

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Hope Chapel Greensboro**

**March 16, 2025**



**The Second Sunday of Lent**

## What is liturgy?

Every worship service has a liturgy; it's simply the way and order in which a community worships. "The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. And that's what liturgy is—the action of God's gathered people, but only in response to his prior action of sending Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The liturgy itself is a retelling of the Gospel story. It begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. We remember and confess our sinfulness, and celebrate God's forgiveness and complete acceptance of us. We are fed from the Scriptures and Sacraments and are sent out to love and serve the Lord in the world.

Liturgy reminds us that worship is not only individual, but an action of a community. Proper liturgy deliberately evokes our corporate response, gives voice to our common celebration and lament, and engages us together in dialogue with our Creator and Savior. Mark Earey writes that liturgy "goes beyond the personal encounter with God (without denying it) to the corporate drama of being the people of God."

Liturgy is the church at prayer, serving as a priestly people, interceding on behalf of the whole church and world, and being sent out together on God's mission. In all of this, liturgy draws us into the enacted story of salvation.

*adapted from City Church Philadelphia*

# Welcome

*We're glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out a "Connect Card", available in a seat-back near you or online using this QR code. We would love the chance to connect with you and help you know more about our community.*



## Call to Worship

Psalm 145:9-12, 21

*Merciful and Mighty. The classic hymn, "Holy, holy holy," uses the phrase "merciful and mighty" to describe God. Theologians use the contrasting terms "transcendence" (superior, outside of human's grasp) and "immanence" (being perceivable, knowable) to name this paradox. What we receive in the Call to Worship is both a warm and weighty invitation to engage our hearts, minds, and bodies in worship of the Living God who created all things and holds all things together (Col. 1:17).*

Leader: The LORD is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

**All: All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.**

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,

**All: so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

**All: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

## Songs of Praise

### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet Thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, His praise should sing?  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Praise the Everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
O Praise Him, O praise Him! Widely as His mercy goes.

*Henry Lyte (1834), Michael Van Patter (2010)*

## Sing With All Your Heart



1. Let the weak look to their bro-ther, lean on a shoul-der when they  
2. Let the strong car-ry their neigh-bor, bind up the wound-ed and wash



\_\_\_ can't stand; no shame in need-ing \_\_\_ one a - no-ther,  
\_\_\_ their feet. \_\_\_ O - pen your door, \_\_\_ and set your ta - ble;



reach out and take hold of a heal-ing hand. Re-joyce, a - gain I \_\_\_  
the place of ho - nor for the least of these.



\_\_\_ say re-joyce; sin - ners, stran-gers, we're wel-comed in! \_\_\_ Lift



up your hands, life up your voice; sing \_\_\_ with all your heart, He



calls you friend. Sing \_\_\_ with all your heart, He calls you friend.

*Jacob Sooter, Jess Ray, Matt Maher, Taylor Leonhardt (2023)*

## Confession of Sin

*Why do we confess sin? Worship both draws us to God and reveals where we are distant from him. Throughout Scripture, when people see or experience God they are faced with the reality of their own brokenness and shame. Likewise, we confess our sin, as a community and individually.*

Almighty God:

We confess to You

our tendency to honor You with our lips  
while our hearts are far from You.

We are content to appear righteous  
instead of truly being righteous.

Forgive our sin and our self-love.

Awaken us to Your glory.

Send Your Spirit to renew and change our hearts.

Please bring us to the end of ourselves,  
and help us return to You,  
that we might live in joy and freedom  
as Your beloved sons and daughters,  
through Jesus our Lord...

*\*\* time for silent confession \*\**

## Words of Forgiveness

*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 (being fully God) also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:6

## Passing of the Peace

*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."*

## Song of Praise & Thanksgiving

*Responding to grace: After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.*

### Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,  
 Friend most sure and true:  
 Long my heart was burning,  
 Fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.  
 Yours I am, O spotless Lamb,  
 So will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

Let Your arms enfold me: take me in and hold me – keep me ever near.  
 Though the earth be shaking,  
 Every heart is quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
 Fire may flash and thunder crash;  
 But, though sin and death assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

In our times of sadness, then the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;  
 Though the clouds will gather,  
 Those who love the Savior can have peace within.  
 Though we bear much sorrow here,  
 Still in You lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Gone, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.  
 Gone, all empty glory! Jesus is my story; O, my soul, rejoice!  
 Pain or loss or shame or cross  
 Shall not from my Savior move me, since He chose to love me.

*Johann Franck (1653), trans by Catherine. Winkworth (1863)  
 music & add. lyrics by Michael Van Patter (2018)*

## Giving of Tithes & Offering

**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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



### We Are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away:

*Because of His great love,  
we are not overcome!*

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath.

*Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell (2011)*

## Prayer of Renewal

*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 our powerful and merciful God for 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."*

## Scripture Reading

### **Luke 11:37-54** (ESV)

<sup>37</sup> While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. <sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

<sup>42</sup> "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>43</sup> Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. <sup>44</sup> Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."

<sup>45</sup> One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also." <sup>46</sup> And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. <sup>47</sup> Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. <sup>48</sup> So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup> Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' <sup>50</sup> so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, <sup>51</sup> from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup> Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

<sup>53</sup> As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, <sup>54</sup> lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.



## Sermon

### The Church's Mission: Integrity

*Andy Koesters serves as Pastor to Churches and Families with Families Alive ([familiesalive.org](http://familiesalive.org)). He and his family worship at Hope Chapel. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Luke where we are exploring "The Church's Mission." For past sermons, please visit our website.*

## Notes:

## Communion

**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 Litany

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your name...

## Hosanna In the Highest

Greg LaFollette (2018)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho-sa-na-in the

high - est! Ho-sa-na-in the high - est! Ho-sa-na - in the

high - est! And bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

### Prayer of Approach

Minister: Therefore, together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast.

**All: As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world, for by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

***Preparation for the Table***

***The Feast***

***Prayer after Communion***

Minister: Let us pray.

**All:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Grace Upon Grace**

In every station new trials and troubles  
Call for more grace than I can afford.  
Where can I go but to my dear Savior,  
And mercy that pours from boundless stores?

*Grace upon grace, every sin repaired,  
Every void restored, you will find him there.  
In every turning He will prepare you with grace upon grace.*

He made a way for the fallen to rise  
Perfect in glory and sacrifice.  
In sweet communion my need He supplies  
He saves and keeps and guards my life.

To thee I run now with great expectation  
To honor you with trust like a child.  
My hopes and desires seek a new destination  
And all that You ask Your grace will provide.

*Sandra McCracken (2005)*

## 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. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than 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. Amen.

### 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. Amen.

### 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.

## Sending Song

### Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

*Wendell Kimbrough (2016)*

# Community Life

## Blessing & Sending

Minister: Go now, knowing that all our God and Father asks of us,  
He provides through the power of His Spirit  
and through the work of His Son.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$16,045	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$183,280	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 9)		Hope Chapel
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