

The Great Thanksgiving

God is with us.

The Spirit is here.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to God
who has given us the gift of life.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, it is right to praise you,
for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.

**You conceived the universe,
wove the world together
and hold all life in your hand.**

You watch us waking or sleeping,
you keep every tear that we shed,
you hear every prayer we make,
you know both our best and our worst
and you will not let us go.

**So with rain, wind and sunshine,
with all that moves in time with its
Maker;
we praise you:**

**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!**

Yes, blessed is Jesus ...
who was born among us incognito,
who grew up without privilege or status,
who walked the way to heaven
through the back streets of this world,
who told the deepest truths
in ordinary language,

who touched and healed,
blessed and disturbed
without fear or favour,
who showed inclusive love
in all its unconditional glory;

**who, for all this, was crucified, died and
was buried,**

**who, for all this, and for all of us,
rose again and is present with us
here and now.**

And so we remember that among friends,
gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread;
and when he had blessed it,
he broke it and said,
**'Take this and eat. It is my body given for
you. Do this to remember me.'**

Then later, during the meal,
he took a cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he said,
**'In this cup is the new relationship with
God made possible because of my death.
Take this, all of you,
to remember me.'**

God beyond holiness,
as we do what Jesus once did,
let your Spirit move among us
to settle on this bread and this wine
that they may become for us
the body and blood of Christ.

**And let that same Spirit stir our souls
so that as we share this sacrament,
we may recognise our Lord and receive
him, that he may be in us and we in him
for ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the bread

The bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

Sharing the bread and wine

**Lord Jesus Christ,
whom we have touched and tasted
and known by heart;
you are the word of life
in whom our joy is complete:**

**send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith
in the world you have made and never
cease to love.**

Amen.

