

Hopewell Worship Guide for 2/21/21

Call to Worship Psalm 100:1-3

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Invocation: Let us pray: Father, Almighty and Eternal Lord, King and Sovereign of all ages, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent out an invitation. You have prepared a great feast, that at last we might enter into the palatial courts of your presence, into the royal mansions of ebony and ivory. Even on this day you have gathered us together in the name of Jesus. You have invited us to the wedding feast. You have brought us to the banqueting house. Kindle our spirits now, most gracious Lord. Renew us in the beauty of holiness, that we be radiant in your presence. All glory be to you, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Genesis 22:1-18

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and

behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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 have commanded us to pray always, with all prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, and, to that end, to keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints; to continue in prayer, and in everything, by prayer and supplication, to let our requests be made known to God. You have directed us to ask and seek and knock, and have promised that we will receive, we will find, and it will be opened to us. You have appointed for us a great High Priest, in whose name we may draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. You have assured us that while the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, the prayer of the upright is acceptable; and that the one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies you; and the sacrifice of thanksgiving will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. You are he who hears prayer, and therefore to you shall all flesh come. You say, "Seek my face," and our hearts say to you, "Your face, LORD, do we seek." For, should not a people inquire of their God? To whom shall we go but to you? You have the words of eternal life.*

Confession: *We have sinned and perverted what was right, and it did not profit us. What fruit are we getting from the things of which we are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. And what are we profited if we should gain the whole world and forfeit our own souls? Sin has deceived us, and through the commandment killed us; for our hearts have been hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, and we have been lured and enticed by our own desires. It has promised us freedom, but has made us slaves of corruption; has promised us that we shall not surely die and that we shall be like God, but it has flattered us and*

spread a net for our feet. The pride of our heart, particularly, has deceived us

Petition: *O that sin might be shown to be sin to us and appear in its own colors; and through the commandment may we see it to be sinful beyond measure, because it is lawlessness. By every willful sin we have in effect said, "We do not want this man to reign over us." And, "Who is the LORD, that we should obey his voice?" And thus have we reviled the LORD, and cast his law behind our back. O God, you know our folly; the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you. We were foolish in being disobedient, and our desires are senseless and harmful. Folly was bound up in our hearts when we were children; for though vain man would be wise, he is born like the wild donkey's colt. Our path has been one of foolish confidence, and in many instances we have done very foolishly. We have been brutish and ignorant, and even like beasts toward God.*

Thanks: *We thank you that having bore the sin of many, Christ makes intercession for transgressors, and prays, not only for those who were given to him when he was on earth, but also for all those who will believe in him through their word; that they may all be one. That we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous, who is therefore able to save to the uttermost all those who draw near to God as a Father, through him as a Mediator, since he always lives to make intercession for his people. That we have a High Priest chosen from among men and appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifice for sin, who can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward; and that he has become the source of eternal salvation to all who obey 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: *Psalm 116:1-2* I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

New Testament Reading: *Romans 8:31–39*

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Benediction: And now O Lord, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; So that your people may be mature and complete, never lacking anything. Is 45:8; James 1:4