SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

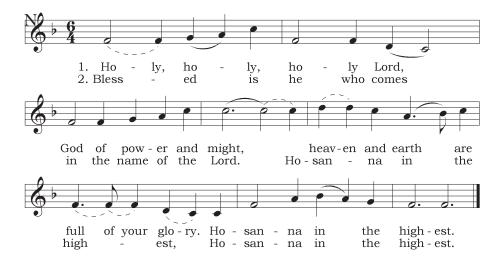
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, who changed chaos into creation, you know the trembling hearts of your children: Adam hiding, naked,
Eve exiled, no way to return
Sarah childless and jealous,
Hagar abandoned to die,
Moses stuttering before Pharaoh,
Daniel thrown to lions,
David facing the giant Goliath,
Esther petitioning the king,
To all,
you comforted,
gave courage,
delivered,
and inspired.

God, in your still small voice,
God, in your tranquil waters,
in parents' embrace,
in prophet's voice,
in healers' touch,
in children's faith,
God, in your peace beyond all understanding,
in your perfect love in whom there is no fear,
no terror, no despair, no death,
you are hope.

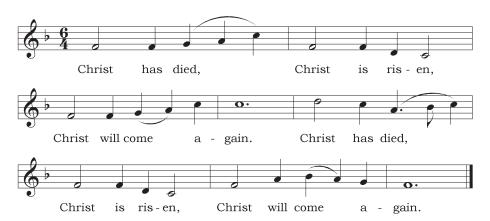
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

...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.



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