The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Reign Of Christ

May God come more fully into our lives.

May this be so.

Let us offer our lives for transformation.

In hope and joy, we offer ourselves.

In thanksgiving, let us celebrate Christ in our midst.

We welcome the Christ who lives within and between us.

God, you come to us in the simplicity of a baby, yet you are greater than our imagining.

Come to us, O God.

Jesus, you hide your ways from the proud, yet reveal your truth to those of a childlike spirit. **Come to us, O God.**

With all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim, singing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

(Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert, VU p.942)

Come to us now in your vulnerable strength, as we remember Jesus, who brought wholeness and life through his death and resurrection.

Before he parted from his friends, Jesus prepared a last supper to share with them. He took some bread, and gave thanks for it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take and eat; this is my Body', he said. When supper was all but over, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them to drink. 'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take and drink from it. It is for all.'

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert, VU p.943)

Come freshly to us, Living God:

bring in your kingdom of justice and love;

your kingdom come.

Forgive us, that we may learn to acknowledge that we lose our way;

your kingdom come.

Heal us, that we may be whole in serving you;

your kingdom come.

Teach us, that we may be surprised into truth;

your kingdom come.

For you are the God who longs to set us free to love and serve you wholeheartedly.

Your kingdom come in us, O God, and transform the world.

Amen, amen, amen, amen. (Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert, VU p.943)

Prayers of the People...Lord's Prayer (VU p.910)

SHARING THE FEAST

Communion elements of bread cubes and rice crackers are shared today with tongs; juice is served in separate glasses.

Please make your way to one of the serving stations at the front of the sanctuary, by way of a centre aisle. Receive the elements, stay for as long as you wish and then return to your seat by an outside aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May we become what we have shared this day: bread and wine for a hungry world; a blessing to those whose hearts are empty: a light in the darkness. Amen.

(Communion Liturgy, Heather Lefler, Rockwood-Stone P.C. Rockwood, Ont.)