PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word. Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing water quenching thirst in every land.

3. Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for us. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand. From the well comes living what our God has done. Praise the One redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us One.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung by the celebrant to the tune of Hymn 593:

God be with you in all love.
Lift your hearts to God above.
It is right and good to give
our thanks and praise.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
  God of power, God of love,
sing hosanna, Christ has come
  in God’s own name.

Refrain, sung by all:

On the night his life was given,
  Jesus took the bread of heaven.
Thanking God, he broke it all.
Remember me.
Then he took the common cup,
  new forgiveness lifting up.
Thanking God, he gave to all.
Remember me.

Refrain

On these gifts of bread and wine
  and your people in this place
pour your Spirit, gift divine,
giving us Christ.
By the Spirit, make us one,
  one with Christ to serve the world,
that on earth your will be done
  ’till Christ shall come.

Refrain

Now to you, all-loving God
  Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Be all glory, thanks and praise
  forevermore.

Refrain

You may be seated.

We remember God in Christ,
  holy, living sacrifice.
So like him, in thanks and praise,
  our selves we give.
We embrace his mystery—
  how he died and set us free.
As he rose; he’ll come again.
In Christ we live.

Refrain

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