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.
With boundless joy,
we give thanks to you, O God of our Creation.

From that first spark of life and Spirit:
you set the cosmos in motion,
you breathed life into humanity,
you brought light into the world.
Your love amazes us,
for even when our love turns to doubt or fear,
your love is constant and sure.
You delivered our ancestors in faith from captivity,
and you deliver us daily from the bonds
that prevent us from living
as people created in your image.
You freed your people
and made a covenant to be present always.
You have spoken to us through prophets
and you speak truth to us through one another.

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

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

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Nurturing God,
your greatest gift to us
is the grace we know through Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit descended on him
and was manifest in his ministry.
Through his teachings and example,
you showed us how to be with the poor,
how to release those heavy laden from burdens,
how to free the souls of the weary and anxious,
and how to proclaim the good news
of grace and peace and abundant love.
In an act of unimaginable love,
you delivered us from hopelessness,
and made a new covenant with us
through water and the Spirit.
When Jesus died and rose again into eternity,
he promised to abide with us
in your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he surrendered himself,
Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to the disciples, saying:
“Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the meal had ended,
Jesus took the cup,
offered thanks,
and gave it to the disciples, saying:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this cup of renewed covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body of Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ
for all the world.

To You, O Creator of love and life,
through Christ Jesus,
who makes all life new,
in communion with your Holy Spirit,
who breathes new life into all,
we honor and praise you
for your everlasting love.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Amen

Christ Has Died

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Holy, Holy, Holy and Amen

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