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**The Prayer of 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 right and our greatest joy, Gracious and Loving God, to give you thanks and praise for your works are great and your ways are just and they are true.

At your loving word all things were made and the beauty of creation was called from chaos.

Through your word, you formed us in your image and gave us life.

By your word, you called us to love and to serve you and to live in peace with you and all that you have made.

Though we turn from you, you do not turn from us.

Though we are captive, you liberate us and give us freedom.

Though we are confused and stray from you, you give us faith to go in search of understanding.

Though we are tempted to find easy and false comfort in idols, the truth of your presence draws us into deeper communion with you and each other.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the saints in heaven, we proclaim with your people from every time and place your glory and join with them in the unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise you and give you thanks for sending your loving and beloved son into the world.

Conceived by the Holy Spirit, he brings new life.

Born of Mary’s flesh he knew joy, pain, love, and loss.

Touching the sick, he heals us.

Breaking bread and sharing the cup with those on the margins, proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.

Dying on the cross, he is with us in our suffering.

Rising from the grave, he brings us to him and gives us life everlasting

In him, you have reconciled us and you lead us out of fantasy into truth, out of solitude into relationship, out of death into life.

Remembering these things, we gather at his invitation to break bread and share the cup and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious and giving God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered around your holy table, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and the blood of Christ, and that we, being nourished by them, may be for the world the body of Christ, made strong, made new, and redeemed by his blood.

And now through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship and adore you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

As grain is gathered from many fields into this one loaf,

and grapes from many hills into one cup,

we have been gathered from into one family and faith,

we now join our voices into one prayer,

**Our Father…**