

# WORSHIP GUIDE

Hope Chapel Greensboro

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**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## Reflection

*Memento. Remember. Ancient is this warning of the church-- so ancient the modern Christian is embarrassed to find her church ignorant, contrary to the freedoms of this age. Ancient, likewise, is the season of Lent, when the Christian is encouraged to think of her death and the sin that caused it-- to examine herself, to know herself so deeply and well that knowledge becomes confession. But ancient, too, is the consolation this exercise provides, ancient precisely because it is eternal. It is this: when we remember the death we deserve to die, we will be moved to remember the death the Lord did in fact die-- because his took the place of ours.*

- Walter Wangerin, Jr.

## Gathering Song

*We sing as a way of engaging our voices, bodies, 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 wert, and art, 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

Psalm 59:16-17

*Created and Called. We believe that God created humans to be in relationship with Him, and to worship Him as their Creator. But it's more than that. He is also a loving Father who is calling, or inviting, His children to come near. God is both the Creator and the Invitor, and we respond to His grace!*

Leader: I will sing of Your strength,  
in the morning I will sing of Your love;  
for You are my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble.

**All: You are my strength, I sing praise to You;  
You, God, are my fortress,  
my God on whom I can rely.**

## Song of Praise & Adoration

I Will Sing

With my mouth, I will tell of Your faithfulness,  
I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing of the Lord's great love.  
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever,  
I will sing, oh I will sing.*

Lord You are the glory of all our strength,  
Your presence along the way for all our days.

Oh Lord, God Almighty, who is like You?  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, none beside You.  
Oh Lord, God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

*Leslie Jordan and Sandra McCracken (2019)*

## 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.*

Holy, wise, and loving Father,  
 we humble ourselves before You now,<sup>1</sup>  
 confessing that we are by nature sinful and unclean.<sup>2</sup>  
 Not only is all creation groaning under the effects of sin,<sup>3</sup>  
 but like ink dropped into clean water,  
 our own hearts and lives are evidence of  
 the total corruption that sin has ushered into the world.<sup>4</sup>  
 We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions.  
 We acknowledge that no one is righteous,<sup>5</sup>  
 that even our best acts are as filthy rags in Your sight.<sup>6</sup>  
 and that our only hope in life and death  
 is to belong to God through the work of Jesus.<sup>7</sup>

It is in His strong name that we humbly ask You to  
 have mercy on us and forgive us.<sup>8</sup>  
 Renew us and lead us by Your Holy Spirit<sup>9</sup>  
 so that we may delight in Your will<sup>10</sup>  
 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name...<sup>11</sup>

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

### Scripture References:

<sup>1</sup> James 4:10, <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 2:3, <sup>3</sup> Romans 8:22, <sup>4</sup> Mark 7:20-23, <sup>5</sup> Romans 3:11, Psalm 53:1-3,  
<sup>6</sup> Isaiah 64:6, <sup>7</sup> Romans 14:7-9, <sup>8</sup> Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 86:1, <sup>9</sup> Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:18,  
<sup>10</sup> Psalm 40:8, <sup>11</sup> John 15:8.

## Words of Forgiveness

Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD!  
 For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
 The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
 in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
 my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.  
 The LORD is the strength of his people;  
 he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
 Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
 Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

## Passing of the Peace

*What is 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."*

## 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.*

### 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)*

## 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).



### **The Goodness of Jesus**

Come, you weary heart now to Jesus.  
Come, you anxious soul now and see.  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.  
Satisfied, He is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer,  
Come and find your joy here complete.  
Taste the living water, never thirst again,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus,  
He is all he said he would be.  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,  
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Rich Thompson, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson,  
Harrison Druery, Fiona Aghajanian and Michael Farren (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 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

Romans 5:1-11

*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>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## Sermon

### "The Go-Bag of Justification"

*Harrison Holbrook is Hope Chapel's pastor of assimilation & discipleship. This sermon is part of a series on the New Testament book of Romans, where we are exploring the doctrine of justification, or how we are made right with God. 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.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
He took upon Himself the weight of our sin  
and carried the burden of our guilt.  
He shared our life in every way,  
and though tempted, was sinless to the end.  
Baptized as Your own, He went willingly to His death  
and by Your power was raised to new life.

**All: In His dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

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.**

**\*\* institution of elements \*\***



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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: God 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.**

### **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.

### Again I Say Rejoice

And when the winter is over,  
 The flowers climb through the snow;  
 The willows weep and the clover bloom.  
 Then all at once you hear a song  
 That's stronger than the noise:  
 Rejoice, rejoice!

And when the peace turns to danger,  
 The nights are longer than days;  
 And every friend has a stranger's face.  
 Then deep within the dungeon cell,  
 You have to make a choice.  
 Rejoice, rejoice!

Be still and know that the Father  
 Will hasten down from His throne;  
 He will rejoice over you with song.  
 So set your face against the night  
 And raise your broken voice:  
 Rejoice, rejoice!

*Andrew Peterson, Gabe Scott (2014)*

### Sending Song

#### Rejoice

Come and stand before your maker, full of wonder, full of fear;  
 Come behold His power and glory, yet with confidence draw near  
 For the One who holds the heavens and commands the stars above  
 Is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love.

*Rejoice, come and lift your hands and raise your voice!  
 He is worthy of our praise, rejoice!  
 Sing of mercies of your King and with trembling, rejoice!*

We are children of the promise, the beloved of the Lord,  
 Won with everlasting kindness, bought with sacrificial blood.  
 Bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know  
 The affections of a father who will never let them go.

All our sickness, all our sorrows, Jesus carried up the hill.  
 He has walked this path before us, He is walking with us still,  
 Turning tragedy to triumph, turning agony to praise;  
 There is blessing in the battle, so take heart and stand amazed.

*Rejoice, when you cry to Him He hears Your voice,  
 He will wipe away your tears rejoice,  
 In the midst of suffering, He will help you sing...*

*Dustin Kensrue, Stuart Townend (2013)*

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

*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 God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,  
 give you a contrite heart.  
 May Christ, who bore our sins in His body on the tree,  
 heal you by His wounds.  
 May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,  
 speak to you words of pardon and peace.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Financial Update

Given Last Week:	\$16,594	Gifts can be placed in the offering
Required to date:	\$144,603	plate on Sundays or mailed to:
(Jan. 1 - March 3)		Hope Chapel
Given to date:	\$135,681	908 N. Josephine Boyd St
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