



Hope Chapel

A GOSPEL COMMUNITY FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY

WORSHIP GUIDE // MAY 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer of Preparation

O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,
that with steady minds and burning zeal
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

CALLED BY GOD

⬆️ GATHERING SONG

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens *Anonymous lyrics (1796), Eric Marshall (2014)*

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height!
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

*All creation join the song of praise!
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways!
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days!*

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God Has made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.

Many times we arrive to worship with distracted hearts and minds. This prayer is provided as a way to help settle, or focus, your soul as worship begins. Remember that even in our intentionality to prepare and engage, it is the Lord who initiates with us to worship Him this morning. So rest in His loving invitation.

*Why do we sing?
We sing as a way of engaging our voices, imaginations, words, and desires in the worship of God.*

We sing together, to God and to each other, because of our calling to be a people joined together in Christ.

An Invitation

The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace.

Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

What's with the arrows? Throughout the worship guide you will notice arrows pointing up, down, and side-to-side. These are a reminder that our liturgy is a dialogue—it's relational. God speaks, we respond. We extend peace to one another. God provides sustenance to us from his Word and at his Table. This morning, God invites you into this holy "dance".

Ⓣ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP // Psalm 63:1-5

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You;
I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**All: I have seen You in the sanctuary
and beheld Your power and Your glory.
Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You.**

Leader: I will praise You as long as I live,
and in Your name I will lift up my hands.

**All: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise You.**

Ⓢ SONG OF PRAISE

Our Great God *Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)*

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Halleluiah! Glory be to our great God!

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, Who rules them by His Word.



CLEANSED BY GOD

⤴ CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we confess
we dishonor you by our words, thoughts and deeds.

Depending on our own strength we stumble;
proclaiming our own goodness we sin;
glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch. We
turn from you, and desire lasting satisfaction
from the things of this world.

We pray now, forgive us our many sins,
cleansing the darkness from our lives, turn our faces toward you.
In the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

*** time for silent confession ***

⤴ SONG OF LAMENT

Our Song in the Night (Psalm 77) *Michael Van Patter (2014)*

In the darkness, can you hear us? When the night comes, are we alone?
Have you forgotten all of your children? When we remember you, we groan.
But our hearts cannot be silent...

*God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone.
God, be our joy, be our strength, be our sheltering place;
Our song in the night.*

We are broken- are we forsaken? Has your love gone down with the sun?
And your mercy through all history, is it abandoned and undone?
Oh our hearts cannot be silent...

*We are not alone.
The Bible teaches that
Jesus understands what it
is to be human. Because
He was fully man, He
is compassionate and
merciful toward us in our
sin and failures. But not
only can He sympathize
with us, Jesus also has set
us free from the power
of sin by his death and
resurrection.*

What is lament?
*The author Dan Allender
says lament "is to cry out
to God with our doubts,
our incriminations of him
and others, to bring a
complaint against Him"
and goes on to say that
lament is "the context for
surrender... it is inconceiv-
able to surrender to God
unless there is a prior,
declared war against
him... sanctification is a
lifetime process of surren-
dering as more and more
intense conflicts with
God and others expose
and dissolve our urgent
preoccupation with the
self. Lament is the battle
cry against God that para-
doxically voices a heart of
desire and ironic faith in
his goodness."*



The "passing of the peace": As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from Him. In response to His grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

What's the offering all about? The offering is a way for Christians to support the mission and ministry of the church. Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources—time, talents, possessions—as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace. While many at Hope Chapel make their regular contributions through online giving and automated bill pay, offerings are a part of our worship service as an opportunity for the regular, proportionate and generous giving of the resources God has given us.

If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give. Giving is for the members and regular attenders who desire to give to God and His church so that we can be a blessing to Him and our community in even greater ways.

Ways to give:

You may drop a check or cash in the offering plate, give online at hopechapelgreensboro.org/give, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



Ⓢ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS // Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ⓢ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CELEBRATING GOD

Ⓢ SONGS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

The Lion and the Lamb *Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring (2015)*

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down;
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise.
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah,
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings!
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free,
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Ⓢ GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Continuously *Sandra McCracken (2016)*

I will hold your right hand, right beside you, my word is true
I am continuously, continuously with you.
Though your flesh and heart may fail, I will hold you in veil,
I am continuously, continuously with you.

*Rest in my love as you sleep tonight, rest in the song that mercy sings,
Your shield and strength, all through the fight
I will be your covering.*

I'll be your shelter where e'r you go, when you wonder I'll bring you home.
I am continuously, continuously with you.

CHANGED BY GOD

⤴ PRAYER OF RENEWAL

⤵ SCRIPTURE READING // Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Sermon- Ben Milner
Series: Growing Our Marriages
Title: The Mystery of Marriage

Church, City, World
Corporate prayer is an essential part of the worship and work of God's people. We pray for specific needs- naming and sometimes lamenting the brokenness in the world- mindful to ask a powerful and merciful help for the Church, the city, the world, and for one another.

The leader will end each section of the prayer by saying "Lord, in Your mercy..." and the congregation responds with "...Hear our prayer".

What do we do during the Scripture Reading?
Because the Word of God is one of the chief means through which God has chosen to speak to us, it is a principle and direct way we "hear from God" in worship. The public reading of Scripture, then, is a sacred act that deserves our full attention and focus. Especially in our age, we must discipline ourselves to listen to readings for longer periods of time, for God's Word is food for our soul.

Ben is senior pastor at Salem Presbyterian Church in Winston Salem, NC.

This sermon is part of a series called "Growing Our Marriages", where we are looking to the Scriptures for wisdom in becoming healthier in our marriages, and also, more generally in all of our relationships.

For past sermons, please visit our website.



What Is Communion?

What we do during communion isn't merely a symbolic act or a remembrance—it's more than that.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 teaches us that we are actually communing with Christ Himself as we partake of the elements. We mysteriously "participate in the body and blood" of Jesus. As we take communion, let us remember that Christ is spiritually present in a special way for us in this sacrament. Let's enjoy the feast!

If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, please feel free to not participate and instead spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included in this worship guide).

We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

PLEASE NOTE:
All bread is gluten-free.

Ⓣ COMMUNION

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give You thanks and
praise, joining our voices with Your
people on earth and all the company
of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**** institution of the elements ****

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Let us pray together:

All: Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at His table
reflect His life in word and deed,
that all the world may know His power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Prayer for renewal and commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Come, You Disconsolate

Thomas Moore (1824), Thomas Hastings (1831), Karl Digerness (2015)

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.



SENT BY GOD

⤴ SENDING SONG

Christ Be All Around Me

David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan (2015)

As I rise, strength of God go before, lift me up.
As I wake, eyes of God look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God satisfy and sustain.
As I hear, voice of God lead me on, be my guide.

*Above and below me, before and behind me,
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.*

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side.
And as I rest, breath of God fall upon, bring me peace.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed
For every moment, every moment.

↔ COMMUNITY LIFE

⤵ BLESSING & SENDING // Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work
within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*What is the
benediction?
Benediction is a word
with Latin origin (bene =
"well," and dicere = "to
speak"); a benediction
is a word which "speaks
wellness/goodness" to
us, therefore properly
understood as a bless-
ing. The benediction
in worship has ancient
roots, going back to the
worship of God's people
in the Temple. When we
utilize the benediction in
our worship, we connect
ourselves with an ancient
practice of God's people
and join with them to-
gether in worship of our
one great God.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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