

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Almighty God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit has created all things and called them good.

Worthy are you, O God, who delivers your people from bondage and death, and covenants to make us a light to the nations.

Holy are you, O God, who has shown unfailing compassion on all flesh, forgiving our sins, and restoring us to the paths of righteousness and justice, as saints and angels and all the company of heaven continually proclaim:

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.

Blessed, worthy and holy are you, made known to us in Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, who came and dwelt among us. He proclaimed the good news of your kingdom come, and coming still, by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, eating with sinners, cleansing the unclean, and delivering people from bondage to evil, brokenness, and death.

On the night before he was crucified, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

In his suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power forever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, ascended and reigning with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, to empower and feed us to be your people for the life of the world.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**