
Sermon Title: The "How Tos" of Prayer: Prayer About God

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. Jim Anderson and Jason Chroma are co-leading worship and Drew Trotter is preaching.

We welcome children of all ages in our worship service!

GATHERING SONG | We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of Kings; we will glorify the Lamb!
We will glorify the Lord of Lords who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty! We will bow before His throne!
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth! He is Lord of all who live!
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings! Hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords who is the great I AM!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my Mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exult His name together!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION | O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, not find You to fail;
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration, shall lisp to Your praise.

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Psalm 103:15-22

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children. ¹⁸ to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. ¹⁹ The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! ²¹ Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! ²² Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body.
(*Silent Confession...*)

CONFESSION SONG | Come, O Redeemer Come

Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us mercy!
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us peace.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL | from Psalm 34:18, 22

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what can wash away our sins?

All: **Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Leader: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

All: **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**
(the people rise in body or in spirit)

Leader: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

All: **Hallelujah! For the LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SONG OF THANKSGIVING | Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.
*Holy, holy Lord God almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Highest praises, honor and glory,
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

We are the broken, You are the Healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
bowing before You, blessing Your name. (*Chorus x2*)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Bless this offering, these gifts we bring!
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May the lost be found, the hungry fed,
The poor find hope, may Your kingdom spread.
Bless this offering, these gifts we bring!

FAMILY TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING | Matthew 6:1, 5-15

¹ "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. ⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION | Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

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AMEN

A-A- A men! A- A- A men! A- A men! A-men. Amen!

SONG OF RESPONSE | Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest, whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion is the family meal of Christians. The Lord Jesus invites all those who are His committed followers to commune with Him at His table: those who trust in Him, who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are willing to forsake their sin, being at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a follower of Jesus, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please spend this time in silent prayer. Children who have been examined by the elders and admitted to the Lord's Table are able to partake of Communion. We will be coming forward, dismissed by rows, for the distribution of Communion.

COMMUNION RESPONSE | From the Kenyan Liturgy

Leader: Is the Father with us?

All: **He is.**

Leader: Is the Son among us?

All: **He is.**

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

All: **He is.**

Leader: This is our God:

All: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We are His people:

All: **We are redeemed by His grace.**

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith.

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

All: **Hallelujah!**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SENDING SONG | Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious Name.

Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name. (*Chorus*)

You give and take away!
You give and take away!
My heart will choose to say
"Lord, blessed be Your Name!" (2x, then *Chorus*)

COMMISSIONING

Leader: All our problems

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All our difficulties

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All the devil's works

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All our hopes

All: **We set on the risen Christ!**

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Reader: As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us
and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.

All: **Let us go forth, as God's Easter people!**

