

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.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Praise the Lord; praise the Lord, oh my soul!
Praise the Lord!*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Joachim Neander (1680), Lobe den Herren (1665)
Chorus: Michael Van Patter (2010)*

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 105:1-3

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: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Song of Praise

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, sing it again we rejoice!
Delight in the love He has shown us, gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise;
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord;
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord!
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord!

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
 Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet.
 His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds
 In Christ who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, tell of the good He has done.
 Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come.
 The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy,
 With praise that's never ending we say again rejoice.

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ben Shive, Skye Peterson, Bryan Fowler (2022)

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.

Our Father in heaven, we come to You now, as our King.
 We can only come to You
 because You welcome the needy and the afflicted.
 And that is who we are.

Father, our central need is for Your reign,
 yet, we run from it.
 We are afraid of being weak,
 because we don't trust You to carry us.
 We try to look out for our own well-being,
 because we don't think You're capable of doing that.

Many are the times in this past week
 when we have wrestled control of our lives away from You.
 In those times, we have turned our hearts
 away from Your heart and our feet away from Your commandments.

So, receive us now as Your children.
 Receive us, not because we're good
 or because we vow to do better;
 but receive us because You rejected Your Son in our place.
 We pray in His name...

*** 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).

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

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.

The Lord Is My Joy

The Lord is my joy...

When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my joy.

The Lord is my strength...

When I am too weak to go on, the Lord is my strength.

*My all in all is He, my healing king,
My master tends to me, for Him my soul shall sing.*

The Lord is my rock...
 When all I have faith in fails, the Lord is my rock.
 The Lord is my delight...
 Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.

*My all in all is He, my breath, my song,
 In Him I have everything, to Him my soul belong.*

I wait, and wait upon you, to come to me in rescue;
 Give strength, my heart is failing. Yet still, my lips will praise You.
 You who gave Your only Son, I dare not doubt Your steadfast love.
 Come, I beg you take my life, if I am Yours, then all is right.

*My all in all is He, my closest friend,
 I put all my trust in Him, on Him my soul depends.*

Nathan Partain (2008)

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).*



You Are Here (Psalm 46)

Our refuge and our strength,
You are right here when we're afraid;
So we won't fear when the earth gives way,
When the storm is raging and our trust is fading.

We're reminded that there's a place
Where Your spirit floods the space.
And it's in us, in our very hearts,
You are here in our midst so we will not forget...

*To be still and know that You are God,
You are in control of all the earth!
What do we have to fear, cause You are here?
Oh my soul, just be still and know.*

At Your word the wars will cease,
To the chaos You will bring peace.
So in the chaos in my mind right now,
God, be my fortress and I will not forget...

I can rest here in Your safe arms,
You will help me when morning dawns;
Why would I worry, when You're my God?
You will be with me in death and life.

Molly Scarborough (2025)

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 1:17-2:10 (ESV)

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¹⁷ And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

^{2:1} Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying,

"I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,

and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,

and you heard my voice.

³ For you cast me into the deep,

into the heart of the seas,

and the flood surrounded me;

all your breakers and your waves passed over me.

⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;

yet I shall again look

upon your holy temple.'

⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life;

the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped about my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I went down,

to the land whose bars closed upon me forever.

Yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O Lord my God.

⁷ When my life was fainting away,

I remembered the Lord,

and my prayer came to you,

into your holy temple.

⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols

forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;

what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

¹⁰ And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Sermon

The Universal Dynamics of Salvation

Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. 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.

Nothing Is Beyond You

Where could I go, where could I run,
 Even if I found the strength to fly?
 And if I rose on the wings of the dawn
 And crashed through the corner of the sky;
 If I sailed past the edge of the sea,
 Even if I made my bed in Hell still there You would find me...

*'Cause nothing is beyond You, You stand beyond the reach
 Of our vain imaginations, our misguided piety
 The heavens stretch to hold You and deep cries out to deep
 Singing that nothing is beyond You, nothing is beyond You.*

*Time cannot contain You, You fill eternity;
 Sin can never stain You, death has lost its sting;
 And I cannot explain the way You came to love me,
 Except to say that nothing is beyond You, nothing is beyond You.*

If I should shrink back from the light,
 So I can sink into the dark;
 If I take cover and I close my eyes,
 Even then You would see my heart.
 And You'd cut through all my pain and rage,
 The darkness is not dark to You and night's as bright as day...

Mitch Mcvicker, Rich Mullins, Tom Booth (1998)

Sending Song

Faithful One

Faithful One, we lift our praise
 toward Your light we turn our gaze.
 The weight of sin is bearing down,
 we need Your grace to save us now.

*Faithful One, Faithful One,
 You never fail, You never fail, You never fail to raise the sun,
 Faithful One, Faithful One,
 You never fail, You never fail, not my will, but Yours be done.*

God of Grace I long to live
 by the peace You freely give.
 When lesser things seduce my eyes,
 Lord, break my heart and make me wise.

Ancient love has brought to bear
 kinship with the royal heir.
 You broke the bread, You poured the wine,
 now I am Yours and You are mine.

Randall Goodgame (2014)

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.

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