

## ***The Great Thanksgiving for Easter***

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our God thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
Always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in Your image and breathed into  
us the breath of life. When we turned away, and  
our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to  
be our sovereign God, brought us to a land  
flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.  
And so, with Your people on earth and all the  
company of heaven we praise Your name  
and join their unending hymn:

**P: (Sing TFWS 2257b) 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!**

L: 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.

By Your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of

Your Son from the dead and to an inheritance  
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.  
Once we were no people, but now we are Your  
people, declaring Your wonderful deeds in  
Christ, who called us out of darkness into his  
marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.  
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 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.”

On the day You raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the  
breaking of the bread, and in the power of Your  
Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the  
breaking of the bread and the sharing of the  
cup.

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.

**P: (Sing TFWS 2257c) Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest!**

## **The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Season**

**L:** Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By the same Spirit heal us in body, mind, and  
spirit, cleansing away all that would separate us  
from You. 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 God, now and for ever.

**P: (Sing TFWS 2257d) Amen. Hosanna in the highest!**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**L:** And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given Yourself to us. Grant that we  
may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to  
give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

