

## 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of all things in heaven and on earth. In the beginning, you brought forth life, that every living thing might live in harmony in the great circle of life. After fashioning our frame from the dust and bones of the earth, you placed your image within us, and declared that it was not good for us to be alone. Created to be in unity and harmony with creation and with one another, you sent us prophets and teachers when we broke fellowship with one another and when our pride sought out differences among us. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to fashion us into a holy community that would be his body here on earth. Even when dissent and division threatened to pull his followers apart, Jesus prayed that we might all be one in his name, and shared with us the bread of heaven and the cup of our salvation in his name.

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

**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 bread of heaven, Christ Jesus. When you sent Christ to be with us, he offered his very self, that we might have the strength to stand when all hope seems lost. Through the holy mystery of this table, you invite us into your presence, tend us in our weakness, and strengthen us through this bread and cup.

With joy and gratitude, we remember that night when Jesus took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is the bread of life, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my life in 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 of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. As your covenant people and as reflections of your glory, in union with Christ's love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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 your Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving the bread and cup**



## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY LITANY**

With Christians around the world, come to the festival of love.

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

With believers from every continent on earth, come to the festival of grace.

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

With the whole body of Christ, come to the festival of life.

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**