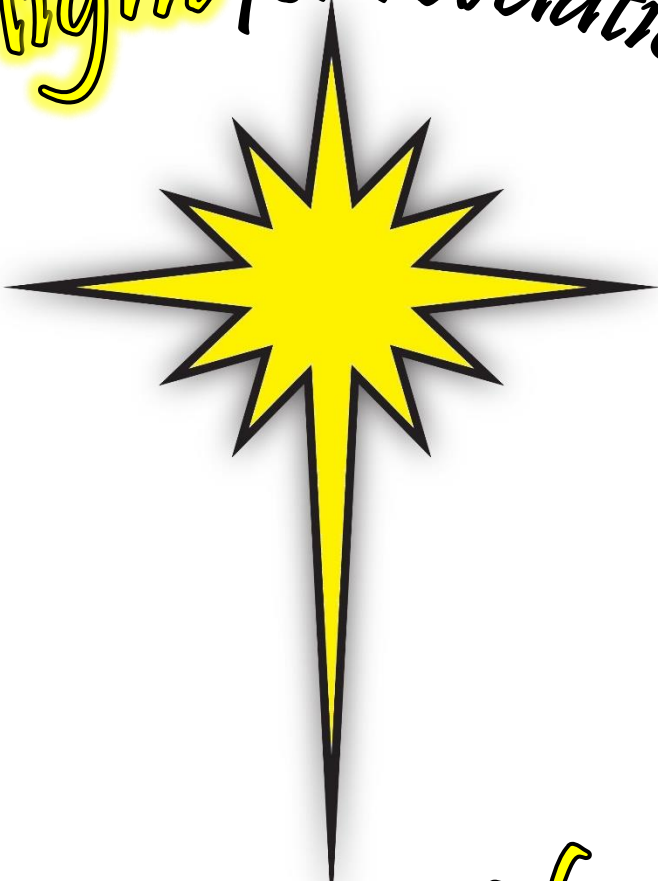




ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RHOSNESNI
Holy Communion for Epiphany

*A **light** for revelation*



*to the **Gentiles.***

THE GATHERING

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.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

This or another hymn or song

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:**

**Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

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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

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

A hymn or song may be sung

THE PRAYERS

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

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

THE PEACE

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.
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, holy Father,
all-powerful and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epiphany

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of your glory.

The Baptism of Christ

When he was baptized by John,
he was revealed as your beloved Son,
the One on whom your favour rests.
Anointed by your Spirit as the Christ,
he went forth to do his saving work.

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.**

**Holy, most holy,
all holy the Lord,
God of all pow'r and might:
heaven and earth
with your glory abound
wrapped in eternal light.**

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**Blessed is he,
he who has come,
come in the Father's name,
Servant and Lord,
Saviour and Judge,
making his royal claim.**

**Holy, most holy,
all holy the Lord,
God of all pow'r and might.
Now with hosannas
and jubilant praise,
earth and the heav'ns
unite.**

Michael Forster (1946 -)
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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 the presence of
God here among us,
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 the presence of
God here among us,
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.**

*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.**

**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.**

Nick Fawcett (1957 -)
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God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

**God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.
**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**



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