

# Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Multi-Voice Eucharistic Liturgy – B

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The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Life 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.**

Holy Creator, it is our joy and privilege to praise and give you thanks. Only you are God, the maker of all that is, the author of all love, peace, and faith.

Voice: When we feel as if we are alone, you are still with us.

V: When we know we've ignored you, you still love us.

V: When we argue and fight with each other, you offer us the Way of peace.

V: Your grace and peace give us faith and hope and membership in the family of faith.

And so, with everyone who loves God in this life, and with those who have gone on to the next life, 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.**

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V: You are holy and blessed, O God our Creator and our Eternal Brother, Jesus.

V: By the baptism, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus you made us your family.

V: You liberated us from sin and death,

V: And brought us into a new relationship with you and with each other;

V: A relationship empowered by Love, Faith, and Peace,

**A relationship indwelled by the power of the Holy Spirit!**

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 it 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 your 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 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.