

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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 Who Hunger

Sylvia Dunstan (1990), William Moore (1825)



1. All who hun-ger, ga-ther glad-ly! — Ho-ly — man-na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, ne-ver stran-gers, seek-er — be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-ge-ther, Je-sus Christ is li-ving bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wand'-ring here in — truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roa-ming, here in — joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing, — here in — peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of — full-ness, all a-round us is our food;
We that once were lost and scat-tered, in com-mu-nion's love have stood;
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in gra-ti-tude;



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal, taste and see that God is good.

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 89:1-2, 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 sing of the Lord's great love forever;
 with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
 through all generations.
 I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
 that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

All: Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
 You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Song of Praise

I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,
 I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,
 I will sing of the Lord's great love.
 I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,
 I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord, You are the glory of all our strength,
 Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?
 Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.
 Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)

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,
You have called us to glorify Your name
through our love for You and for one another.
We confess that our praise is more on our lips than with our lives.

We profess repentance while we resist change;
We talk of peace while we prepare for war;
We sing of love but we curse our enemies;
We pray "Your will be done," but insist on our way.

Have mercy upon us, tender God,
and cleanse and forgive our selfish ways.
May Jesus Christ, who came long ago,
come once more into our lives.
Help us to be at peace with You,
one another, and ourselves as members of Your kingdom,
which is now at hand—through Jesus Christ 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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9-10

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.

Eleanor Strayer

Doxology

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

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.

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
 Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
 The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
 Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
 That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
 You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
 Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me!*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!

Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham (2012)

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.

Philippians 2:1-11 (ESV)

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¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon

"The Fruit of Humility"

Harrison Holbrook is serves as pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Philippians. 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

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Minister: Lift up your hearts!
All: We lift them up to the Lord!
 Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and 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: Sanctify this bread and wine,
and use these elements to communicate to us
the mercy of your Son,
that we might be enabled to submit our lives to you.

**All: Grant that this sacrament would empower us
to die to ourselves, and live for your glory,
now and forever, amen.**

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Minister: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Preparation for the Table

The Feast

Your Heart Was Set

Humble Jesus, I see you stumblin' through the wilderness;
Your body achin' to be fed, just to lay down and rest,
So tired and human.

I hear a voice sweet-talkin', like a siren singing to ya:
Turn these stones into bread, do it your way instead,
Cause what are they to ya?

*But your heart was set on the hard road ahead,
Though you'd pay such a heavy price.
Now my table is set with the wine and the bread
And your joy it is somehow mine.*

Humble Jesus, I see you prayin' in the garden ,
I see the blood and tears fallin' as you face all the darkness
And you take my cup.

Dying Jesus, I see you hanging on that tree now;
People laughing sayin' come down, the nails in your hands now,
But love made you stay.

Caroline Cobb (2021)

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Brothers and sisters,
since the Lord has fed us at his Table,
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!
Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: and forget not all God's benefits,

Minister: who forgives all your iniquity,

All: who heals all your diseases.

Minister: Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.

**All: Therefore we praise you, God,
with our hearts and our voices, now and forevermore. 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.

Sending Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

O chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1780), Oliver Holden (1793)

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

2 Corinthians 13:14

***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: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$27,223	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$375,226	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - May 3)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$357,847	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$17,378]	Greensboro, NC 27408

Building Fund: \$234,661 of \$320k goal

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



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