

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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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

Reflection

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need forgiveness;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors
and welcomes you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gathering Song

*We sing as a way of engaging our voices, bodies, 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.*

Psalm 81

Today we remember what the Lord has done;
Today we remember the Lord has delivered us.
Oh He set us free, He brought us relief– it's time to feast.

We labored all our days, bound in chains.
You called to us in love, Lord, and we heard you say,
Put down your baskets, lay down your sheaths– it's time to feast!

*Sing aloud to God, our strength,
Shout for joy to the God of ages.
Raise a song and make a joyful sound
To the God of our salvation!*

When we were in the desert, thirsty and dry,
You led us to the water, and You have satisfied.
With the sweetest of honey, and the finest of wheat, it's time to feast.

Open your mouth, open your mouth,
Taste and see that the Lord is good!
Open your mouth, open your mouth,
Come to the feast, Oh the Lord is good!

Amanda Strayer, Michael Van Patter (2025)

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 34:1-3, 8

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word.

We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in.

Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing (which is what a "benediction" is) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission.

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Song of Praise

We Sing Holy

God of ages, faithful to a thousand generations,
A thousand more will echo out Your praises, Your praises.

We bow in reverence and fall before the matchless son of heaven,
And join the angel's song within Your presence, in Your presence we sing...

*Holy! You're holy! You stand alone and there is none who's
Worthy, so worthy to receive all honor and all
Glory, all glory! Forever seated high upon Your throne,
It belongs to You alone, so we sing holy! We sing holy!*

Behold the glory, we wonder in Your radiance and beauty,
Breathing in the air of grace and mercy, Your grace and mercy, we sing...

Be lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,
Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!
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Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!

Chris Clayton Jonathan Turner (2021)

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.

Sovereign God:

We confess that we have not lived for Your glory.

Instead of trusting in Your provision,
we are fraught with worry and anxiousness.

Instead of relying on Your strength,
we are given to hiding and self-protection.

We repent of our sin
and we long for Your salvation.

For the sake of Your glory,
pour out Your renewing Spirit upon us.

Help us to trust in Your grace
and walk in Your ways...

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

Words of Forgiveness

Why is it called "Words of Forgiveness?" There's a reason we don't call this element "The Forgiveness of Sins." As Protestants, we truly believe that there is only one mediator between God and humankind—Jesus Christ (1 Tim 2:5). Therefore, no pastor or priest can offer God's pardon...this is the work of Christ alone, given freely by and directly from Him! Therefore, we are assured that as we confess our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ, He indeed does pardon us. Our pastors and leaders in worship merely offer this good news as it is proclaimed in Scripture (see 1 John 1:9).

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24

Passing of the Peace

Why is the Greeting put after our Words of Forgiveness? The book of 2 Corinthians reminds us that part of God's goal in reconciling Himself to us was that we might likewise be reconciled with one another. But for healing and wholeness to take place in our relationships (which is what the Greeting enacts as we acknowledge one another in the peace of our Lord), we must first know the healing of our relationship with God through Christ. God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another without reservation or qualification!

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.

Heal Us, Emmanuel

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are! We long to feel Thy touch.
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly, O Savior, hear our cry.

Our faith is feeble, we confess— we faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched You in the press and healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away.

William Cowper (1779), Kevin Twitt, Lucas Morton (2010)

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, or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



The Goodness of Jesus

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.
Come, you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson,
Harrison Druery, Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (2018)*

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

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.

Jonah 1:11-16 (ESV)

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¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard[b] to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

Sermon

From Rowing to Revering

Erik Rome is Hope Chapel's pastor of community & mission. This sermon is part of a series on the book of Jonah, where we learn God's mission and heart for the world, and how we are to join that 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 also with you.

Minister: As we come to the table, let us pray together:

**All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to You, Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,
You have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of Your glory
in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with your people
on earth and all the company of heaven, singing...**

Hosanna In the Highest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest,
and blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Greg LaFollette (2018)

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: Lord Jesus, Your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come.

All: As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving You. I come to this table on the basis of Your merit only and not my own.

**As You have completely and fully offered Yourself for me,
I now completely and fully offer
myself to You as a living sacrifice. Amen.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

All: Alleluia!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Take these in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, and drink, remembering that Christ's blood has been shed for you!

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Let us pray.

**All: O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,
We thank You that in this holy meal,
You renew Your promises within us,
empower us by Your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as Your disciples. Amen.**

Sung together:

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thomas Ken (1674), Louis Bourgeois (1551)

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.

Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness you lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,
 As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again.
 You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;
 Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
 At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
 For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
 As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this Gospel of peace
 To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;
 To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
 Of the hungry and helpless, with the mercy of Christ.

Stuart Townend , Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty (2008)

Sending Song

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
 Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
 Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
 Took the blame, bore the wrath— we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
 For through Your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
 Won through Your selfless love.

Keith Getty, Kristen Getty (2005)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

Ephesians 3:20-21

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 blessing. 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 together in worship of our one great God.

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.

Financial Update

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