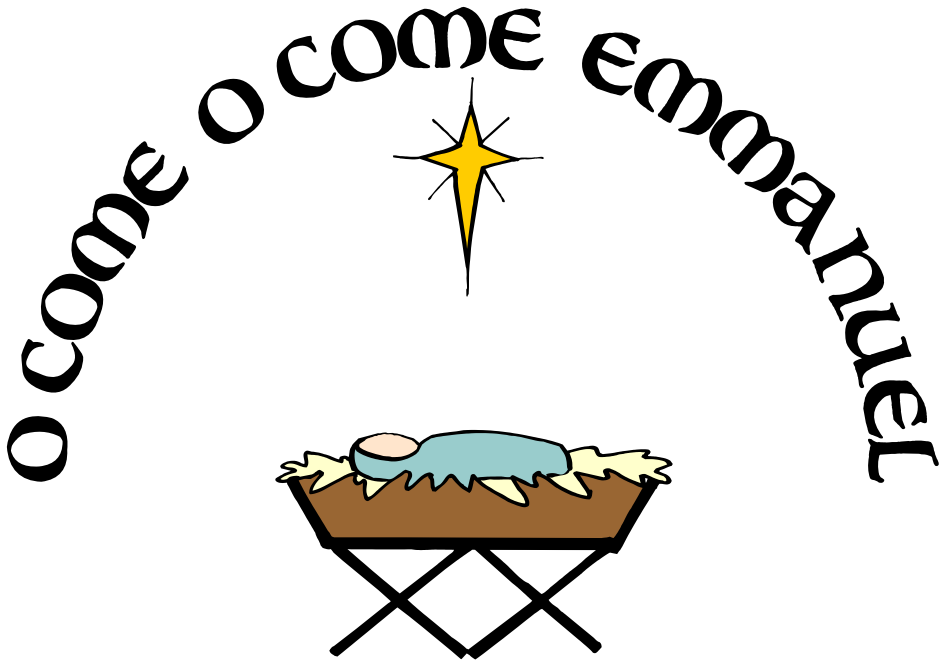




ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RHOSNESNI

Holy Communion for Advent



THE GATHERING

Candles on the Advent ring are lit

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.

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.
No secrets are hidden from you.
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! 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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

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 and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Who in the fullness of time came among us
opening to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day
when he comes again to judge the world,
revealing the light of his presence
that we may behold his power and glory.

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.**

**Holy, most holy,
all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom
for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens
are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas
re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd,
all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole,
and whose death
sets us free;
who comes in the name
of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas
resound 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 for the coming
of God's kingdom in the
words our Saviour taught
us:

**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.**

Awaiting his coming in glory,
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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*One of the following may be said or sung,
either here or 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.**

**O Lamb of God,
come cleanse our hearts
and take our sins away.**

**O Lamb of God,
your grace impart,
and let our
guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray,
have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God,
our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.
Into our lives
your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

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Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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.*

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

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

Amen.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us,
scatter the darkness from before our path,
and make us ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

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