



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 Him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, our Lord and God. You created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was good. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image; delivered us from captivity, fed us manna in the wilderness, made covenant with us, and set before us the way of life.

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, saying:

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.

Most holy and merciful God, time and time again we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, yet you gave us the crowning gift in your Son Jesus Christ. Emptying himself, that our joy might be full, He

fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the lost and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as the pledge of his abiding presence.

On the night he gave himself up for us, at the table with those who would desert him and deny him, he took 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 it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for 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."

Therefore, recalling your Son's death and resurrection, his ascension and his abiding presence through your Holy Spirit, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ's sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ, be renewed as his body and transformed into his likeness; faithfully serve in the world; and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament, of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore live in him, and he in us. Amen.