

Preparing for HBChurch Communion via Livestream

The Lord's Supper (Communion) is a required church practice that was given to the church by Jesus to remember His sacrifice for us, to remember His New Covenant promises to build His church and return for it one day, and to rededicate ourselves to the Great Commission.

Throughout church history since its beginning in Eden, the church has operated in a covenant with God to worship Him and serve Him. The New Covenant which started on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) is God's final covenant with His people where He has atoned for our sins and empowered them to reach the whole world with the gospel. The church under the Old Covenant remembered God's promises by partaking of the Passover Meal, but in the New Covenant the church remembers God's promises by partaking of the Lord's Supper.

The elements of bread and wine are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. It is a distinctly Christ-focused form of worship in which all Christians are to partake. Participating in Communion is considered a privilege for believers. It is both a somber reflection and beautiful celebration of Christ's sacrifice for all who put their faith in Him. If you are not a confessing believer, you should not partake of the elements but should observe and consider what is keeping you from becoming a follower of Jesus Christ our God and Savior.

Due to the stay-at-home circumstances that we are experiencing, here are the things that you need to do to prepare for partaking in Huntington Beach Church's communion service via livestream:

1. Prepare the following well before 6:30 PM on Thursday. Don't wait until the last minute!
2. In advance, have bread for Christ's body and grape juice for Christ's blood. Jesus used unleavened bread and wine. If you do not have any of these items, you can use substitutes such as crackers, croutons, cookies, any type of fruit juice, or a small cup of wine. The Lord's Supper is not a physical meal but a spiritual meal where we partake of these elements to spiritually commune with Christ and His church. As you worship, you should expect to be blessed with spiritual growth and strengthening!
3. In advance, read Psalm 51:10 and search your heart for unconfessed sin (1 Corinthians 11:23-30) and confess your sin to God (1 John 1:9). If there is unresolved conflict in your life, seek reconciliation (Matthew 5:23). Reflect on all Jesus did and went through to pay the penalty for your sin (1 Corinthians 11:23-30). Continue in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads and give thanks for God's atoning sacrifice and for His promise to bring peace to this world (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
4. Login to <http://hbchurch.online.church> a few minutes before 6:30 PM so that you can be ready for the start of the service. If the livestream doesn't start on time, refresh your screen. If you have any technical issues, text Pastor Jason or say something in the Live Chat so we can help one another. In the Live Chat please tell us how many are with you, so that we can get attendance.
5. During the Communion service, we will sing praises together, then the pastors will lead us in partaking of the communion elements together as a church and will lead us in a time of strategic prayer.