

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.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Psalm 100:1-2)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence,
Come into His presence with singing!
Come into His presence,
Come into His presence with singing!
Come into His presence with singing,
With singing, with singing!

Randall Goodgame, Andrew Osenga, Natalie Leonhardt (2024)

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 150

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: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!**

Songs of Praise

Sing

Did you draw a breath as the dawn awoke,
And does your heart still beat?
Is the mighty Word of the living God
Upholding you? Then sing, O sing!

Has the Father's love filled your longing heart
With grace for every need?
Come and lay your burdens at Jesus' feet
And find new strength to sing, O sing!

*Morning and evening! Everything breathing must sing, O sing!
All of creation rise up and praise the King of kings and sing!*

Has the Son of God died to take away
Your sin and set you free?
Has the Conqueror trampled over death?
Is Christ enthroned? Then sing, O sing!

On the final day when the Lord on High
Returns in majesty,
We will bow in wonder before the Lamb
And evermore the saints will sing..

Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer (2024)

Oh How Good to Be Together

Oh how good to be together in this weary world we trod;
What a gift, what a treasure, kindred in the house of God.

On this day the Lord has fashioned come rejoice with all your might;
Raise a banner of salvation, He has led us through the night.

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness,
To be gathered in the name of the Lord!
Evermore, He will keep us
From the valley to the golden shore.*

When it looked like evil conquered, when we felt the darkest hour,
In despair we sought the Father and He has proved His mighty power.

Tell the theme of His provision, how He met our every need;
He has been our firm foundation and He will ever, always be!

Paul Ranheim, Kirk Sauers (2020)

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.

Gracious and forgiving God,
hear our confession:

We acknowledge that we are sinners
and we confess our sins:

those known to us that burden our hearts,
and those unknown to us but seen by You.

We know that before You nothing remains hidden,
and in You everything is revealed

Gracious and forgiving God hear our request.

Free us from the slavery of sin;
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;
work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*** 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).

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.

Ephesians 2:4-5

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!

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).



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 People of God (1 Peter 2:9-10)

*Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God.
Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God.*

But you are a chosen people, a chosen people;
A royal priesthood, a holy nation– God's special possession.

That you may declare the praise, declare the praises
Of him who called you out of darkness, into His wonderful light.

Once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.
Once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Randall Goodgame, Ginny Owens (2024)

When I Think About the Lord

When I think about the Lord,
How He saved me, how He raised me,
How He filled me with the Holy Ghost,
How He healed me to the uttermost.
When I think about the Lord,
How He picked me up, turned me around,
How He set my feet on solid ground...

*It makes me wanna shout,
"Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus!
Lord, You are worthy of all the glory,
All the honor, all the praise!"*

James Huey (1998)

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 4:1-4 (ESV)

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¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Sermon

Repentance for Renewal

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: We give thanks to You, O God, for the goodness and love which You have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be Your people; in Your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, Your Son. For You sent him to be born to the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, You have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before You. In Him, you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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: Together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Minister: Come, Creator God: renew the face of the earth;
Come, eternal Savior: remake us in Your likeness;
Come, Holy Spirit, transform these gifts:
that Christ may be known to us in the breaking of the bread
and that we may be strengthened to serve Him in the world.

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: Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food,
may we live according to Your will
and show the fruits of Your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Come

Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 If you're weary, heavy laden, come to Me.
 If you're burdened by a load of sin, come to Me.

I will come into Your presence, come to You.
 I will come into Your presence, come to You.
 I am weary, heavy laden, so I'm coming to You;
 I am burdened by a load of sin so I'm running to You.

Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 I will give peace, I will give rest, come to me;
 I will forgive all of your sin, come to me.

Yes, I'll come – You are my light and salvation.
 Yes I'll come – You are my hope and redemption.
 Merciful Father, beautiful Savior I'm coming to You!
 Life-giving Spirit, glorious Lord, I'm coming to You!

Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 Will you come into My presence? Come to me.
 I will come into Your presence, come to You.
 I will come into Your presence, come to You.

Angie Schinke (2016)

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.

Financial Update

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