



18 Holy Communion Service at Wallajahpet

Questions

Can both men and women be pastors – how does this photograph help you find out?

Can you tell how the women are feeling

by looking at their faces?

Find out more about the Holy Communion service by reading I Corinthians chapter 11 verse 5 and 6

Background

This is the same Holy Communion service as in photograph 16. In photograph 16 you can see Bishop William giving people the Holy Communion bread and in this photograph you can see some other pastors giving the congregation the wine. The bread stands for the body of Jesus and the wine stands for the blood of Jesus. You can find an English copy of the Holy Communion Service at <http://www.csimichigan.org/PDF/A%20SHORT%20ORDER%20FOR%20LORDS%20SUPPER.pdf>

Have you noticed that almost all the women who are waiting for their turn to kneel at the communion rail have pulled the ends of their sarees over their heads? This is a sign of respect, and all Indian women, whether they are Christians, Hindus, Sikhs or Muslims will do the same in worship. If you read I Corinthians chapter 11 verses 5 and 6 in the Bible you will find out another reason why women cover their heads.

The Holy Communion is very special for all Christians throughout the world. This will have been a particularly special day for these women because their bishop has led the service.



