

## The Lord's Supper

We come to the Lord's Table at the invitation of the Lord Himself and so we come on His terms.

Therefore, East Cooper Baptist Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior and who acknowledge Him as Lord.

Because Communion is an ordinance of the church, all are welcome to partake who are baptized members in an evangelical church (a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed).

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

We come not as those who are intrinsically righteous, but as those who have been given through grace the righteousness of our perfect Redeemer.

Please hold both elements, pondering the immensity of God's love for you, until we take them together as instructed.

1. This is the three-fold truth on which our faith depends,  
 2. On this we fix our minds as, pray-ing side by side,  
 3. By this we are up-held when doubt or grief as-sails  
 4. This is the three-fold truth which, if we hold it fast,

and with this joy-ful cry wor-ship be-gins and ends:  
 we take the bread and wine from Christ the cru-ci-fied:  
 our Chris-tian for-ti-tude, and on-ly grace a-vails:  
 chang-es the world and us and brings us home at last:

Christ has died! Christ is ris-en! Christ will come a-gain!

### THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Grace and peace, oh how can this be  
 For lawbreakers and thieves For the worthless, the least  
 You have said, that our judgment is death  
 For all eternity Without hope, without rest  
 Oh, what an amazing mystery What an amazing mystery  
 That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh how can this be  
 The matchless King of all Paid the blood price for me  
 Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!  
 The vilest sinner's heart Can be cleansed, can be free  
 Oh, what an amazing mystery What an amazing mystery  
 That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh how can this be  
 Let songs of gratefulness Ever rise, never cease  
 Loved by God and called as a saint  
 My heart is satisfied In the riches of Christ  
 Oh, what an amazing mystery What an amazing mystery  
 That Your grace has come to me

Oh, what an amazing love I see What an amazing love I see  
 That Your grace has come to me

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
 All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small.  
 Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*So remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Christ Jesus. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves that our lives may proclaim the One crucified, risen, and coming again.*

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*Therefore, let us pray as you have instructed, saying...*

**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.**

*We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before He died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [Eat the Bread]*

*In the same way He took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." [Drink the Cup]*

*Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in His suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in His love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in His forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the day of resurrection, When with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.*

*Let us proclaim our faith together:*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen. \* universal church**

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**OFFERTORY**  
 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS • ECBC ORCHESTRA  
**CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS**

**THE MORNING SERMON**  
 CONRAD "BUSTER" BROWN, SENIOR PASTOR

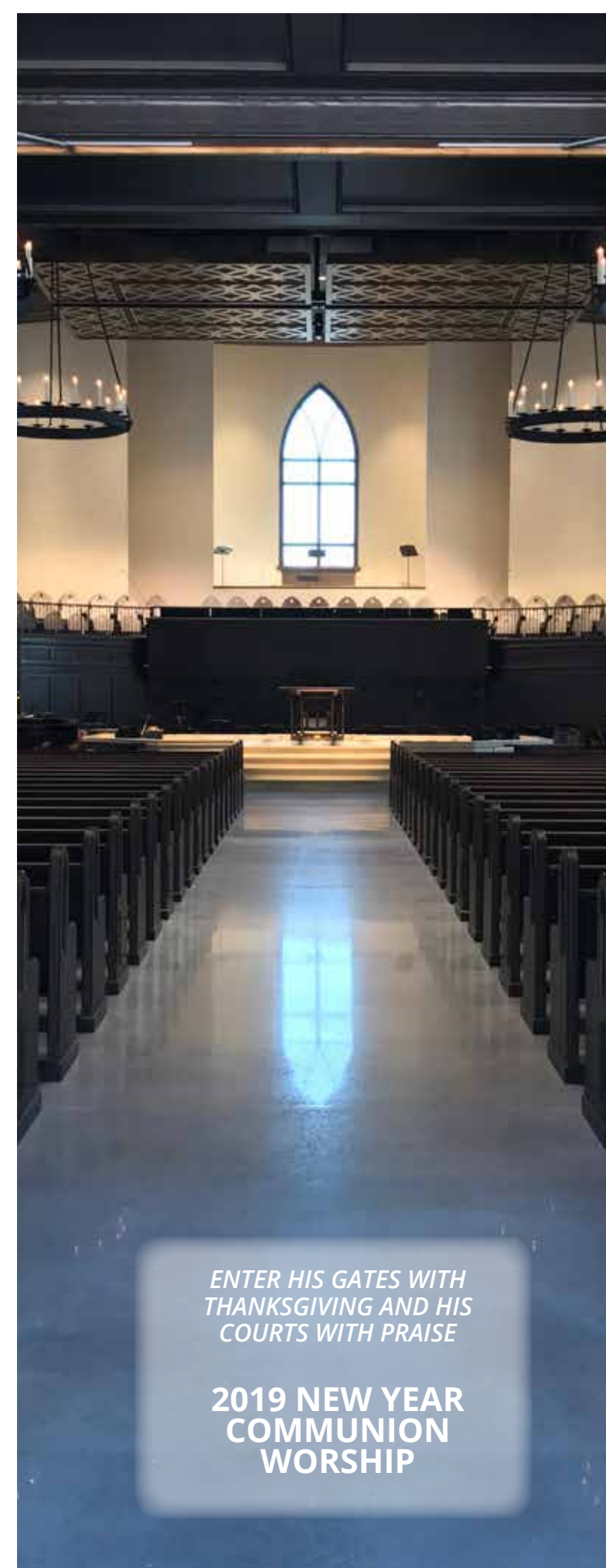
**[CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA]**  
**NEW YEAR OPEN HOUSE**

**THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 @ 6:30 pm**  
 If you have ever been a part, are a part,  
 or have ever thought about being a part  
 of our ECBC Choir or Orchestra,  
 please join us for a brand new year of praise!  
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 THANKSGIVING AND HIS  
 COURTS WITH PRAISE

**2019 NEW YEAR  
 COMMUNION  
 WORSHIP**



**WORSHIP GUIDE**



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

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of MICHELLE COLE.*

## New Year's Communion Service

9:00 and 10:45 am Sanctuary Services

Based on **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**, our service of Communion today is an opportunity for us to joyfully celebrate the goodness and blessings of God as we begin a new year of worship together.

Please follow the worship guide closely as we read responsively through the Great Prayer. (Leader will read *black italic*, congregation will read (or sing) the bold red text.

Words to the songs will also be displayed on screen.

Let this unique worship order, centered around the Lord's Table, lead you into a joyful celebration of communion, and into the worship of our Most Holy God.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

## REFLECTION

### THOUGHTS FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

Thou hast restored us to this ease  
By this thy heav'nly blood,  
Which I can go to, when I please,  
And leave th'earth to their food.

-- **George Herbert**, *The Holy Communion*

Do ye therefore, clothing yourselves with meekness, become the imitators of His sufferings, and of His love, wherewith He loved us when He gave Himself a ransom for us, that He might cleanse us by His blood from our old ungodliness, and bestow life on us when we were almost on the point of perishing through the depravity that was in us.

-- **Ignatius** (A.D. 68)

The cross was the pulpit from which Jesus preached.

-- **Augustine**

Jesus invites His saints  
To meet around His board;  
Here pardon'd rebels sit, and hold  
Communion with their Lord.  
For food He gives His flesh,  
He bids us drink His blood,  
Amazing favour! Matchless grace  
Of our descending God!

-- **Isaac Watts**, (1707)

### OUR SOVEREIGN LORD,

As we begin another year that Thou hast granted us by grace,

give us: a deeper hunger for you; a thirst that is only quenched by Your presence; and a heart that longs to know you more.

Clear away the clutter of our lives, and the distractions that so easily deter us, and let us run with a passionate pursuit after you.

May we, in 2019, imitate the One who has created us, redeemed us, and set us free.

Amen.

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

[THE EUCHARIST PRAYER]

Eucharist is the New Testament Greek word for "thanksgiving." So the "eucharistic prayer" is often called "**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving.**"

The Great Prayer will serve as our guide for Communion Worship today.

Thanksgiving, is at heart, the table grace of the people of God. Christians pray together when gathered at the table. We return thanks to God for the meal we share and all it means. We "say grace" for the food we have received.

This essentially simple act of prayer also cradles the church's central, basic affirmations concerning the knowledge of God, the person and work of Christ, and the life and ministry of the church in the power of the Spirit.

The word Eucharist refers equally to the liturgy of the Lord's Supper itself and to the words of the prayer that accompanies the meal.

The prayer itself was used at least as early as A.D. 215.

In a section called the Preface, the prayer praises God and recounts God's goodness in creation and redemption. It evokes God's steadfast love and providential goodness, and points to the ultimate gift of Christ.

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## NEW YEAR'S COMMUNION SERVICE

BASED ON THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### PSALM 100 ACCLAMATIONS

ECBC CHOIR

### ODE TO JOY

ECBC ORGAN AND BRASS

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

*I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

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

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

*I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

**Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**



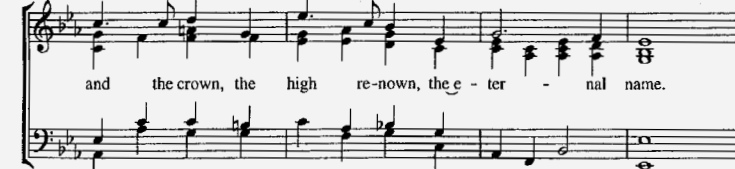
1. Christ tri-um-phant, e-ver reign-ing, Sa-viour, Mas-ter,



King. Lord of heav'n, our lives sus-tain-ing,



Refrain  
hear us as we sing: Yours the glo-ry



and the crown, the high re-nown, the e-ter-nal name.

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| 2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,<br>Son of Man on earth!<br>Pow'r and majesty concealing<br>by your humble birth:           | 4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever<br>high in heav'n above!<br>Sin and death and hell shall never<br>stifle hymns of love: |
| 3. Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,<br>victim crucified!<br>Death is through the cross defeated,<br>sinners justified: | 5. So, our hearts and voices raising<br>through the ages long,<br>ceaselessly upon you gazing,<br>this shall be our song:    |

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving is a unique prayer with a distinctive pattern, provided by the Lord Jesus Christ himself on the very first Easter.

As Jesus walked to Emmaus with two of his disciples that day, he recounted the story of salvation: "And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27, RSV). Then, when he was eating with them, he did four more specific things:

he took the bread, he blessed it, he broke it, and he gave it to them.

As soon as he did these things, they recognized him.

No other pattern of communion observance available to us gets us closer to Jesus' model. Nor is any other pattern closer to the message of the gospel. The same Trinitarian pattern that summarizes the gospel promises in the Apostles' Creed (creation, redemption, epiclesis) provides the structure for the Great Prayer.

So when you pray the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, you are praying the gospel promises, and you are walking with Jesus on the Emmaus road as he recounts the history of salvation.

**May this prayer, this service, and this time of communion open our eyes and hearts to Him afresh this day as we start a new year of praise with gratitude in our hearts to our Sovereign Lord.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, That we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end.*

**You made us in your image and called us to be your people.**

*But we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ, your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life!*

**We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him may not die but have eternal life.**

(sung) The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation  
I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flowers each promise of His word  
When winter fades, I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation  
In times of waiting, times of need  
When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

*Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is our salvation*

*We thank You that Jesus was born among us; that He lived our common life on earth; that He suffered and died for us; that He rose again; and that He is always present through the Holy Spirit.*

**We thank You that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death, and beyond death you are with us.**

*Therefore with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times, we proclaim your greatness and sing to the glory of your name:*

(sung) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*Holy Lord God, by what we do here in remembrance of Christ, we celebrate His perfect sacrifice on the cross and we declare that:*

**Christ Has Died! / Christ Is Risen! / Christ Will Come Again!**

*By what we do here in remembrance of Christ, we celebrate His glorious resurrection and we declare that: (louder!)*

**Christ Has Died! / Christ Is Risen! / Christ Will Come Again!**

*By what we do here in remembrance of Christ, we proclaim His victorious ascension and His promised return and we declare that: (even louder!)*

**Christ Has Died! / Christ Is Risen! / Christ Will Come Again!**