

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.

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,
who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

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. Christ our God to earth de-



scend - eth our full hom-age now to claim.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time
to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
and have mercy on those
who fear you from generation to generation.

You put down the mighty from their thrones
 and exalt those of low degree.
 You fill the hungry with good things,
 and the rich you send empty away.
 Your own Son came among us as a servant,
 to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.
 He humbled himself in obedience to your will
 and freely accepted death on a cross.
 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 heavenly 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, as the light of
 light de - scend - eth, that the powers of hell may
 van - - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.

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