

## WE COME TO THIS TABLE



1. We come to this ta - ble, O God, with thanks-giv - ing.
2. We dine at your ta - ble as sis - ters and bro - thers,
3. We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much long - er?"
4. We rise from this ta - ble with new ded - i - ca - tion



We lift up our hearts, we re - mem - ber, we pray.  
di - verse in our cul - tures, yet nour - ished as one.  
We pray for the cy - cles of vio - lence to cease.  
to feed the world's chil - dren, to free the op - pressed,



We hear Je - sus' wel - come — in - vit - ting, for - giv - ing;  
The bread and the cup that we share here with oth - ers  
Yet here, in Christ bro - ken, we're fed and made strong - er  
to heal our di - vi - sions, to care for cre - a - tion;



we know your Spir - it's peace as we feast here to - day.  
are gifts u - nit - ing all who are claimed by your Son.  
to la - bor in his name for a world filled with peace.  
we pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

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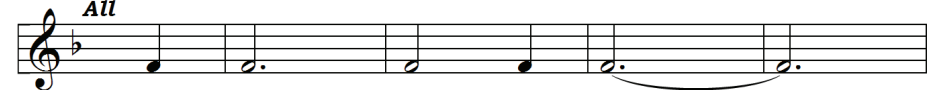
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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Leader*  
The Lord be with you.



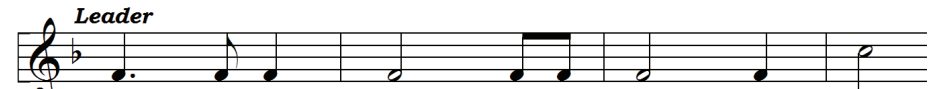
*All*  
And al - so with you.



*Leader*  
Lift up your hearts.



*All*  
We lift them up to the Lord.



*Leader*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



In the beginning of time,  
your wisdom danced through creation,  
calling forth light and life.  
Through wisdom,  
you formed us in your image,  
calling us to love and serve you.  
Foolishly we turned from you  
and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.  
Yet you did not reject us,  
but continued to call us and claim us as your own.  
We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.  
We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,  
and you nourished us with manna  
and water from the rock.  
We had no home,  
and you led us into the land of your promise.  
We worshiped idols of our own making,  
and you called to us through the prophets  
to turn back to you.  
At last you emptied yourself of power  
and came to us as the child of Mary,  
holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore we praise you,  
 joining our voices with choirs of angels  
 and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
 who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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!

*Please be seated. The pastor continues leading the prayer,  
 recalling the acts of Christ.*

...Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
 we proclaim together 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!

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

...Come, then, life-giving Spirit,  
 brood over these bodily things  
 and make us into one body with Christ,  
 that we, who are baptized into his death,  
 may walk in newness of life;  
 that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory  
 and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.  
 We praise you, O God,  
 blessed and holy Trinity,  
 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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