

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

March 29, 2026



Palm Sunday

Reflection

The events framed by Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection are some of the most dramatic and theologically important of the entire scriptural narrative. These days feature not only the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion but also poignant prayers and prophetic teachings of our Lord. John's gospel devotes eight of its twenty-one chapters to this week alone! The week begins with Passion/Palm Sunday and ends with the "three days" (also called the Triduum, from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day), the period during which we mark Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection.

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

Palm Sunday, from 'Sounding the Seasons'
Malcolm Guite, Canterbury Press, 2012

Preparation

*O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

Gathering Song

*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.*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, redeemer king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Theodulf, Bishop of Orleans (820), trans. J.M. Neale (c. 1850)

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 con-
nect with you and help you know more about our community.*



Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19-26

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: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us;
You have become our salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become
the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Song of Praise

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1821), Sandra McCracken (2012)

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.

King of glory and sustainer of the weary,
we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives,
and how we have not followed Him when He leads us on this journey.

We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world.
We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor,
the hungry, the oppressed.
We trust in the promises of this world,
and not in Your words that can transform our lives.
Forgive us, steadfast God, and shine Your face upon us.

Help us to have the same mind as Christ,
so we would know Your promises;
help us to have the same heart as Christ,
so we might serve Your children;
help us to have the same Spirit as Christ,
so we might go wherever You lead us.

*** time for silent confession of sin ***

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.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 As a father shows compassion to his children,
 so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
 For he knows our frame;
 he remembers that we are dust.
 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on
 those who fear him,
 and his righteousness to children's children,
 to those who keep his covenant
 and remember to do his commandments.

Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

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."

Baptism

Remember your own baptism. As we participate in today's baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord.

If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him.

If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today.

Matthew Cunningham

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The Lord bless you and keep you,
 the Lord make His face shine upon you
 And give you peace, and give you peace,
 And give you peace forever.

The Lord be gracious to You.
 The Lord turn His face towards you,
 And give you peace, and give you peace,
 And give you peace forever.

Michael Card (1998)

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.*

Never See the End

Where can we run, where can we hide, that You will not find us?
 Deepest of depths, highest of heights, Your love, it chases us.
 No matter where we've been, no matter what we've done,
 We can't escape Your love.

*We will never see the end,
 We will never see the end of Your goodness.*

Though we pass through the fire,
 Or we pass through the flood, You will be with us.
 Though we walk through the valley,
 The darkest of night Your love will be our light.
 And when we are in plenty or we are in want,
 You will always be enough.

In our darkest hours, on our hardest days,
 We do not have to be afraid.
 For You will never leave, You will not forsake,
 The promises that You have made.

Jess Ray (2019)

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.

Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

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¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,
 'Behold, your king is coming to you,
 humble, and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and

that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Sermon

"Behold Your King"

Harrison Holbrook is serves as pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of 2 Peter. 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: Faithful God,

it is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise.

**All: You are the maker of heaven and earth,
the giver of every good gift, the gardener of all creation.
From dust you formed us, and by your breath you gave us life.
You planted us in your love and called us to walk in your ways.
When we turned from you, you did not abandon us.**

Minister: You made covenant with your people,
walked with them through wilderness and wandering,
and taught them how to live by your Word.
Again and again you have been patient with us—
pruning what leads to death, and tending what leads to life.

**All: In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ, born of Mary,
baptized by water, driven into the wilderness,
and faithful even to the cross.
In him you have shown us the way of mercy,
the path of obedience, and the promise of new life.**

Minister: And so, with all who have gone before us,
with all who seek your truth,
and with all creation that sings your praise,
we lift our voices and join the song of heaven:

**Sung: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! hosannah in the highest!
And blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Approach

Minister: Almighty and gracious Father,
we come to this holy Table not in our own strength,
but trusting in your covenant promises fulfilled in Christ.
Cleanse us by your Spirit,
nourish us with the body and blood of your Son,
and strengthen our faith as we receive these gifts.
Feed us with Christ, the Bread of Life,
that we may live for your glory.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Fraction

Minister: Together, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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: **Thank you, God, for you have met us with your love
and nourished us at your table.**

**Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God,
that this meal may strengthen us for the journey,
that this grace may take root in our lives,
and that we may bear fruit for your kingdom.**

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God,
now and forever, 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. 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.

Hosanna Song

With one breath, "Hosanna," we cry,
 With the next one we say, "Crucify!"
 With one voice we praise your name,
 With the same voice we condemn you to shame.

*Hosanna, Hosanna,
 Hosanna to the Lord.*

With palm leaves we welcome your reign,
 With twisted thorns we crown you with pain.
 You wash our feet to show us your love,
 We wash our hands of your innocent blood.

*Hosanna, Hosanna,
 Hosanna to the Lord.
 Hosanna, Hosanna,
 Hosanna to the Lord.*

We claim you when you come in power,
 But we leave you in your terrible hour.
 We hail you for victory won,
 But we mock you as you say "It is done."

Jon Guerra, Kate Bluett, Paul Zach (2021)

Hosanna

O hosanna!
 See the long awaited king, come to set His people free!
 We cry, O hosanna!
 Come and tear the temple down, raise it up on holy ground.
 Hosanna, hosanna.

Andy Gullahorn, Ben Shive, Andrew Peterson (2008)

Sending Song

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman (1664), John Ireland (1918)



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2. He came from His blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3. Some-times they strew His way and His sweet prais-es
4. In life, no house, no home, my Lord on earth might
5. Here might I stay and sing- no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 - stow; but men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to___ their
 have; in death no friend - ly tomb, but what a strang - er
 - vine! Ne - ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief___ like



be. Oh, who am I_____ that for me sake___
 know. But oh, my friend,___ my friend in - deed,___
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!"_____ is all their breath,___
 gave. What may I say?_____ Heav'n was His home;___
 Thine. This is my friend,___ in whose sweet praise___



___ my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 ___ who at my need His life did spend!
 ___ and for His death they thirst and cry.
 ___ but mine the tomb where - in He lay.
 ___ I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

***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: 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:	\$30,409	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$250,150	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 22)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$224,945	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$25,205]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Building Fund: \$219,689 of \$320k goal

We have a goal of paying off our mortgage by March 2026.
To make a donation toward this effort, please use this link
and specify, “building fund.”



Online giving is available on our website: www.hopechapelgreensboro.org/give
We also accept donations via Venmo: @HopeChapel.

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