

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         And also with you.  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, for creating the world in which we live.  
We give you thanks for giving us life and for letting us walk with you.  
We give you thanks for the birth of Jesus, so that we might live closer to you.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing (say),

*Celebrant and People*  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant continues*  
O God, we praise you for your works in ages past;  
the deliverance of your people from persecution and hate;  
the words of the prophets to stir our hearts;  
and most of all for Jesus the Christ,  
who came to us to save us from sin.  
Through Christ you have given us hope and salvation, love and joy.  
Now, we come to your table to share in the great feast of Jesus Christ.

And so, O God, we bring you these gifts.  
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people  
the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread,  
said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

*Celebrant continues*

Most holy God, Father and Mother of us all, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
*AMEN.*

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