

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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 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.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us
the breath of life.

When we turned away,
and our love failed,
your love remained
steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our
sovereign God,
and spoke to us through
your prophets.

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.**

Holy are you, and blessed
is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news
to the poor,
to proclaim release
to the captives,
and recovery of sight
to the blind,

to set at liberty those
who are oppressed,
and to announce that the
time had come
when you would save
your people.

He healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and ate with sinners.

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.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to
be with us always,
in the power of your Word
and Holy Spirit.

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.**