**The Great Prayer of 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 God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history. The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:*

. . . . we join with the whole creation

to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**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.**

*Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say:*

**Amen.**

*As our Lord taught us, we now pray:*

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 1**

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

with joy we give you thanks and praise.

*Here may follow a preface suitable for the day, season or occasion. One of the following may be used.*

**General**

You commanded light to shine out of darkness,

divided the sea and dry land,

created the vast universe and called it good.

You made us in your image

to live with one another in love.

You gave us the breath of life

and freedom to choose your way.

You set forth your purpose

in commandments through Moses,

and called for justice in the cry of prophets.

Through long generations

you have been patient and kind to all your children.

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**Advent**

Through the words of your prophets

you gave your people hope

by promising them the Redeemer.

And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ,

the Saviour has come

and will come again in power and glory

making all things new.

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**Christmas**

By the mystery of incarnation

you dwell among us in your Son, Jesus Christ,

who became a helpless infant

in order that we might be given power

to become the children of God.

*continue on page 6*

**Epiphany**

In your Son Jesus Christ

the Word became flesh,

giving us a vision of your glory,

that all people might be brought out of darkness

into your marvellous light.

*continue on page 6*

**Lent**

You call your people to repentance,

to renew their covenant with you

and to prepare

for the joyful victory feast of the Lamb who is slain.

*continue on page 6*

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

Amid shouts of Hosanna,

your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem

for the redemption of the world.

Betrayed by friends,

rejected by all,

he accepted the shame of the cross.

By his suffering and death

he defeated the power of death

becoming for us the source of eternal life.

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**Maundy Thursday**

Your Son Jesus came as a servant

washing his disciples' feet,

feeding them with the living bread,

loving them into new life.

We praise you that you have invited us

to serve one another without pride,

to forgive one another as we have been forgiven,

to feast at his table as members of one household,

*continue on page 6*

**Easter**

Blessed are you, gracious God,

for the glorious resurrection of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord;

By his sacrifice he has taken away the sin of the world.

By his resurrection he has won for us eternal life.

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**Pentecost**

With a rush of wind and tongues of fire,

you fulfilled the promise of Christ

by sending your Holy Spirit

to form the church.

By that same Spirit you grace us with gifts,

empower us to proclaim your gospel

and to serve you in the world.

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*The preface concludes:*

How wonderful are your ways, almighty God.

How marvellous is your name, O Holy One.

You alone are God.

Therefore with apostles and prophets,

and that great cloud of witnesses

who live for you beyond all time and space,

we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**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, most holy God,

for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us,

full of grace and truth.

Sharing our joy and sorrow,

he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners.

Obeying you,

he took up his cross and died that we might live.

We praise you that he overcame death

and is risen to rule the world.

He is still the friend of sinners.

We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us,

and believe that when he comes in glory

we will celebrate victory with him.

*The words of institution may be said here or in relation to the breaking of the bread.*

[We thank you that on the night before he died,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke the bread and said

"Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Do this for the remembrance of me."]

*The prayer continues:*

Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we take this bread and this cup

and give you praise and thanksgiving

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

and upon this bread and wine,

that we, and all who share this feast,

may be one with Christ and he with us.

Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice,

holy and acceptable to you.

In your mercy,

accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Fill us with the joy of eternal life,

that we may be your faithful people

until we feast with you in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Lord taught us we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 2**

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and our joyful duty

that we should at all times and in all places,

give thanks to you, eternal God,

for you are from everlasting.

You alone created heaven and earth

and all creatures therein.

*Here may follow a preface according to the season of the Christian Year. See pages 80 to 82. The preface below is for Eastertide.*

Blessed are you, God of grace,

for by your mercy you have given us a new birth

into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

and into an inheritance that is imperishable,

undefiled, and that does not fade away.

Mighty God, heavenly Sovereign,

we praise you.

With angels and archangels

and all the company of heaven,

we worship and adore you

as we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

*The congregation joins in saying or singing the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).*

**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.**

Holy and merciful God:

you gave your Son for the life of the world,

who, being truly and eternal God,

took flesh and became human for us and for our salvation.

Not as we ought but as we are able,

we offer you thanks

for his incarnation,

for his life on earth,

for his sufferings and death upon the cross,

for his resurrection from the dead,

for his glorious return to your right hand

until he comes again in glory.

O Lord and heavenly Father:

we, through the intercession of our great High Priest and Advocate,

come before your divine majesty

to claim the eternal sacrifice of your Son,

to make the memorial he commanded us to make,

and to celebrate with the gifts he gave to us.

By your Word and Spirit, O God,

sanctify these your own gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread which we break may be to us

a communion in the body of Christ,

and the cup of blessing which we bless may be

a communion in the blood of Christ.

In union with Christ and the whole church

in heaven and on earth

we present ourselves to you, O God,

to be a living and holy sacrifice.

Through Christ,

by Christ,

with Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory is yours,

O God and Father almighty,

world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 3**

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**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 4**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Gracious God, we praise your holy name,

giving thanks to you with our lips and our lives.

For the power and mystery of your Word

by which you created us

and called us to yourself,

we give you thanks.

For the power and mystery of your Word

by which you took flesh

and lived among us

through your Son, Jesus Christ,

we give you thanks.

For the power and mystery of your Word

by which you choose common people,

forming the church

to be the body of Christ in the world,

we give you thanks.

Therefore, with all your faithful people

from every time and place

we join with the whole creation

to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**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.**

Faithful God, we offer you our praise and thanks

as we return to you these holy gifts of bread and wine.

Remembering our Lord's command to take and eat

we ponder the mystery of his promise

that in this meal we are joined to him

and to one another as a holy people

uniting heaven and earth.

We offer you our praise and thanks for Jesus Christ,

who took flesh and lived among us,

was baptized for our sins,

taught us your way of truth,

loved us in our lovelessness

and died that we may have life.

And now O God, we celebrate with great joy

the resurrection of our Lord,

his presence with us in this feast,

and his promise of a new creation,

as we affirm the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

God of grace and power,

you invite us to share in mysteries

that are beyond our understanding;

in simple trust we seek the transforming power of your Spirit

on this assembly of your people,

on these words and actions,

on this bread and wine,

in order that, by the miracle of your grace,

we may be united to Christ and to one another--

one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

we offer to you, gracious God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,

who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, to all eternity. **Amen.**

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

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**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

*To be used when the Lord's Supper is not celebrated.*

1. 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 God thanks and praise.**

Almighty and merciful God,

we give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving kindness

to us and to all people.

We thank you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace,

and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray,

give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with thankful hearts,

we may offer you praise

not only with our lips, but in our lives

by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honour and glory throughout all ages.  **Amen.**

1. The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty and merciful God,

in the face of much that seems to deny your presence,

we give you grateful thanks for the victory of Christ,

that has become our victory in him.

We thank you for revealing

yourself in Jesus our Saviour.

He blessed little children when adults

thrust them aside.

He touched lepers and made them whole;

wept at the death of a friend;

confronted fear in the darkness of a garden;

was subject to the torturer's lash and the scoffer's tongue;

and he suffered as we suffer.

We thank you that in his death and resurrection

Christ has overcome all that can destroy us.

We thank you that nothing in our lives,

no power or principality,

no occasion of pain or fear,

can ever separate us from your love.

In our weakness your strength is shown.

Help us, gracious Lord,

so to bear our infirmities before the world

that we may testify to your strength

and become to others a means of grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honour and glory throughout all ages**. Amen.**