

(Taking and breaking the bread)

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
“This is my body,
it is broken for you.”

(Taking the cup of wine)

And later he took the cup of wine and said,
“This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my death.
Take this — all of you — to remember me.”

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le - lu - - ja!

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le - lu - - ja!

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal - le - lu - - ja! Hal-le -

lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

Look,
here is your Lord coming to you
in bread and wine.
These are the gifts of God
for the people of God.

Holy, Holy, Holy and Amen

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gratitude, praise,
hearts lifted high,
voices full and joyful
these you deserve.

For when we were nothing,
you made us something.
When we had no name
and no faith and no future,
you called us your children.
When we lost our way or turned away,
you did not abandon us.
When we came back to you,
your arms opened wide in welcome.

And look,
you prepare a table for us
offering not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self
so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed,
and made new again.
You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

So now, in gratitude,
we join our voices
to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow'r and

might. Heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blest is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the

high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The congregation may be seated.

Lord God,
as we come to share the richness of your table,
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.
We cannot take bread
and forget those who are hungry.
Your world is one world
and we are stewards of its nourishment.
**Lord, put our prosperity
at the service of the poor.**

We cannot take wine
and forget those who are thirsty.
The ground and the rootless,
the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.
**Lord, put our fullness
at the service of the empty.**

We cannot hear your words of peace
and forget the world at war
or, if not at war, then preparing for it.
**Show us quickly, Lord,
how to turn weapons
into welcome signs
and the lust for power
into a desire for peace.**

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family
and forget our divisions.
We are one in spirit,
but not in fact.
History and hurt still dismember us.
**Lord, heal our church
in every brokenness.**

For us you were born,
for us you healed, preached, taught,
and showed the way to heaven;
for us you were crucified,
and for us, after death,
you rose again.
Present with us now,
for all that you have done
and all that you have promised,
what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty,
our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
We are not fit to gather up the crumbs
from under your table.
But with you is mercy
and the power to change us.

So as we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room,
send down your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us your body,
healing, forgiving, and making us whole;
and that we may become, for you,
your body,
loving and caring in the world
until your kingdom comes.



A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.
— Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.**