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 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:

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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.

By your Spirit,
pour us out into the world,
one people united by your love and committed
to your mission.
Let our lives sing your praise and thanksgiving,
for the sake of the world,
to the glory of your name.

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