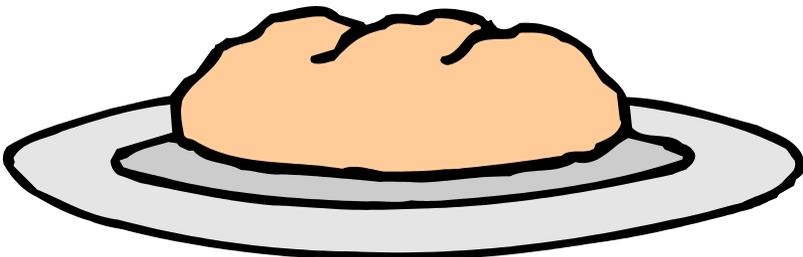
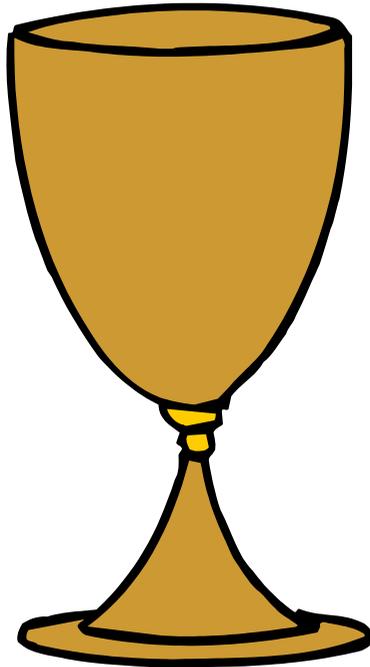




ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RHOSNESNI  
**Holy Communion**



## **THE GATHERING**

*A hymn or song may be sung*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,  
look upon us now in power and mercy.  
May your strength overcome our weakness,  
your radiance transform our blindness,  
and your Spirit draw us to that love  
shown and offered to us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Invitation to confession***

*Silence is kept*

*This or another form of confession is said:-*

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry and truly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

### ***The Absolution***

***This or another hymn or song***

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
songs of joy and peace we bring,  
thankful hearts and voices raising,  
to creation's Lord we sing:  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
glory be to God our King (God our King),  
glory be to God our King.**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders  
bore the load of this world's sin,  
only Son of God the Father,  
you have brought us peace within:  
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
now your glorious reign begin (reign begin),  
now your glorious reign begin.**

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Let us pray.

***The Collect is said***

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*At the end of the first reading, the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***A Psalm, hymn or song***

*At the end of the Psalm, we say together:*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*Before the Gospel reading, the reader says:*

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint . . .  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***The Sermon***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE INTERCESSION**

*Prayers of intercession are led either by a member of the congregation, or by the Minister.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you draw and welcome us,  
emptied of pride and hungry for your grace,  
to this your kingdom's feast.**

**Nowhere can we find the food for which our souls cry out,  
but here, Lord, at your table.**

**Invigorate and nourish us, good Lord,  
that in and through this bread and wine  
your love may meet us and your life complete us  
in the power and glory of your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*A sentence of Scripture may be read.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*A sign of peace may be exchanged*

***A hymn or song may be sung***

*during which the offering is received*

## **THE THANKSGIVING**

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread, we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example and obey his command.**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

[He is your eternal Word:  
through him you created the universe  
and formed us men and women in your own image.  
You sent him to be our Saviour,  
born of Mary through the power of the Spirit.  
Upon the cross he opened wide his arms of mercy,  
embracing us in perfect love,  
destroying the power of evil, suffering and death.  
On the first day of the week  
    you raised him from the dead  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
Through him you have given us  
    your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us your own sons and daughters.]

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying/singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**O holy, most holy,  
the God of creation,  
for ever exalted  
in pow'r and great  
might.  
The earth and the heavens  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna  
and praise in the height!**

**How blessed is he who  
is sent to redeem us,  
who puts ev'ry fear  
and injustice to flight;  
who comes in the name of  
the Lord as our Saviour.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
and praise in the height!**

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Hear us, heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,  
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us  
his body and his blood;  
who in the same night that he was betrayed  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
Drink from this, all of you;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, Father,  
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son  
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup,  
your gifts to us,  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us  
who share this bread and this cup.  
Strengthen our faith, make us one  
and welcome us and all your people  
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence  
to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today  
our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us,  
we boldly pray:

**Our Father  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
our daily bread.  
And forgive us  
our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us  
not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE COMMUNION**

*The priest breaks the bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

*This or another invitation to communion:*

Come, let us receive the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The priest and people receive communion.*

*Anyone who has been baptised (christened) in the name of the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is welcome to receive  
communion. Others are invited to come forward,  
and keeping their hands below the rail, receive a blessing.*

*One of the following may be said or sung  
during the communion.*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sins of the world.  
In your mercy,  
come and heal us;  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
Take away our sins,  
forgive us,  
Lamb of God,  
restore, redeem us,  
grant us peace, Lord,  
in your mercy,  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

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## **THE SENDING OUT**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

**God of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

***A hymn or song may be sung***

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### ***The Blessing***

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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