

Hopewell Worship Guide for 8/22/21

Call to Worship *Psalms 100:1-3*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Invocation: Blessed God and Father, you are praised above by the heavenly host, praised in the Church by your people. Blessed God and Father, who have given us your Son, that we might be your sons and daughters. We bless you because in Him we have been blessed again and again. Hear us now as we come to you in the name of your Son, for we are his people, his Church. We are called by his name. Hear us now in our generation, that we might inherit the blessing, that we might be united to your Son by faith, and know the mystery and fullness of time. Blessed you are, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever three Persons, ever One God. Amen

Old Testament *Proverbs 9:1-12 (ESV)*

¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. ¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

Adoration: *But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? That God whom heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain,) with man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm? Who are we, O Lord GOD, and what is our father’s house that you have brought us thus far to present ourselves before the Lord? That we have through Christ an access in one Spirit to the Father? And yet, as if this had been a small thing in your sight, you have spoken concerning your servants for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him, and thus magnify him? Oh let not the Lord be angry, if we who are but dust and ashes undertake to speak to the Lord of glory. We are not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servants; nor is it right to take the children’s bread and throw it to such as we are; yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table; and you bestow your riches on all who call on you*

Confession: *We bewail before you all our iniquities, all our transgressions, and all our sins. We have known our Master’s will but have not done it, and therefore deserve a severe beating. We have known the way of the LORD and the justice of our God, and yet have broken the yoke and burst the bonds. We have known God’s decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, and yet have not only done them, but given approval to those who practice them. We have taught others, and yet have not taught ourselves; and while we profess to know God, we have denied him by our works. We call ourselves after the holy city and stay ourselves on the God of Israel and confess his name, but not in truth and in righteousness. For we have dishonored that worthy name by which we have been called, and given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme. We have named the name of Christ, and yet have not departed from iniquity.*

Petition: *Do not let our wisdom be that from beneath, which is earthly, unspiritual, demonic; but wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. O that we may always behave in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God. Lord, uphold us in our integrity, and set us in your presence forever; and may integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for you. May our hearts be blameless in your statutes, that we may not be put to shame; and let our eye be healthy, that our whole body may be full of light.*

Thanks: *We thank you that we have the Scriptures to search, and that in them we have eternal life, for it is they that bear witness about Christ; and that all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. That whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope; and that we have this sure prophetic word, as a lamp shining in a dark place. That the vision has not become to us like the words of a book that is sealed, but that we hear in our own tongue the mighty works of God. We thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that the things which you have hidden from the wise and understanding and which many prophets and kings desired to see but did not, are revealed to us little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will*

Intercession: *Lord, preserve to us the lamp that you have prepared for your Anointed, that the next generation may know you, even the children yet unborn, that they may set their hope in God and keep his commandments. Let the gospel-believing church abide before God forever: Appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over it, so we will ever sing praises to your name. Thus, let the Lord save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and the offspring of your servants shall inherit it, and those who love your name shall dwell in it. Let their design who would choose a leader to go back to Egypt, be again defeated; and let not the mortal wound that has been given to the beast be healed anymore. Let our eyes see Jerusalem, the city of our appointed feasts, an untroubled habitation, an immovable tent: Let none of its stakes be plucked up, nor any of its cords be broken, but let the LORD in majesty be for us a place of broad rivers and streams; for the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king, he will save us*

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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 (ESV)

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

New Testament Reading: John 6:51–58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread³ the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Benediction: Ephesians 6:23, 24

Peace be to you and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.