

## Hopewell Worship Guide for 4/4/21

### Call to Worship

“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” *Revelation 5:9–10*

**Invocation:** *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 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 may be radiant in your presence. All glory to you, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen*

### Old Testament Isaiah 12:1–6

12 You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.”<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.”<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

*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:** *Lord, we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but let your Spirit help us in our weakness and intercede for us. O pour upon us a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy the Spirit of adoption teaching us to cry, “Abba, Father”; that we may find in our hearts to pray this prayer: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead us, let them bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling; to God, our exceeding joy. O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. This is what you, O LORD, have said: that you will be sanctified among those who are near you, and before all the people you will be glorified. We therefore worship before you, O Lord, that we may glorify your name; and therefore we call upon you,*

*that you may deliver us, and we may glorify you. For from you and through you and to you are all things.*

**Confession:** *O the riches of the patience and forbearance of God! How patient he is toward us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities, but you wait to be gracious to us. Sentence against our evil deeds has not been executed speedily, but you have given us time to repent and make our peace with you, and call even faithless sons to return to you, and have promised to heal our faithlessness; and therefore, behold, we come to you, for you are the LORD our God. Surely the patience of our Lord is counted as salvation; and if the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not now have shown us such things as these. And O that this kindness of God might lead us to repentance! For though we have broken faith with our God, yet now there is hope for us in Israel in spite of this. You have said it and have confirmed it with an oath, that you have no pleasure in the death of sinners, but rather desire that we should turn and live. Therefore will we rend our hearts, and not our garments, and return to the LORD our God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him?*

**Petition:** *Lord, qualify us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; let God himself prepare us for this very thing, and give us the Spirit as a guarantee in our hearts. O that we may know that our citizenship is in heaven, and that from there, with comfort, we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus, who shall transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body. O that we may set our minds on things that are above, and that our life may be hidden with Christ in God; that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory; that when he shall appear, we may be like him, may see him as he is, may behold his face in righteousness, and when we awake, may be satisfied with his likeness. When we fail, let us be received into the eternal dwellings, in the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God; that we may always be together with the Lord, to see as we are seen and know as we have been fully known; and, in the meantime, help us to encourage ourselves and one another with these words. And hoping in Christ, may we purify ourselves as he is pure. And now, may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

**Thanks:** *We have feasted on the abundance of your house, and you have given us drink from the river of your delights: for with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. You have brought us to your holy mountain, and made us joyful in your house of prayer; and we have found for us it is good to be near God. We have reason to say that a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and that it is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of our God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness; for the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor, and no good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! We have sat down under your shadow with delight, and your fruit has been sweet to our taste; you have brought us to the banqueting house, and your banner over us has been love*

**Intercession:** *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."*

**Ministries Hopewell Supports:** Roddey & Becky Caughman, Michael & Tricia Lee – Panama, Clark Emerson – Campus Outreach, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hope House, Reformed University Fellowship, Palmetto Women's Center

**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:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-21*

"For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Benediction:** The God who sent His Son to save, from guilt and darkness and the grave, be gracious to you and bless you and cause His fact to shine upon you. (Ps 67:1, Give to God our Immortal Praise)