

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of
heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

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Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection
You gave birth to Your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
He commissioned us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations,
and today His family in all the world is joining at His holy table.

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread,
gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and
said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup,
gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

(Congregants partake of the bread and juice.)

(Special Music)

Let us pray:

Renew our communion with Your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in Your name.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final
victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy
Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father God, now
and for ever.

Amen.

