



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
04 . 12 . 15



EAST COOPER

BAPTIST CHURCH

WELCOME!

*The following prayer
may be used as you
prepare for worship:*

*Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection
of your Son, you overcame
the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him.*

*Grant that we
who joyfully celebrate
Christ's rising from the dead
may worship You in
fullness of joy,
and may be raised from the
death of sin to the life
of righteousness,
through him who lives
and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

Amen.

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The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (*Pentekost = Fiftieth*). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love - the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen!

On this Second Sunday of Easter,
we continue to rejoice in the joy of resurrection life.
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won! Alleluia!

BABY DEDICATIONS

9:30 - Hunter Mason Holifield, Roman David Rains, Robert Peter Rodelsperger, Jr.
11:00 - Liesel Starr Melchers

Sanctuary Services :: THE CHURCH IN CORPORATE WORSHIP

APRIL 12, 2015

REFLECTION

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to him who showed great love
And bled for us; Freely you bled, for us

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!

Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with him again
Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bow to none but heavens will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold you down
In strength you reign
Forever let your church proclaim

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead, he's alive! he's alive!

"Christ Is Risen," Matt Maher

Morning Welcome and Prayer

THE STRIFE IS O'ER Hymn Story

Text: Anonymous, 1695.
Translated: Francis Pott, 1859.
Tune: VICTORY (Palestrina)

This simple yet profound and triumphant hymn tells of the reality of Christ's victory!

There is, in this text, a sense of finality. This, in a very real sense, is it. "It is finished."

Albert Bailey writes, "The words present the theological statement that the Crucifixion was a contest between Christ and the devil's legions, in which Christ won. This is proved by the fact that Christ did not stay dead" (The Gospel in Hymns, 278).

Christ rose and brought new life, and in so doing, through his declaration, "It is finished," was also saying, "It has all just begun!"

The finality of this text is the finality of newness. It is the realization that we are continually being made new, that Creation in continually being restored, and that every day we are called to life anew with Christ. Alleluia.

What a song of victory that is!

Prelude • Thine Be the Glory • ECBC Orchestra

Call to Praise • Psalm 30

LEADER: *We will exalt You, O Lord, for You have lifted us out of the depths. O Lord, You brought us up from the grave.*

CONGREGATION: *Sing to the Lord, you saints of His; praise His holy name. Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*

LEADER: *When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." O Lord, when You hid Your face, I was dismayed.*

CONGREGATION: *But You turned our mourning into dancing; You removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, that our hearts may sing to You and not be silent. O Lord, our God, we will give You thanks forever*

THE STRIFE IS O'ER VICTORY

1. The strife is o'er, the battle
2. Death's mightiest powers have done their
3. He closed the yawning gates of
4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed

done; Now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph
worst, And Je - sus has his foes dis -
hell; The bars from heav'n's high por - tals
you, From death's sting free your ser - vants

won; Now be the song of praise be -
persed; Let shouts of praise and joy out -
fell; Let hymns of praise his tri - umph
too, That we may live and sing to

gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
tell: Al - le - lu - ia!
you: Al - le - lu - ia!

**ONCE AND FOR ALL...
"IT IS FINISHED"**

Of the last sayings of Christ on the cross, none is more important or more poignant than, "It is finished."

Found only in the Gospel of John, the Greek word translated "it is finished" is tetelestai, an accounting term that means "paid in full."

When Jesus uttered those words, He was declaring the debt owed to His Father was wiped away completely and forever. Not that Jesus wiped away any debt that He owed to the Father; rather, Jesus eliminated the debt owed by mankind—the debt of sin.

Just prior to His arrest by the Romans, Jesus prayed His last public prayer, asking the Father to glorify Him, just as Jesus had glorified the Father on earth, having "finished the work you have given me to do" (John 17:4). The work Jesus was sent to do was to "seek and save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10), to provide atonement for the sins of all who would ever believe in Him (Romans 3:23-25), and to reconcile sinful men to a holy God. "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

None other but God in the flesh could accomplish such a task.

Jesus' finished work on the cross was the beginning of new life for all who were once "dead in trespasses and sins" but who are now made "alive with Christ" (Ephesians 2:1, 5).

ONCE AND FOR ALL

CHRIS TOMLIN

Once and for all
The Father's love
He is the light in the darkness
Who took on flesh
And took our place
The weight of the world on His shoulders
The weight of the world on His shoulders

**We believe our God is Jesus
We believe that He is Lord
We believe that He has saved us
From sin and death
Once and for all**

Once and for all
Our debt is paid
There on the cross it is finished
The Lamb of God for us was slain
Up from the grave He is risen
Up from the grave He is risen

*Jesus, Jesus
God from God, Light from Light
You are our salvation
Jesus, Jesus
God from God, Light from Light
Your kingdom is forever*

Congregational Prayer Time

*Please use the following as a personal petition,
as well as praying for those you have been trying to influence for Christ this Easter season:*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. I confess that I often remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. In the bright light of Easter, O God, my sin is exposed, and Your grace is revealed. Lord, bring new life where I am worn and tired; new love where I have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where I feel hurt and where I have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where I am a prisoner of the allure of this world.

I pray this for myself, as well as for: _____ Amen.
*(silently pray names of those in your circle
of influence that need to know God's resurrection grace.)*

Prayer Response • Be Thou My Vision • ECBC Handbells

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower: Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

IN CHRIST ALONE (I FIND MY HOPE)

KEITH GETTY arr. Kristian Stanfill

HARK, TEN THOUSAND HARPS AND VOICES Offertory Anthem

*Hark, ten thousand
harps and voices
Sound the note
of praise above!
Jesus reigns,
and heav'n rejoices,
Jesus reigns,
the God of Love;
See, He sits
upon the throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!*

*Jesu, hail!
whose glory brightens
All above and gives it worth;
Lord of life,
Thy smile enlightens,
Cheers, and charms
Thy saints on earth:
When we think
of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!*

*Savior, hasten
Thine appearing;
Bring, O bring
the glorious day
When, the mighty
summons hearing,
Heav'n and earth
shall pass away.
Then with all
the saints we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love What depths of peace
When fears are stilled When strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life No fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*I find my strength, I find my hope
I find my help in Christ alone
When fear assails, when darkness falls
I find my peace in Christ alone
I give my life, I give my all
I sing this song to Christ alone
The King of kings, the Lord I love
All heaven sings to Christ alone
To Christ alone
To Christ alone*

Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Here in the power of Christ we stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER • *George Williams, II, Deacon of the Day*

OFFERTORY • *Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices • ECBC Choir, Orchestra, Handbells*
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CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY DEDICATIONS

THE MORNING SERMON

BENEDICTION

LEADER: *May the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and that lives in
the hearts of all those who have trusted in Christ alone for salvation
give you joy this day and always in the hope that is found over
sin, death and hell in Christ alone!*

PEOPLE: **CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN! AMEN!**

POSTLUDE

MORNING MESSAGE

BABIES & TODDLERS

In order to maintain a worshipful atmosphere and for the comfort of our little ones, we ask that parents exit the service with their crying babies and talkative toddlers. We would encourage parents to use our excellent nursery and trained staff to care for your children.

THE SPOKEN WORD

CD's of today's sermon (\$3 each) may be special ordered through the church office during the week. The messages may also be heard online at the church website.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

As we sit under the reading and teaching of Scripture, it calls for a response as we ask ourselves "what will we do with the truth presented today?" The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God to be shaped, empowered, directed and changed by God and His Word. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ. We are calmed by Christ and set free. In response to God's love in Jesus Christ we offer our lives, our gifts, our time, our abilities and our material goods for God's service, His glory, and our ultimate good.

How To Guard the Glorious Deposit (The Stewardship of Life)

Conrad "Buster" Brown, Senior Pastor
1 Timothy 6:20-21

²⁰ O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," ²¹ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.

Paul closes this letter to Timothy and the church at Ephesus with a strong and impassioned appeal to guard the deposit that has been given to them.

How do we guard the deposit?

1. Walk with people who display personal pathos (sympathetic and kindly sorrow or compassion) regarding your life and walk with the Lord ("O Timothy").

¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."
1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

"For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain."

1 Thessalonians 3:5

"For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:8

2. Stay on message (or always teach the wonder of the apostolic message of the cross) vs. "irreverent babble and contradictions".

¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God."

Colossians 2:18-19

In order to stay on message, we must:

- 1) Know the g_____.
- 2) Know y_____.
- 3) Know the a_____.

Departing from the message of the gospel of grace found in Christ alone and the centrality of the person and work of Christ can happen incrementally and leads to "swerving from the faith".

3. Understands that you have received a "deposit" (the apostolic truth) and you should labor for a God-honoring dividend/yield.

4. Know your culture; and if the times lead to discouragement - continue to rejoice in the outworking plan of a sovereign king.

When one lives in an unrooted tumbleweed culture (Psalm 1:4), you should not be surprised at the rapidity of change. (Note Psalm 14:8ff)

In times of discouragement, always remember the greatness of the triune God who is building his church.

"4You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. 5I consider the days of old, the years long ago. 6I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search: 7"Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? 8Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? 9Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" 10Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High." 11I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. 12I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. 13Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? 14You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. 15You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph."

"19Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. 20You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

Psalm 77:4-15, 19-20

5. Live in the context of rich Christian community. ("Grace be with you". The you is plural, meaning that Paul intended that the whole church to respond to this message.)

"The most important reason for community is the reality that God himself lives in community!... God lives in community with himself! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in perfect harmony, love, and unity. We begin our discussion about the importance of community where all good theology begins: with God. When we do, it radically alters the way we think about relationships. They become God-centered and not people-centered... Everything each person of the Trinity is and does is always in unison with the others. We remain in the image of this glorious God. Is it any wonder, then, that this deep longing for intimacy and relationship is woven into the fabric of our nature? Human beings long to connect because that is what they were made for."

Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Tripp, *How People Change*, p. 67

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Please complete & place in offering plate

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Visitor

Sign-Up Info

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SPOUSE NAME (if applicable) _____

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BIRTHDATE _____

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Children's Names/Gender/Birthdates

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I would like to become a Christian.

I would like to join ECBC.

I would like a personal visit.

I have a confidential need.

Add me to mail / e-mail list.

I would like information re: _____

I want to join a Community Group.

Other: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS / PEOPLE IN NEED

Prayer Line: 856-3222 ext. PRAY(7729)

Please list your prayer requests and/or names (with detailed information) of people in need. Thank you!

___ Confidential (distributed only to Pastors)

ECBC FEATURED EVENTS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



BEGINS JUNE 7



APRIL 17-19



APRIL 25



MAY 1-2



NOW

MISSIONARY NEEDS - We are looking for bikes, beach toys, and beach chairs to be used for the summer by a missionary family in town. These would be returned at the end of their stay. We are also in need of large suitcases to be given to the Edny family to use as they head back to Brazil. If you have any of these you are willing to give, please contact Erin at erink@eastcooperbaptist.com or drop them off at the church office next Sunday April 19th.

GIVING

Giving vs Budgeted Giving

\$ -314,193*

*Please note that as good stewards of what God has blessed us with, our spending is always based on actual giving.

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