

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a physical action, taught by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach and assure us.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the power of the Gospel more clearly.

It is an act that helps pave the way for revival and renewal.

East Cooper Baptist Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior.

Please hold both elements until directed to take them together as a corporate act of worship.

If you are uncertain where you stand in your relationship to Christ, or are not ready to take the Lord's Supper this morning, please allow the elements to pass and use this time to seek the Lord in prayer.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."
1 Corinthians 11:26

The Distribution of the Elements
Amazing Grace
ECBC Men's Ensemble

Blessed Is the One
Blessed is the one whose sins are overcome
Whom God has sheltered deep within His grace
Blessed is the one who trusts in God the Son
His steadfast love the sinner's hiding place

*Jesus, Your blood covers all my sin
Jesus, Your love draws my heart to sing
What a Savior, Jesus*

I will always hide at my Savior's side
I find my refuge in His sovereign care
When the waters rise, God will hear my cries
His steadfast love will hold me safely there

THE COMMUNION RESPONSE

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

**This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

OFFERTORY

GOD'S GRACE • ECBC ORCHESTRA

CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

MORNING SERMON

CONRAD "BUSTER" BROWN, SENIOR PASTOR

RESPONSE

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

BENEDICTION

LEADER: *Go now into the world to give your all and to show the love of God the Father to all people!*

CONGREGATION: We go in the name of Jesus, our Savior! Amen!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP GOD AS OUR FATHER

STEPHEN MILLER

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.* 1 John 3:1

All true worship begins with our adoption. All prayer, all praise, all singing — all of our relating to God — begins with being able to come to him as his children. That's what Jesus won for us. When he went to the cross, he paid the immeasurable price of our adoption, to make us sons and daughters of the living God.

And so when he teaches us to pray in Matthew 6:9, he tells us come to God like this: "Our Father who art in heaven . . ." There is infinite intimacy in that statement. Father in heaven. There's transcendence (he is in heaven), yet an utter accessibility that he gives us as he calls us his sons and daughters.

Tim Keller says that when John, the author, says, "See what kind of love the Father has given," he is asking, "From what planet or what world does this kind of love come?" It's unlike anything we have ever seen. Unlike anything we could compare it to. It's not from our world. It's not like any love a human could give. It's other-worldly, completely set apart. And this is the kind of love that one version says the Father has lavished on us — that we should be called the children of God.

He Gave His Own Son

Don't miss the hugeness in this statement. It has tremendous implications for us.

Jesus says that our Father in heaven is a good father. He's not too busy for you. He's not a deadbeat, absentee, disinterested dad. When we talk to him, we know he hears. When we pray, and ask, we know that he listens. And better yet, he always knows what is best for us. He provides our needs and shapes us and disciplines us, like a good father would his children. It makes him happy to do so because he delights in us. He actually wants us.

No one forced him to begrudgingly take us in. And there was nothing we could have done to earn it. No amount of good deeds or determination to do better could bring us into the family of God. We are his because he has made us his, and then bought us back. Not because we were born into a certain family or country or bloodline or spoke some magical words. But because, before the foundation of the world, God chose to adopt us in Christ.

And he did what he planned to do by giving his unique Son to take our place and to pay the debt that we owed. Our sin had earned us nothing but death and hell. But Jesus took our death and all the wrath of hell upon himself, and at the cross, he conquered it all so that we wouldn't get what we deserve, but would receive grace upon grace.

He took what we deserved so that we would have what he deserved.

Worship is responding to God — who he is and what he has done. And the truth that God would give his own Son that he might make us his sons and daughters ought to produce awe and wonder and amazement in us. It ought to make us stop for a second — or for a Sunday morning — and say, How great is the love of the Father! How could we not sing? How could we not shout? How could we not respond, with all that we are, to all that he has done for us?

We need to be captivated by this truth, and let it produce a response of awe-filled adoration in us. What a glorious thing to say, "Our Father, hallowed be your name! Let your kingdom come, and your will be done here."

May we begin to live in light of that glorious truth — that we are redeemed and adopted sons and daughters of the living God. He wants us. He is with us. And he is for us. Let's worship in light of that!



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WORSHIPGUIDE



EAST COOPER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Church in Corporate Worship | JUNE 18, 2017

Please use the following prayer to prepare your hearts for worship:

GOD, OUR FATHER, as we worship You in all of Your splendor this morning, remind us that...

No day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in Your Sight.

Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has often been praiseless sound; kindness has been to gain attention. Our best services are filthy rags.

Blessed Jesus, though our sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them; though all things in us call for us to be rejected, all things in you plead for our acceptance.

Grant us to hear the assurance of your voice ---

That we are guilty, but pardoned, lost, but saved, wandering, but found, sinning, but cleansed. We are forgiven.

Give us real brokenness, let us extend forgiveness toward others, and keep us always clinging to your cross, living in light of our Father's amazing grace and love.

Amen.

As we gather this day to celebrate the Father's love for us, we proclaim the reality of His greatest gift to us as His children - the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. As we celebrate The Lord's Supper together, let us join our hearts and voices together in praise... giving thanks for His amazing grace, love, and Fatherly care.

We are glad to have an ECBC Men's Ensemble leading us in worship this morning in honor of Father's Day.

REFLECTION THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

-- Mark Twain

How has the sinner been forgiven
How has the rebel been made clean
Or blinded eyes been made to see
How have the orphans been adopted
Who hated Your love and ran from grace
Despised and rejected all Your ways

How wonderful the Father's love for us
That He would send His only Son to come and rescue us
He has saved us, called us blameless
Guides us now and will sustain us
Oh how wonderful the Father's love

Your mercy floods our lives with kindness
Your grace has colored all we see
And You have promised not to leave
You freely give Your Spirit to us
So we can be sure we're sons of God
And rest in the hope of what's to come

Though sufferings may fill our lives
We're confident we're heirs with Christ
And so we cry, "Abba, Father"

-- Joel Sczebel

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are!

-- I John 3:1

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
But this I know with all my heart...
His wounds have paid my ransom.

-- Stuart Townend

OUR FATHER John Piper

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught his disciples to call God Father: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

He taught that God is not everyone's Father. In John 8:42, 44 he said to those who refused to follow him, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I proceeded and came forth from God . . . You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires."

God is the Father only of those who are led by the Spirit of his Son. In Romans 8:9, 14-15 Paul says, "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him . . . All who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of sonship.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

Not every one can lay claim to the privilege of knowing God as Father. Only those who are born of God (John 1:13), who receive Christ (John 1:12), and who are led by the Spirit (Romans 8:14) have the right to receive the inheritance of the children—promises like Matthew 7:11, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

The privilege of prayer and the promise that God will work all things together for your good is part of the inheritance of sonship. That is what it means to have God as your Father.

THE PRELUDE ELENA CRUDGE, ORGANIST

MORNING WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO

GOD, OUR FATHER, WE ADORE THEE BEECHER

1. God, our Fa-ther, we a-dore Thee! We, Thy chil-dren, bless Thy name!
2. Son E-ter-nal, we a-dore Thee! Lamb up-on the throne on high!
3. Ho-ly Spir-it, we a-dore Thee! Par-a-dise and heav'n-ly guest!
4. Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, Three in One! we give Thee praise!

Cho-sen in the Christ be-fore Thee, We are "ho-ly, with-out blame."
Lamb of God, we bow be-fore Thee, Thou hast bro't Thy peo-ple nigh!
Sent from God and from the Sav-ior, Thou hast led us in-to rest,
For the rich-es we in-her-it, Heart and voice to Thee we raise!

We a-dore Thee! we a-dore Thee! Ab-ba's prais-es we pro-claim!
We a-dore Thee! we a-dore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!
We a-dore Thee! we a-dore Thee! By Thy grace for-ev-er blest;
We a-dore Thee! we a-dore Thee! Thee we bless thro' end-less days!

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MORNING PRAYER OF PRAISE

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

A corporate confession of sin recognizes that our sin is more than an isolated example of bad judgment.

We are all sinful people and we live in need of a Savior.

When we sin we cannot pray to our God as we ought, we cannot be in relationship with our Redeemer as we ought, and we grieve the Holy Spirit.

Our sin affects not only our life, but all those around us, especially the watching lost world, for our sin (unforgiven sin) interrupts our relationship to a Holy God and therefore hinders our witness.

As we confess together, we recognize that God's forgiveness is evident and allows us to see each other as we are: guilty sinners forgiven by a gracious God who has conquered all sin by His victory.

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."
1 John 1:8-10

The Spoken Prayer

LEADER: *Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues—*

CONGREGATION: *For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.*

LEADER: *Forgive us for the sins of our eyes—*

CONGREGATION: *For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us.*

LEADER: *Forgive us the sins of our hearts—*

CONGREGATION: *For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love. Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, to be transformed into your likeness, to live wholly for your glory. Take away our mourning and give us music; remove our sackcloth and give us your beauty.*

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.