

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Reign Of Christ

God is with us

We are not alone.

Christ is present here,

And the Spirit is among us.

Let us give thanks to God.

In memory and in hope.

You came to us in Jesus the Christ, who lived and loved this human life, taking upon himself every aspect of humanity. Knowing joy as we know you, being tested as we are tested, and always reaching out to heal this world's brokenness. In him we come to know Your truth, to feel the life that is Your spirit within us. So with all those who have gone before us we sing Your praise:

Sanctus: (MV 203)

O holy, holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Through Jesus You have called ordinary people to be Your disciples, naming them and us as Your family on earth.

You have blessed us with Your presence and equipped us for Your ministry.

We gather at Your table, O God, and we remember the last meal Jesus shared with those he loved.

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, blessed and broke it, saying, "Take, and eat; this is my body broken for you."

After the meal he took the cup, filled it, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "This is the cup of blessing, poured out for many."

We remember the life and death of Jesus and we give thanks for the love he poured out on all he met. We remember and we share that great mystery as we sing together:

Memorial Acclamation: (MV 204) Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

By these signs of bread and wine, we recognize the longing of our hearts for a time when justice and compassion will be the way we live according to the One we seek.

Holy Spirit, hover over our lives, uniting us in these signs and strengthening us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world. At this time we also remember all those with whom You would have us share Your feast:

Prayers of the People...Lord's Prayer

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen! (MV 205)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on all your people. Bless this bread and this cup, that they might refresh us and renew us as Christ's body in the world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION SHARING THE FEAST

(where all who would like to, and are able, come forward)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by Your love; We are strengthened by Your life. We are sent into the world to live Your way and share Your joy. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.