

Hopewell Worship Guide for 1/24/21

Call to Worship *Psalm 116: 13, 17*

Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. Let us offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Invocation: Let us pray: Almighty God, Most Loving Father, to whom the earth belongs, and the fullness thereof, to whom the world belongs, and the people who dwell upon it. You founded it on the seas, you established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? Who can stand in your holy place? Only those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. You give us blessings, you give us righteousness, and you are the God of our salvation. It is to you O God Almighty, that all praise is due - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever more. Amen.

Old Testament *Jonah 3:1-10 (ESV)*

3 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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 pay our homage to three that testify in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; for these three are one. We adore you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, and the eternal Word, who was in the beginning with God and was God, through him all things were made, and without him was not any thing made that was made; and who in the fullness of time, became flesh and dwelt among us and showed his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. And since it is the will of God that all men should honor the Son, just as they honor the Father, we adore him as the radiance of his Father’s glory and the exact imprint of his nature; herein joining with the angels of God, who were all bidden to worship him. We pay homage to the exalted Redeemer, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth, confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We also worship the Holy Spirit, the Helper, whom the Son has sent from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father,) and who is sent to teach us all things and to bring all things to our remembrance; who indited the Scriptures, holy men of God writing them as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

Confession: *When words are many, transgression is not lacking; nor can a man full of talk be judged right. While the lips of the righteous feed many, our lips have poured out folly, and known what is perverse. Much corrupt talk has come out of our mouths; that foolish talking and crude joking, which are out of place, and little of that which is good and to the use of building up, and which might give grace to those who hear. If people will give account for every careless word they speak, and if by our words we will be justified and by our words we will be condemned, woe to us! For we are lost; for we are of unclean lips and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. What would become of us, if God should make our own tongues turn against us? We have been slothful in zeal for religion and not fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. The things which remain are about to die, and our works have not been found complete in the sight of God. We have observed the winds, and therefore have not sown; have regarded the clouds, and therefore have not reaped; and with the sluggard have frightened ourselves with the fancy of a lion in the road, a lion in the streets, and have turned on our bed as a door on its hinges, still crying, “A little sleep, a little slumber.” We have lost our first love, and what then has become of the blessing we felt? Our love has been like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. And that which is at the bottom of all is the evil, unbelieving heart in us, which inclines us to fall away from the living God*

Petition: *Lord, remove the heart of stone from our flesh and give us a heart of flesh. Make us afraid of every form of evil, and careful not to be outwitted by Satan, since we are not ignorant of his designs. Lord, give us the happiness which they have who fear always; that when we think we stand, we may take heed lest we fall. Lord, put upon us that love which binds everything together in perfect harmony, that we may maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and may live in love of peace, that the God of love and peace may be with us. Lord, give us to love our neighbor as ourselves with that love which is the fulfilling of the law; to love one another earnestly from a pure heart, that by this all men may know that we are Christ's disciples. And as we are taught by God to love one another, give us to abound therein more and more; and as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone; and so far as it depends on us, let us live peaceably with all men, always pursuing what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Lord, make us able to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who spitefully use us, and to do good to those who hate us; bearing with one another and forgiving one another in love, as Christ has forgiven us*

Thanks: *We thank you that as he was delivered up for our trespasses, so he was raised for our justification, and was declared to be the Son of God in power by the resurrection from the dead. That though he was dead, yet he is alive and lives forevermore and has the keys of Death and Hades; and being raised from the dead, he will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. That in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep; that as in Adam all died, so also in Christ all might be made alive, and each in his own order. That God did not let his Holy One see corruption, but loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it, and so declared to all the house of Israel that this Jesus whom they crucified is both Lord and Christ. And that to this end Christ both died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living, and that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him*

Intercession: *O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and establish the righteous – you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God. Spirit many to rise up for you against the wicked and to stand up for you against evildoers. Let the Deliverer come to Zion and banish ungodliness from Jacob; and let the filth of Jerusalem be cleansed from its midst by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning. Let all wickedness shut its mouth; and let the infection of that plague be stayed by intervening judgment. Let those who are struggling against sin never grow weary or fainthearted. Remove the spirit of uncleanness from the land, and change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that they may call upon the name of the LORD. Set us high above all nations in praise and in fame and in honor by making us a people holy to the LORD our God*

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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: *Proverbs 14:9*

"Fools mock at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance."

New Testament Reading: *Mark 1:14–20*

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;⁵ repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."⁶ ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Benediction: And now may Christ, Who is adored in the highest heaven, The everlasting Lord, the Prince of Peace and Sun of Righteousness, Fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9