and one way. Jeremiah 32:39 Let the word of the Lord in all places speed ahead, and let it be honored. 2 Thessalonians 3:1

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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 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction: May He Who is your light, your strength, your song and cornerstone, Prepare you for the fiercest drought and storm; Quiet your fears and cease your strivings; That you may know the heights of His love and the depths of His peace.