

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,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In love you made us for yourself;
and when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,
we may come to the fullness of grace
that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so,

with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Al - migh - ty, heav'n and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the



high - est! Blest is He who comes in your name.



Tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - - - er,



as a vic - tim won the day.

Holy are you,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time
to redeem the world.
He emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in our likeness.
He humbled himself
and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
He took upon himself our sin and death
and offered himself,
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

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.

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 in glory.
Now he gives to all the faithful
His own self for heav'n - ly food.

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 God,
now and for ever.

A - men, a - men, a - men;
a - men, a - men, a - men.

Words: Traditional, alt. and Liturgy of St. James

Music: PICARDY - French Carol