

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

March 26, 2023



**the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## 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.*

### We Sing Holy

God of ages, faithful to a thousand generations,  
A thousand more will echo out Your praises, Your praises.

We bow in reverence and fall before the matchless son of heaven,  
And join the angel's song within Your presence, in your presence we sing...

*Holy! You're holy! You stand alone and there is none who's  
Worthy, so worthy to receive all honor and all  
Glory, all glory! Forever seated high upon Your throne,  
It belongs to You alone, so we sing holy! We sing holy!*

Behold the glory, we wonder in Your radiance and beauty,  
Breathing in the air of grace and mercy, Your grace and mercy, we sing...

Be Lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,  
Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!  
Be Lifted high, lifted high, Oh King of majesty,  
Be glorified, glorified, throughout eternity!

*Chris Clayton Jonathan Turner (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

*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: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**All: I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Psalm 9:1-2

## Song of Praise

### Whole Heart

When I am broken, when I'm afraid,  
When I don't have it together, when I lose my way,  
There is a place where I can go  
Where I am safe, where I am home...

*And I can trust You with my whole heart,  
Trust You with my whole heart, my whole heart.  
Yes I can trust You with my whole heart,  
Trust You with my whole heart, with my whole heart.*

You know my story, You've always been  
My true companion, my Faithful friend;  
There's not a moment of my life  
I live without You by my side...

Let every anxious part of me, and every fearful thought in me,  
Be set free, set free in Your peace, Your peace.  
Let every shackle on me break, and every shadow fall away  
I'm set free set free in Your peace, Your peace.

*Taylor Leonhardt, Leslie Jordan, Jess Ray (2021)*

## 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.*

Gracious and forgiving God hear our confession  
 We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess ours sins:  
     those known to us that burden our hearts,  
     and those unknown to us but seen by you.

We know that before you nothing remains hidden,  
 and in you everything is revealed.

Gracious and forgiving God hear our request  
 Free us from the slavery of sin;  
     liberate us from the bondage of guilt;  
     work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;  
     for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*\*\* time for silent confession\*\**

## Song of Lament

### Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call, when my hope is shaken;  
 Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation.  
 For so long I've pled and prayed, God, come to my rescue;  
 Even so the thorn remains, still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers.  
 On my faith these billows roll; God, be now my shelter.  
 Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.  
 When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,  
 My help, my rock, I will praise Him!  
 Sing, oh, sing through the raging storm,  
 You're still my God, my salvation!*

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure;  
 When all I possess is grief, God, be then my treasure.  
 Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge.  
 'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You.

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa (2018)*

## 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.*

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
 and why are you in turmoil within me?  
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
 my salvation and my God.

Psalm 42:11

## 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."*

## 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](https://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.*

### Land of the Living

Lord every dream and all I've hoped for,  
 The promises You've spoken over me;  
 I hold in faith, they're not forgotten,  
 In spite of what I feel or what I see.  
 Oh I'm choosing to believe. Oh your word's enough for me.

*I'm confident of this, that I will see your goodness  
 In the land of the living, in the land of the living.  
 One thing will never change, my hope is in your name,  
 Because you are living, because you are living.*

You are Creator and Redeemer,  
 You take the broken things and make them new.  
 So while you're working, while I'm waiting,  
 I will lift a song and sing my praise to you,  
 I will lift a song and sing my praise to you.

You've never made a promise you couldn't keep,  
 You don't lie to me, You don't lie to me.  
 You've never made a promise you couldn't keep,  
 You don't lie to me, You don't lie to me. Until I see Him face to face.

*Anthony Skinner, Brantley Pollock, Carrington Gaines,  
 Jonathan Smith, Maria Roate, Rebekah Gunkel, Tristan Keith Rogers (2019)*

## Prayer of Renewal

### Scripture Reading

#### Acts 12:1-25

<sup>1</sup> About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup> and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

<sup>6</sup> Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. <sup>7</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. <sup>8</sup> And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup> And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

<sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. <sup>13</sup> And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup> Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup> They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" <sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup> But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

<sup>18</sup> Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

<sup>20</sup> Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" <sup>23</sup> Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. <sup>24</sup> But the word of God increased and multiplied.

<sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

## Sermon

### “Witness Fells Herod”

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel’s associate pastor of assimilation & discipleship. 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.

**Christ, My Treasure**

Poor and needy, I've spent my supply,  
 all on that which does not satisfy.  
 Empty-handed, welcomed still by Christ:  
 "Buy wine freely without cost or price."

*Oh, Your priceless love, Your matchless grace makes my heart sing.  
 Oh, mercy rich and free, poured abundantly makes my heart sing.*

Christ my treasure, my prosperity.  
 Christ my riches in wealth or poverty.  
 Christ my ransom, His life spent for mine.  
 Christ the Savior: Glorious! Divine!

Bottomless reserve, my inheritance preserved,  
 Ever undeserved, makes my heart sing.  
 Oh, our hope secured, all we've lost restored,  
 Christ our great reward!

*Bobby Krier, Justin Ruddy (2012)*

**Sending Song**

**None But Thee**

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou, O Lord, our guide shall be.  
 Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion and Thy victory o'er the grave,  
 We who know Thy great salvation are baptized now beneath the wave.

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord,  
Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours!  
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee,  
Will follow none but Thee!*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue.  
Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new.

Sin shall never be our master, captives of Thy blessed grace.  
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face.

*John Fellows (d. 1783), Eric Marshall (2011)*

## 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

Given Last Week:	\$11,708	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$160,765	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 19)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$129,384	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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