



**THE GOOD
KING'S FEAST**

*AN INVITATION TO THE
LORD'S TABLE*

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*To Andrew, Wilson, Charlie
and Rosemary— I love sharing
a table with you.*

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FOREWORD

I CAN STILL SEE IT IN MY mind's eye. As a young minister, I was seated at the Lord's Table, having just distributed the elements to the elders, who in turn were passing those trays to the congregation. My eyes trained on my family seated about three or four rows back. On one side of my wife Sara, was our oldest son, on the other side, our daughter. And Sara was whispering to each of them.

What was she saying? I knew what was likely being said. Sara was telling our covenant children about the meaning of this meal in which we were participating. Just as Jewish parents had done for almost 1500 years before the coming of Christ, so my wife was doing for our children: "Do you know what this bread means? It is Jesus's body—He died on the cross for sinners like us. Do you know what this cup means? It is Jesus's blood, shed to cover our sins and to make us clean."

As parents, we have a blessed opportunity at the Lord's Table to point our children to our faithful Shepherd-King, Jesus. Even if our four-year-old misses much of the sermon (for that matter, even if our teenager does or we do!), the Lord's Supper gives us an opportunity to preach the gospel to him or her once again, to tell that beloved-by-God child about a King who knows him or her by name, who willingly went to the cross so that God's judgment might pass over us, so that we might know His love forever and ever.

Of course, unless we've seen this way of using the Supper for our children modeled for us, we might not know what to do. That's where this wonderful book by master storyteller, Elizabeth Harwell, comes in. From your child's earliest days, as you read this book about our Good King and His joy-full meal to them, your child will know that this feast is a celebration of God's grace and goodness, a picture sermon about God's joy, and an abiding promise about God's family and our place in it.

This is a book to keep on your coffee table or beside your child's bed, to be read each Saturday night before a Communion Sunday. It is a sweet reminder that the Lord who is our King sets a table for us—adults and children—in the presence of our and His enemies and calls us to enter into His joy!

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LET ME TELL you a story,
Little One. Can you imagine a
table set with all sorts of food
and drinks? And imagine there
are many, many people around
this table with you. It's a meal
to celebrate something very
special.

ACTUALLY, WHAT IF this meal had a purpose more important than filling your belly? Sometimes in the Bible God used food to tell the story of His promise to His people.



