



POSITION STATEMENT:

THE LORD'S SUPPER¹

Approved by Elder Board on 11/16/20

Biblical References

Matthew 26.26-28; John 6.53-56; 1 Corinthians 11

The Position of Hingham Church on The Lord's Supper

We at Hingham Church continue to affirm that the Lord's Supper involves the following things: "First, to accept with a believing heart all the suffering and the death of Christ, and so receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Second, to be united more and more to his sacred body through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us. Therefore, although Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones, and we forever live and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul."²

We believe the Lord's Supper is an institution meant only for participants who have been baptized and have public, credible professions of faith. It signifies a close relationship between the Christian and his or her God, as well as between the Christian and his or her brothers and sisters at Hingham Church. The Lord's Supper is intended for the gathered body of believers; its primary significance is Gospel unity displayed among those in the body under the Lordship of Christ, easily seen in repetition of "together" as the Apostle Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 11.³

¹ For additional context, biblical discussion, and theological reasoning, refer to Hingham Church's elders' paper entitled "Theological Vision: Church Membership And the Sacraments."

² Qtd. from Heidelberg Catechism, Question 76; cf., Questions 75-77.

³ Cf., "when you come together" (1 Corinthians 11.17, 18, 20, 33, 34).