

Hopewell Worship Guide for 3/21/21

Call to Worship

“May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions! Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Psalm 20:5; Isaiah 12:6

Invocation: *Father, ruler of heaven and earth, We bow before You in this place, for you are all glorious, all wondrous, all holy. We worship You, O God, our Father, confessing with our hymns and prayers, the name of Christ, your Son, whom we acknowledge as Lord indeed. Grant to us your blessing and presence, your Word and your peace, that we may be witnesses of your truth, the reflection of your image, the ambassadors of your Kingdom, O Sovereign God, all glorious, all wondrous, all holy. To God be the glory ever on high, to Father, To Son, to Holy Spirit. Ever one God, for ages and ages. Amen*

Old Testament *Psalm 143 A Psalm of David.*

¹ Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

² Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. ³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. ⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. ⁶ I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah ⁷ Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! ¹² And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

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: *In you, O LORD, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame; Psalm 31:1 indeed, let none who wait for you be put to shame. Psalm 25:3 For God alone our souls wait in silence; from him comes our salvation: He only is our rock and our salvation! Psalm 62:1-2 In him is our glory, our might, and our*

refuge; and our hope is from him. Psalm 62:5-7 When no refuge remains to us, and no one cares for our souls, we cry to you, O LORD, “You are our refuge, our portion in the land of the living.” Psalm 142:4-5 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7 We will trust in your steadfast love, O God, forever and ever, and will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly. Psalm 52:8-9 We have hoped in your word; Psalm 119:81 O remember your word to your servants, in which you have made us hope. Psalm 119:49

Confession: *You have struck us down, but we have felt no anguish; we have refused to take correction and have made our faces harder than rock, Jeremiah 5:3 and the rod has not driven the folly out of our hearts. Proverbs 22:15 You have disciplined us with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men, 2 Samuel 7:14 yet we have not turned to him who struck us, nor have we inquired of the LORD of hosts. Isaiah 9:13 When some have been overthrown as Sodom and Gomorrah were, we have been as brands plucked out of the burning; yet we have not returned to you, O LORD. Amos 4:11 And when your hand has been lifted up, we have not seen it. Isaiah 26:11 We have not kept the terms of the covenant that we have made before you; Jeremiah 34:18 but as traitors, we have betrayed. Isaiah 24:16 Did we not say, “We would not transgress, Jeremiah 2:20 we would not offend anymore?” Job 34:31 We did, and yet we have returned with the dog to its own vomit; 2 Peter 2:22 we have returned to folly after God has spoken peace. Psalm 85:8*

Petition: *Lord, give us to grow with a growth that is from God; Colossians 2:19 to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; 2 Peter 3:18 to hold to our way; and, having clean hands, to grow stronger and stronger. Job 17:9 Let our path be as the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. Proverbs 4:18 We have not yet obtained, nor are we already perfect; Lord, grant that therefore, forgetting what lies behind, we may strain forward to what lies ahead, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14 Be like the dew to us, that we may blossom like the lily and take root like the trees of Lebanon; that our shoots may spread out and our beauty may be like the olive. Hosea 14:5-6 And let the sun of righteousness rise upon us with healing in its wings, that we may go out leaping like calves from the stall. Malachi 4:2*

Thanks: *We bless you that if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, 1 John 1:7 even with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2 That we, who are many, are one bread and one body; 1 Corinthians 10:17 and that though there are varieties of gifts and service and activities, yet there is the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God, who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 We thank you that all the children of God who are scattered abroad, John 11:52 are united in him who is the head of the body, the church; Colossians 1:18 so they are all our brothers and partners in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus. Revelation 1:9*

Intercession: *Make those who rule over us just, ruling in the fear of God; 2 Samuel 23:3 and let those who judge remember that they judge not for man but for the LORD, who is with them in giving judgment, that therefore the fear of the LORD may be upon them. 2 Chronicles 19:6-7 Make them able men and trustworthy, men who fear God and hate a bribe, Exodus 18:21 that justice may run down like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24 Enable our magistrates to defend the weak and fatherless, to maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute, to rescue the weak and the needy, and to deliver them from the hand of the wicked; Psalm 82:3-4 and let governors never be a terror to good works, but to the evil. Romans 13:4*

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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 143:11–12*

11 For your name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! 12 And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5:7–10

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Benediction: Grace and Peace to you who were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, who God made alive in Christ and forgave all of your sins, Go rejoicing in the Lord and be glad; for you are the upright in heart.

Col. 2:13, 14; Psalm 32:11