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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 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.

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

When we are confused and stray from you,

you give us faith to go in search of deeper understanding.

When we are tempted to find easy and false comfort in idols,

the challenging truth of your presence draws us into deeper relationship.

And so we join our voices with your people of every time and place in joyful praise of you:

**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 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, he shows his love and welcome for all.

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

Rising from the grave, he brings new life.

In him, you have reconciled us and you lead us

out of fantasy into truth,

out of sin into righteousness,

out of death into life. Remembering all these things, we gather at his invitation to break bread and share the cup and to 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.**

Now we pray in the words that Jesus taught,

**Our Father…**