

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

June 4, 2023



**Trinity Sunday**

## 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.*

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber (1826), John Dykes (1861)*

## 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

Leader: To the Father, who has given us  
every spiritual blessing in Christ.

**All: We give praise and glory!**

Leader: To the Son, through whom we have redemption,  
forgiveness, and the riches of God's grace.

**All: We give praise and glory!**

Leader: To the Spirit that seals us in His promise,  
the guarantee of our inheritance until we possess it.

**All: We give praise and glory!**

based in Ephesians 1

### 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.*

Sovereign God:

We confess that we have not lived for your glory.

Instead of trusting in your provision,

We are fraught with worry and anxiousness.

Instead of relying on your strength,

We are given to hiding and self-protection.

We repent of our sin

And we long for your salvation.

For the sake of your glory,

Pour out your renewing Spirit upon us.

Help us to trust in your grace

And walk in your ways.

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

## Song of Lament

*What is lament? The author Dan Allender says lament "is to cry out to God with our doubts, our incriminations of him and others, to bring a complaint against Him" and goes on to say that lament is "the context for surrender... it is inconceivable to surrender to God unless there is a prior, declared war against him... sanctification is a lifetime process of surrendering as more and more intense conflicts with God and others expose and dissolve our urgent preoccupation with the self. Lament is the battle cry against God that paradoxically voices a heart of desire and ironic faith in his goodness."*

### Psalm 126

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!  
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!*

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"  
 The nations will sing songs of joy.  
 Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Isaac Wardell (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.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
 and you have healed me.  
 O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
 you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.  
 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,  
 and give thanks to his holy name.  
 For his anger is but for a moment,  
 and his favor is for a lifetime.  
 Weeping may tarry for the night,  
 but joy comes with the morning.

Psalms 30:2-5

## 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](http://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.

### 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)*

## 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

## Acts 21:17-36

*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.*

<sup>17</sup> When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. <sup>18</sup> On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup> After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. <sup>20</sup> And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law, <sup>21</sup> and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs. <sup>22</sup> What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. <sup>23</sup> Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; <sup>24</sup> take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. <sup>25</sup> But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.” <sup>26</sup> Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

<sup>27</sup> When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, <sup>28</sup> crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” <sup>29</sup> For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. <sup>30</sup> Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once

the gates were shut.<sup>31</sup> And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.<sup>32</sup> He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.<sup>33</sup> Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done.<sup>34</sup> Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks.<sup>35</sup> And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd,<sup>36</sup> for the mob of the people followed, crying out, "Away with him!"

## Sermon

### "Paul in Jerusalem"

*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.

### Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit,  
Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

Come with your peace,  
With your invitation;  
Bind us together in Holy love.

*Sandra McCracken (2016)*

# 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: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$11,654	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$306,915	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - May 28)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$276,890	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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