

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our 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. Through every generation, you have surrounded us with faithful witnesses: people who have loved you, served their neighbors, cared for the vulnerable, and passed the faith from one generation to the next.

Today, we thank you for the saints who have gone before us. We remember their lives with gratitude, entrust them to your eternal care, and give thanks for the ways their witness continues to bear fruit among us.

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

P: (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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

L: In Jesus, you revealed the fullness of your love. He welcomed sinners, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He gathered disciples around a table and showed us that your grace is offered to those who know their need of you.

On the night before he gave himself up for us,

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“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, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “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.

P: (SUNG RESPONSE)

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

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, present with Christ’s love for the world.

On this All Saints Sunday, we give thanks that we are part of your Church across time and place. We remember those who have

completed their earthly journey and now rest in your eternal care. We give thanks for their witness, their faith, and the love they shared.

Keep us faithful in our own calling. Help us carry forward the work of your kingdom, not by our own strength alone, but through the grace and power of your Holy Spirit.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen. AMEN.

LORD’S PRAYER: #895UMH

BREAKING THE BREAD

L: Because there is one loaf, we, though we are many, are one body.

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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. May we give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. AMEN.

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