

The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Sunday

Leader: The Lord is with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your voices to speak of God's great Easter love!

PEOPLE: We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

Leader: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty and Living God. Time and time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your goodness to all. And so we raise our voices in praise:

Sung response: 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.

Leader: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation: to gather together, to share together, to remember together, and to go and do likewise in the world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, Holy God, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the 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, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks

to you, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in 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, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

Sung response: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your Easter people, on these gifts of bread and juice. Make us those who tell your Word. Make us healers of those who need a good word of peace. Make us bestowers of your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. For all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time!

Sung response: Amen.

Receiving the Elements

Prayer after Receiving: Transforming Spirit of Love, your goodness rests upon these gifts of bread and juice, for they are the gift of Christ’s presence – feeding us, renewing our hope, transforming our fears, and blessing our lives on this Easter Day and always. As we have been blessed, send us for to be a blessing for others in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ. Amen.

