

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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Ordinary Time

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

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of our conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of the mind with His truth, the purifying of the imagination by His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, the surrender of the will to His purpose— all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable.”

—William Temple

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.

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness.
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus.

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa (2021)

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 8:1-4

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: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

All: **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?**

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: **LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Song of Praise

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, Who rules them by His Word.

Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell (2002)

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.

Heavenly Father, we confess
we dishonor You by our words, thoughts and deeds.

Depending on our own strength we stumble;
proclaiming our own goodness we sin;
glorying in our own righteousness we corrupt everything we touch.
We turn from You, and desire lasting satisfaction
from the things of this world.

We pray now, forgive us our many sins,
cleanse the darkness from our lives,
turn our faces toward you.

In the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ, we pray...

*** 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.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

I John 4:9-11

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.

Olivia, Henry, Maggie, and Freddy Dovan
children of MaryLou and Andy

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).



Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

***Responding to grace:** After being reminded of God's lavish grace and love toward us, we respond by celebrating with singing.*

Goodness of God

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me;
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful,
All my life You have been so, so good!
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend;
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Jenn Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, Ed Cash, Brian Johnson (2018)

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.

John 15:1-6 (ESV)

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

Sermon

Abiding in the Vine

Erik Rome is Hope Chapel's pastor of community & mission. This sermon is part of a series on John 15 and what it means to abide with Christ and bear fruit. 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

Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth did smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
 What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
 Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
 Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
 Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
 I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Henry Lyte (1847) Justin Smith (2007)

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.

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**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

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 God of Peace guard your hearts
 from the false and fading comforts of idols
 and may He lead you on to find true satisfaction in the blessings
 that only He can provide. Go now in the name of the Father,
 the Son and Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$29,055	Gifts can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to: Hope Chapel 908 N. Josephine Boyd St Greensboro, NC 27408
Required to date: (Jan. 1 - July 19)	\$604,531	
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