

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one.  
 Help the left hand and the right hand work as one  
 in ministry to all the world.  
 Help the eyes and the ears  
 sense your present and coming kingdom.  
 Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body  
 to bear fruit 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 forever.

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.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Leader*  
 The Lord be with you.  
*All*  
 And al - so with you.  
*Leader*  
 Lift up your hearts.  
*All*  
 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,  
 Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity  
 and blessed by your breath of life.  
 Rainbow colors bloom in spring,  
 summer breezes bring garden delight,  
 and now as Autumn comes our way  
 we see the work of your paintbrush  
 upon every face and tree.

In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter,  
 of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos  
 you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes  
 to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace,  
 to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.

And so, with all your people on earth  
 in every place where two or more are gathered in your name  
 and all the company of heaven who have gone before us  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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  
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*The congregation may be seated.*

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 recovering 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.  
 He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father  
 and he asked that we might be known  
 by the love we have for one another.

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 ris-en, Christ will come a -  
 gain. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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, together as a new creation  
 and a new community around the globe.  
 may be for the world the body of Christ,  
 redeemed by his blood.