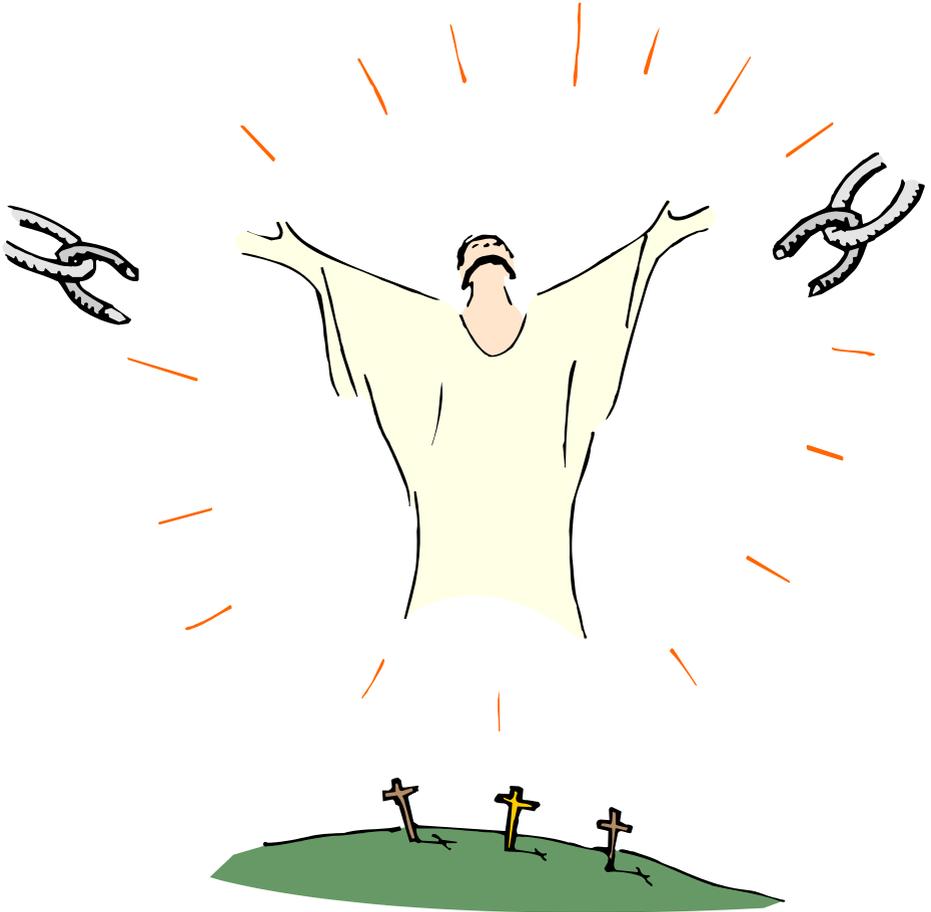




ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RHOSNESNI

Holy Communion for Easter



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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**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.**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

The Absolution

This or another hymn or song

**Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!
Songs of adoration, Lord, to you we bring,
praising your great goodness, Father, heavn'ly King.**

***Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!***

**Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin,
Lamb of God, have mercy, grant us peace within.
You, O Christ, are holy, you alone are Lord,
with the Holy Spirit evermore adored.**

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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 . . .

Glorify to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSION

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

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

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

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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, holy Father,
all-powerful and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(a seasonal preface is inserted here)

And so with the hosts of angels
and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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 Lord, O holy Lord,
O holy Lord
of power and might,
your glory fills
the earth and heavens,
O holy Lord
of power and might.**

***Hosanna, Lord,
hosanna, Lord,
we sing hosanna,
Lord, to you,
we sing hosanna
in the highest,
we sing hosanna,
Lord, to you.***

**Blessed be the one,
blessed be the one,
who in the Lord's name
comes to save,
blessed be the one
who comes among us,
who in the Lord's name
comes to save.**

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All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.
You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image
and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks
that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine,
your gifts to us,
that they may be for us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given 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 when he had given 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.

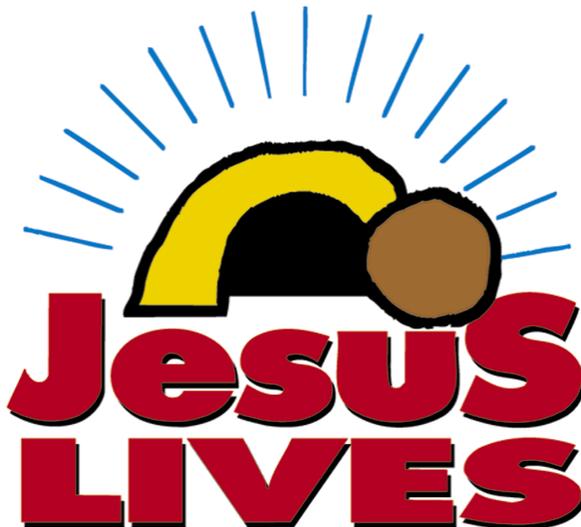
Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**



Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The priest and people receive communion.

Anyone who had 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:

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus,
redeemer of the world:
give us your peace.**

**Lamb of God,
you bear our sin,
Lord, have mercy.
Lamb of God,
you bear our sin,
Lord forgive us all.**

**Lamb of God,
you bear our sin,
Lord, have mercy.
This world's sin
you take away,
Lord, forgive us all.**

**Lamb of God,
you bear our sin,
grant us peace, Lord.
Lamb of God,
you bear our sin,
grant us peace, O Lord.**

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THE SENDING OUT

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

**Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit
that when the Lord comes again
we may shine as lights before him,
who is alive and reigns
in glory for ever. 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.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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