

## *The Great Thanksgiving*

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**It is indeed right, our duty and highest joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks to you, O holy Lord,  
Father almighty, everlasting God.**

**You created the heavens and the earth  
and all that is in them.**

**You made us in your own image;  
and in countless ways you show us your mercy.**

**We praise you for Jesus Christ,  
who was tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin,  
and who, having overcome temptation,  
is able to help us in our times of trial,  
and to give us strength to take up the cross and follow him.**

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
we worship and adore your glorious name,  
praising you forevermore:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night before he died,  
took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Therefore, remembering his incarnation and holy life,

his death and glorious resurrection,  
his ascension and continual intercession for us,  
and awaiting his coming again in power and great glory,  
we claim his eternal sacrifice  
and celebrate with these your holy gifts  
the memorial your Son commanded us to make.

**According to his commandment:**

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Merciful God,  
by your Holy Spirit bless and make holy  
both us and these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break may be a communion in the body of Christ,  
and the cup we bless may be a communion in the blood of Christ.

**Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to you.  
In your mercy, accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
as, in communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth,  
we ask you to fulfill, in us and in all creation,  
the purpose of your redeeming love.**

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you  
and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*(In giving the bread)*

The body of Christ, given for you  
*Thanks be to God*

*(In giving the cup:)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*(Prayer After Communion)*

**Eternal God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**