

WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

April 2, 2023



Palm Sunday

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.

Palm Sunday

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.

Malcom Guite
 from *Word in the Wilderness*, 2014

Children's Choir

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

An Invitation. The Call to Worship is sometimes called the Invitation to Worship. As we shuffle through the doors on Sunday morning, we come to a Gospel-feast, invited by Jesus Christ. But not only does He offer the invitation, He also pays the cost of admission through His life, death and resurrection. And so we are honored guests, welcomed in and responding to this incredible grace. Come, let us worship our Savior, Jesus Christ!

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.

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:19-24

Songs of Praise

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)

Confession of Sin & Song of Lament

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.

Shine Into Our Night

We are not what we should be.
 We haven't sought what we should seek.
 We've seen Your glory, Lord, but looked away.
 Our hearts are bent, our eyes are dim,
 Our finest works are stained with sin
 And emptiness has shadowed all our ways.

*Jesus Christ, shine into our night,
 Drive our dark away till Your glory fills our eyes
 Jesus Christ, shine into our night,
 Bind us to Your cross, where we find life.*

Still we often go astray, we chase the world, forget Your grace;
 But You have never failed to bring us back.
 Reveal the depths of what You've done,
 The death You died, the vict'ry won.
 You made a way for us to know Your love.

Joel Sczebel (2011)

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 also has set us free from the power of sin by his death and resurrection.*

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ¹² to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:4-5, 12

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."

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.*

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!

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 a powerful and merciful 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.

Acts 13:1-12

¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making

crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Sermon

"Beware of False Prophets and False Teachers"

Andy Koesters serves as Pastor to Churches and Families with Families Alive (familiesalive.org). He and his family worship with us regularly at Hope Chapel. This sermon is part of a series called "Witness: The Movement Continues", where we are studying the book of Acts and its call to cultivate shalom. For past sermons, please visit our website.

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

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 Him thanks and praise,
 joining our voices with Your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven,
 who forever sing to the glory of Your Name.**

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Dying, You destroyed our death;
 rising, You restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*** institution of the elements ***

Minister: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Merciful God, pour out Your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking
we may be made one with Christ and one another.

All: Amen.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.
As our Savior taught us, so we pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. 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 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

I am tangled up in contradiction, I am strangled by my own two hands,
 I am hunted by the hounds of addiction, hosanna.
 I have lied to everyone who trusts me, I have tried to fall when I could stand,
 I have only loved the ones who loves me, hosanna.

*Hosanna! See the long awaited king come to set his people free.
 We cry hosanna! Come and tear the temple down,
 Raise it up on holy ground; hosanna, hosanna.*

I have struggled to remove this raiment,
 tried to hide every shimmering strand.
 I contend with these ghosts and these hosts of bright angels, hosanna.
 have cursed the man that you have made me,
 I have nursed the beast that bays for my blood,
 Oh, I have run from the one who would save me. Save me, Hosanna!

We cry for blood, we take Your life, hosanna.
 We cry for blood, we take Your life,
 It is blood, it is life that you have given.

You have crushed beneath your heel the vile serpent.
 You have carried to the grave the black stain.
 You have torn apart the temple's holy curtain.
 You have beaten Death at Death's own game. Hosanna

Andy Gullahorn, Ben Shive, Andrew Peterson (2008)

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

Let every tribe and every tongue 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

Minister: May our Faithful God,
who has promised never to leave or forsake you,
fill you with all joy and peace in Christ,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Financial Update

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(Jan. 1 - March 26)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$149,659	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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