

Hopewell Worship Guide for 9/27/20

Call to Worship: *Psalm 132:7; Heb. 10:22*

Let us go to His dwelling place; Let us worship at His Footstool! Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Invocation: Let us pray: O Eternal and Everlasting Father, God most glorious, God most exalted, who 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 founded 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 *Genesis 50:15–21*

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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: *There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?" But this we say, "O LORD, lift up the light of your face upon us, and that shall put joy in our hearts, more than they have when their grain and wine abound We entreat your favor with all our heart, for in this we labor, that whether we are at home or away, we may please the Lord. Hear our prayer, O LORD, give ear to our pleas for mercy; in your faithfulness answer us, and be near to us whenever we call upon you; for you have never said to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in vain." You who hear the young ravens that cry, be not deaf to us, lest if you be silent to us, we become like those who go down to the pit. Let our prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up*

of our hands be acceptable in your sight as the evening sacrifice

Confession: *And now, O our God, what shall we say after this, for we have forsaken your commandments? We have sinned; what have we done to you, you watcher of mankind? We know that the law curses everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law and do them; that the wages of every sin is death; and that for these things' sake the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. And we are accountable to God; the Scripture has imprisoned us under sin; and therefore you might justly be angry with us until you consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape. If you should make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line, you might justly separate us to all evil, according to all the curses of the covenant, and blot out our names from under heaven. You might justly swear in your wrath that we should never enter your rest; might justly strip us naked and bare, and take back our grain in its time, and put into our hands the cup of staggering, and make us drink even to the dregs of that cup. You have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly. Indeed, our God has punished us less than our iniquities deserved. You therefore shall be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment; and we will accept of the punishment of our iniquity, and humble ourselves under your mighty hand, and say, "The LORD is righteous." Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins? No, we will bear the indignation of the LORD, because we have sinned against him.*

Petition: *Lord, rescue us from every evil deed and bring us safely into your heavenly kingdom; being kept from stumbling, may we be presented blameless at the coming of your glory with great joy. Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that our hearts may be established blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. If Satan demands to have us that he may sift us like wheat, yet let Christ's intercession prevail for us that our faith may not fail Until we are taken out of the world, let us be kept from the evil one, and sanctified through your truth: your word is truth. Build us up, we pray, in our most holy faith, and keep us in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Grant that we may continue to call on you as long as we live, and until we die, may we never put away our integrity from us; let us hold fast our righteousness and never let it go, and may our hearts not reproach us for any of our days.*

Thanks: *We bless you for the redemption we have through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of your grace, which you have lavished upon us. That you have forgiven all our iniquities and healed all our diseases; and in love you have delivered our lives from*

the pit of destruction, for you have cast all our sins behind your back. When you brought us into the wilderness, there you spoke tenderly to us, and gave us our vineyards from there, and made the Valley of Achor a door of hope.

Intercession: *Let the schools of the prophets be replenished with every good gift and every perfect gift from above, from the Father of lights. Throw salt into these fountains and heal its waters, so that from them may issue streams that shall make glad the city of our God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Give grace to all the subjects of this land, that they may, under the government God has set over us, lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way, dwelling together in unity, that the Lord may command a blessing upon us, even life forevermore. Let everyone of every denomination who fears God and works righteousness, be acceptable to him; yes, let such as love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servants.*

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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: *Colossians 2:13–14* And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 18:21–35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.⁷

²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.⁸ ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant⁹ fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii,¹⁰ and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers,¹¹ until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Benediction: May the Lord establish you as a holy people to Himself, May He hover over you as an eagle over its young, Who spreads its wings and catches them and carries them on its pinions, to the end that you who have put your hope in Christ Jesus would be to the praise of His glory. Deut 32:11; Eph 1:2