

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Holy One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

**It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.**

God,

you never promised us that the way would be clear.

You have, however,

created us in your image -

the image of One who is Wisdom,

who is Love,

who is Courage.

You breathed your life into us

with the assurance that we have,

within and around us,

everything we need to be your faithful people.

Though we sometimes act in disregard

for your call on our collective life,

still you show up with and for us, relentlessly.

And so,

we join with all the saints who have gone before

in gratitude for your abiding presence:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

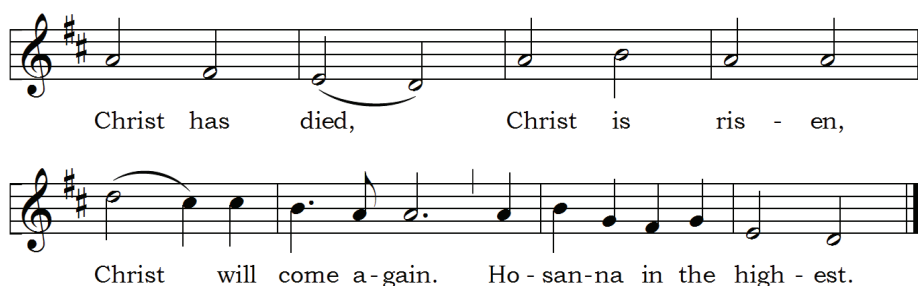


in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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

And so,

in remembrance of Christ with us,  
and in the assurance of your Love persistent,  
we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church  
in the service of your healing work  
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come a-gain. 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.*

Pour out your Spirit on this community and these gifts.  
Make them a taste of your Kingdom through Christ with us,  
that we might leave the Table  
both nourished by your Love and  
still hungry for justice for all your people.



A-men. A-men. A-men. Ho-san-na in the highest.

*Music*

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*Great Thanksgiving*

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