



The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

What is Communion?

The Christian Fellowship of Siem Reap usually celebrates communion on the first Sunday of the month. We do this because Jesus asked that we remember His death in this way. (Luke 22:19) In different church traditions, Communion may be called by different names, for example the Eucharist (meaning "thanksgiving"), the Breaking of Bread or the Lord's Supper.

Do I have to be a member to take Communion?

At CFSR, we practice open communion. Anyone who is a Christian - a true disciple of Jesus Christ - may participate regardless of background or denomination. We celebrate this way to show our unity in the Lord. Our focus is our common gratitude to Christ - for His death on the cross that cleanses us of our sins.

How do I know if I can participate?

If you're not sure if you're a Christian or have not yet made a commitment to follow Christ, you cannot celebrate communion in the way that Jesus intended.

If you're a Christian but are not in a right relationship with the Lord or with someone else, you should not take communion. Paul warns us that it is sinful to take the bread or drink the cup 'in an unworthy manner'. He says that we should each 'examine ourselves' before we take part.

In order to help everyone be involved during the service, someone will be available to pray for God's help and direction for those who cannot take the bread and wine. Christians who have brought someone who is not yet a believer are asked to instruct their friends not to participate in communion.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

We participate in the service not by what we *do*, but by *the state of our hearts*. It is our unity in remembering Christ together across ethnic, racial and denominational lines demonstrates the power of the living Christ in our lives - bringing Him all glory and honor and praise!



The Celebration of
Communion

If you have any further questions or concerns, please
feel free to discuss them with Pastor Ivor Greer



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