

Hopewell Worship Guide for 1/10/21

Call to Worship *Psalms 49:1; Rev 19:9* Hear this all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Invocation: Let us pray: Father, faithfully waiting for us, graciously reaching out to us, whom we have come to know in Jesus Christ, We gather together in the name of your Son, that from him we might know of our welcome, that with him we might make the journey to our true home, that in him we might serve you throughout eternity. Therefore we pray in his name and in the power of his Spirit, ever rejoicing in your glory, O Father. One God Most High, forever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament *Isaiah 49:1–6*

49 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

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: *Jeremiah 33:8* I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

New Testament Reading: *Mark 1:4–11*

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Benediction: May your eyes see the king in his beauty That you might view a land that stretches afar; Like Abraham, who looked to a city, Whose architect and builder was God. Isaiah 33:17; Hebrews 1:10