Worldwide Communion Sunday Liturgy
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The Great Thanksgiving
God be with you all.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God!
It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

Though creation sometimes weeps,
we wait lovingly for you, God.
For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them:
you cast sunbeams, open flowers, and feed insects.
You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans, and inside each grain of wheat.
You could sustain all of your creation,
but you will not, without us.
Thank-you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us.

Though humanity sometimes weeps,
we wait lovingly for you, God.
For you smiled on an outcasted Hagar, blessing her descendants,
you guided the doubtful Israelites, leading them to freedom,
you spoke through the Judges and the Prophets, providing words of wisdom,
you lived among us as a teacher, healer, and friend, giving us a sacred path to follow.
You could have made us self-sustaining,
but you did not, your love sustains us.
Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples, who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation.

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Sanctus and Benedictus
Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest!

In Jesus, love incarnate,
you provide us all we need for each day:
his words comfort the weary;
his actions challenge the contented;
his touch heals the sick;
his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls.
In Jesus and in his feast
you provide for us the sustenance we need to respond to the cries of creation.

The bread of life,
nourishes our deprived bodies.
The cup of blessing,
revives our thirsty souls.
The gathered community,
strengthens our growing faith.

Memorial Acclamation
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Though the church sometimes weeps,
we wait lovingly for you, God.
For centuries, Christians of different customs, colours, and cultures have gathered to commune with you and each other through the sharing of this feast.
In their partaking you have been with them,
just as you are with us now.
And so we join with our siblings around the world by remembering that on the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

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"Take eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

God, we remember and give thanks for your Son,
and we ask that you bless and pour your spirit on these simple things, bread and wine:
Make this broken bread whole in our taking.
Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.

With these elements nourish and sustain us,
our way, our truth, our life;
our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer.
Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.
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