

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Multi-Voice Eucharistic Liturgy

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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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Voice: You loved the world so much that you gave the Divine Son ...

V: ... that whoever has faith in him would not perish but have eternal life.

V: You sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn it, but that we all might be saved.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join 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.

With this hymn of the angels we, your saints upon earth, join in worshipping you, the God who is both mysterious in majesty, yet also intimate and ever-present. We thank you for the mystery of your presence, O God, and for the wonder of your amazing grace, which draws and holds us close to you. And, we thank you for Jesus the Christ, whom you sent:

V: To preach good news to the poor, set the captives free, and bring sight to the blind.

V: Jesus announced that the time had come when you would save your people.

V: Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

V: Jesus gave birth to the Church through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

V: Jesus delivers us from our slavery to sin and death by his real presence, today.

V: Jesus makes with us a New Covenant of love, mercy, and grace.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, our Lord 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."

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.

V: By Christ!
V: And with Christ!
V: And in Christ!
V: In the unity of the Holy Spirit!

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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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