

Communion Meditation
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In many denominations, including the one that I was raised in, the Lord's Supper was celebrated every Sunday, just as we do in the Disciples of Christ congregations. Yet, in every church that I have attended, the communion service has always been such a solemn occasion. Why is that?

It is certainly understandable that the first occasion between Christ and his apostles would be that way since Jesus was warning them of the events that were about to occur that very night, but should it still be that way for us? we know so much more now than those apostles did that night. We know that, although our Lord suffered and died on the cross, He did in fact defeat death and rise from the grave, just as He said He would. That's cause for celebration!

So, when Christ consecrated the emblems of which we continue to partake, and when He said "remember me" I believe that He was instructing us to remember everything, including His life, death, and resurrection. How can we recall all of that and not be filled with a sense of joy and gratitude?

All are invited to this table of remembrance and celebration. All Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited by our Lord to partake. Let us do so with joy in our hearts!