

# Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Multi-Voice Eucharistic Liturgy - E

Adapted From the Episcopal Church's Rite II, Prayer C

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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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise!

**Glory to you forever and ever!**

Voice: At your command all things came to be:

V: The vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, stars, the planets in their courses,

V: And this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being!**

V: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,

V: Blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

V: But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

V: Again and again, you called us to return.

V: Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law.

V: In the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law,

V: To open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us! By his wounds, we are healed!**

And therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with the Prophets and the Apostles ... [list several Old and New Testament saints appropriate to the day/lectionary] and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, when the supper was over, he

took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave the cup to his 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.”

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 your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen**

### **Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Because there is one loaf we, though we are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break, it is a means of sharing in the body of Christ.

And the cup over which we give thanks, it is a means of sharing in the outpoured blood of Christ.