

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/8/21

Call to Worship Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.' *Ps 118:19; Zech 8:21*

Invocation: Father, gracious Lord, righteous, merciful God, Father, full of care for all your children, hearing our voice and supplication, saving us in distress and anguish, by your will, alone, all things come to pass. Hear our prayer in the name of Christ, who in all things was obedient to your will, who took the bitter cup of suffering for us. Hear our prayer for the sake of his sacrifice. Father, to you be praise. Son to you be adoration. Holy Spirit, to you be glory. One God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Exodus 16:2–15

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord." ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.' " ¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' " ¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew

had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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, O God, made us, and not we ourselves, and therefore we are not our own but yours: your people, and the sheep of your pasture; let us therefore worship and bow down and kneel before the LORD, our Maker. You, Lord, are the former of our bodies, and they are fearfully and wonderfully made and intricately woven. Your eyes saw our unformed substance, and in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for us, when as yet there was none of them. You have clothed us with skin and flesh; you have knit us together with bones and sinews; you have granted us life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved our spirits. You are the Father of our spirits, for you formed the spirit of man within him, and made us these souls. The Spirit of God has made us, and the breath of the Almighty gives us life. You put wisdom in the inward parts and give understanding to the mind. You are God our Maker, who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth and makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens. We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are the work of your hand. You are he that took us from the womb and kept us in safety when we were at our mothers' breasts; we have been cast upon you from our birth and held up by you. You are our God from our mothers' womb, and therefore our praise is continually of you. In you, O God, we live and move and have our being, for we are your offspring. In your hand is our breath, and yours are all our ways; for the way of man is not in himself, neither is it in man who walks to direct his steps, but our times are in your hand. You are the God who has been our shepherd all our life long to this day and redeemed us from all evil. It is because of the steadfast love of the LORD that we are not cut off, even because your mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. If you take away our breath, we die and return to the dust out of which we were taken. Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? From your mouth, O Most High, both good and bad come.*

Confession: *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.

Petition: *Lord, give us grace to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow Christ; to discipline our bodies and keep them under control. Lord, keep us from being lovers of ourselves, from being wise in our own eyes and leaning to our own understanding. Lord, give us to seek, not our own good only, but also the good of our neighbor. And grant that we may not live to ourselves or die to ourselves, but whether we live or die, we may be the Lord's, and may live and die to him. Lord, give us to learn from Christ to be gentle and lowly in heart, that we may find rest for our souls; and that herein the same mind may be in us that was also in Christ Jesus. Lord, conceal pride from us, and clothe us with humility; and put upon us the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in your sight is very precious. Lord, give us grace to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. Let anger never lodge in our bosoms, nor the sun ever go down on our anger; but enable us to show perfect courtesy toward all people, because we ourselves were once foolish and disobedient. Let us be clothed as becomes the elect children of God, holy and beloved, with compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that being merciful, even as our heavenly Father is merciful, we may be perfect as he is perfect.*

Thanks: *We bless you that our Lord Jesus has ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God; has ascended on high, having led a host of captives in his train, and has received gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there. That as the Forerunner he has for us entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf: a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, in the midst of the throne. That he is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. That he has gone before, to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, where there are many rooms; and though where he has gone we cannot follow him now, yet we hope to follow him hereafter, when he shall come again to take us to himself, that where he is, there we may be also.*

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 103:1-3*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

New Testament Reading: *Ephesians 4:17–24*

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Benediction: May He who is full of kindness and compassion, Who is slow to anger, vast in love; Whose works of love are of surpassing measure, Keep you in the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Eph 4:3,