

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

May 31, 2026



**Trinity Sunday**

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While every Christian worship service is a celebration of the Trinity, Trinity Sunday focuses explicitly on the mystery, power, and beauty of the triune God. Our Christian identity and mission are given to us as we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). Our worship is not only directed to the triune God but is also enabled by the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the mediation of Jesus Christ. At its best, our worship is also an expression of the unity and common purpose of the church, which Jesus prayed would reflect the unity between himself and God (John 17:20-21).

Trinity Sunday, which is traditionally celebrated one week after Pentecost, marks the acknowledgment that all three persons of the Trinity exist together from eternity to eternity. Whereas other special services, such as Christmas, Good Friday, and Pentecost, are tied to specific events, this celebration is linked with a doctrine, which is itself a summary of scriptural teaching about God's being. The texts in this section may also be used for any worship service that focuses especially on God's triune nature.

*from The Worship Sourcebook*

In the Beginning, not in time or space,  
But in the quick before both space and time,  
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,  
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,  
In music, in the whole creation story,  
In His own image, His imagination,  
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,  
And makes us each the other's inspiration.  
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,  
To improvise a music of our own,  
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,  
Three notes resounding from a single tone,  
To sing the End in whom we all begin;  
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

Trinity Sunday by Malcolm Guite

## Preparation

*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, 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.*

### Sing With All Your Heart

Let the weak look to their brother,  
Lean on a shoulder when they can't stand.  
No shame in needing one another,  
Reach out and take hold of a healing hand.

*Rejoice, again, I say rejoice;  
Sinners, strangers, we're welcomed in!  
Lift up your hands, lift up your voice,  
Sing with all your heart, he calls you friend!  
Sing with all your heart, he calls you friend!*

Let the strong carry their neighbor,  
Bind up the wounded and wash their feet.  
Open your door and set your table;  
The place of honor for the least of these.

*Jacob Sooter, Jess Ray, Matt Maher, Taylor Leonhardt (2023)*

## 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

*Merciful and Mighty.* The classic hymn, “Holy, holy holy,” uses the phrase “merciful and mighty” to describe God. Theologians use the contrasting terms “transcendence” (superior, outside of human’s grasp) and “immanence” (being perceivable, knowable) to name this paradox. What we receive in the Call to Worship is both a warm and weighty invitation to engage our hearts, minds, and bodies in worship of the Living God who created all things and holds all things together (Col. 1:17).

Leader: Let us give thanks to God, our Father.

He has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**All: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
Glory be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

- from Colossians 1

## Song of Praise

All Glory

We enter Your gates with thanksgiving

And with thanksgiving, we enter Your gates.

We pour out Your praise in Your presence

And in Your presence, we pour out Your praise.

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore...

*All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, the Spirit of our God!  
As it was in the beginning and will be in the end;  
All glory to Your everlasting name!*

This is the sound of the forgiven

A song of freedom, O Jesus, on and on Your name resounds.

We lift up a shout for You are risen,

And now we are risen, come on and pour His praises out...

And the song we sing, we sing forevermore!

And the song we sing, we sing for You alone!

Come on and pour His praises out, come on and sing His praises now!

*Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (2017)*

## 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.*

Mighty God, we are not our own;  
we are Your treasured possession.  
But we often act as if we owned You,  
trying to manipulate Your power and Your goodness for our gain.

Christ Jesus, You have shown that You  
have authority and power over all of creation, even death itself.  
But we often treat you as if You had no control  
over even the simplest areas of our lives.  
When feeling out of control or scared,  
we run away from You instead of to You.

Holy Spirit, You are our wise counselor,  
our comforter, and our strength;  
You are the promised overseer of the Church.  
But we often live as if You were not.

Triune God, forgive us our sin,  
free us from the bondage of our fears and rebellion.  
Restore us to You and to each other.  
Have mercy on us, not because we deserve it,  
but because You are gracious and kind—  
because You sent Christ to live and die and rise on our behalf.

*\*\* 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.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

## 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."

## 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.*

### 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)*

## 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](http://hopechapelgreensboro.org/give), or give through Venmo to @HopeChapel (note: contributions made through Venmo are not receipted for tax purposes).



### All You Do Is Good

You are full of compassion and abounding in love,  
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.  
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.  
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

*You are good and all You do is good.  
You are good and all You do is good.  
You are good and all You do is good, all You do is good,  
All You do is good.*

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves,  
Those who hate You, You ransom, Give Your blood for their shame.  
With the bent stem, You're tender, shield the smoldering flame,  
You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You lift up, You, You revive, You, You restore, You, You increase, You,  
You anoint, You, You fill up, You, You spill out, You, You release, You,  
You make grow, You, You bring forth, You, You call out, You, You set free  
It's who You are, It's who You were, It's who You will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind,  
Running over with healing, inexhaustible might.  
You in us, and we in You, the delight in Your face.  
Resting here we enjoy You, and our joy is Your praise.

*Nathan Partain (2015)*

## 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 3:1-11 (ESV)

p. 921 IN CHURCH BIBLE

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

## Sermon

### “The Fruit of Repentance”

*Erik Rome is Hope Chapel's pastor of community & mission. 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***

**Knowing You**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
 All this world reveres and wars to own;  
 All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
 Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
 There is no greater thing.  
 You're my all, You're the best,  
 You're my joy, my righteousness,  
 And I love You Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
 To be found in You and know as Yours,  
 To possess by faith what I could not earn  
 All surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh to know the power of Your risen life,  
 And to know You in Your sufferings;  
 To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
 So with You to live and never die.

***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****In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love! What depths of peace!  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 'Till on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
 For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.  
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2001)*

## 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:	\$8,693	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$437,763	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - May 24)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$401,472	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
Over/[Under]	[\$36,291]	Greensboro, NC 27408

**Building Fund: \$348,667 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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