



Caring for Creation through Communion

Take a courageous step towards a flourishing Creation, regardless of how frequently you celebrate Communion.

Method	Upsides	Downsides	Hint
Intinction 1 Most sustainable option	Completely reusable items Low water and energy use Most cost-effective option Support local with set up purchases (eg chalice)	 More time consuming during service and to set up Shared dipping bowl 	Use tongs to avoid handling bread.
Communion tray	Completely reusable Both items can be recycled at end of life Easy to use Individual cups Cost effective in long run	 Require washing up More time consuming to set up More costly to set up in short term 	Source these second hand or use existing trays for bonus points! Consider a "Communion juice filler" for efficiency. For some online purchase options, Google: El Shaddai Supplies or Christian Supplies.
Certified home- compostable communion cups	Compostable and biodegradable Made from organic material Individual cups Can be cheaper than plastic disposable cups	 Single-use items Risk of sending to landfill instead of composting More time consuming to set up 	For some online purchase options, Google: El Shaddai Supplies or Koorong.
Disposable Communion cups and bread	Minimal clean up time Easy to use Individual cups More cost effective in the short term	Single-use items destined for landfill Take around 450 years to break down Time consuming to set up	Wash in-tact hard plastic Communion cups to extend their life. Consider wafers purchased from Brisbane company Christian Supplies.
Disposable wafer + juice Communion cups	Minimal set up and clean up time	Single-use item destined for landfill Take around 450 years to break down Resource-intensive to produce Most expensive option over time Can be difficult for people to use	A congregation of 50 people doing Communion weekly could save 2,600 plastic cups from landfill every year by choosing to reuse.

Commented [EM1]: I've personally tested and can recommend.

Get in touch for more information – we'd love to hear from you!

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