

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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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,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.\*

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.**

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.\*  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.\*

*\*Words appropriate to the day, season, or occasion may be added at these points.*

On the night in which he gave himself up for us  
 he 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 the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
 now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

*The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.*

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:*



The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given.*

*When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order.*

*The pastor or congregation may then give thanks after Communion.*

## HYMN OR SONG

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

## GOING FORTH

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III

*This text provides only congregational responses for Holy Communion.*

*The service through the Entrance and the Proclamation and Response is guided by a bulletin or by announcement.*

*This text may be used when a Service of Christian Marriage or a Service of Death and Resurrection includes Holy Communion.*

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

### TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.*

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