



# 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 brought all things into being  
and called them good.

From the dust of the earth  
you formed us into your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

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

When rain fell upon the earth  
for forty days and forty nights,  
you bore up the ark on the waters,  
saved Noah and his family,  
and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai  
for forty days and forty nights,  
you gave us your commandments  
and made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant,  
your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights;  
and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

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



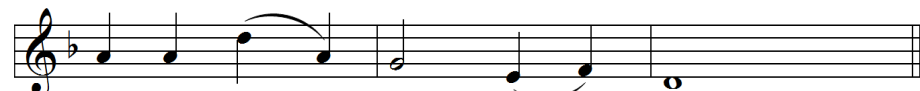
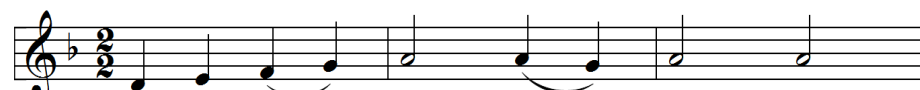
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... And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



*Pastor continues leading the prayer, asking God to pour out God's Holy Spirit on us and this meal.*

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.



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

Music: PICARDY - French Carol