



Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

For a New Year

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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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth. We give you thanks and praise for this New Year, and for every opportunity for faithful life and ministry in the family of God. And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending proclamation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

In this time of new beginnings, as we enter the year 2022, we can be assured that we do not face the future alone; no matter where we go, no matter where we serve, we go and we serve with Christ. Indeed, when the Lord Jesus ascended he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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:

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us worshipping here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen us all to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honour and glory is yours, all gracious God, now and forever. **Amen.**