

Great Thanksgiving
"All"

Love be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We open them to Your love.

Let us give thanks for Divine Love.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are the one who love us all,
not just some, not just a few.

You are the One who made us in all of our infinite varieties to reflect Your great glory.

You created us so that we show forth a spectrum of colors to reflect Your wondrous creativity.

Your love is so great that Your community must learn to love in infinite ways so we can love as
You love us all.

You are gender creative and we are but a reflection of Your fabulous image.

You have placed us in a universe filled with Your marvels,
nothing is binary; nothing is simple; so much is still mystery yet to be understood.

We are in awe.

We are filled to overflowing with the joy of Your presence.

Our bodies are set free to do our happy dance before You, without shame or fear.

We join with those who gather around Your rainbow throne,
with more voices than can be numbered in an unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Love, Divine Compassion, inclusive embrace.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come with inclusive Love.

Hosanna in the highest.

Divine Love You are holy and inclusive,
and so is Your Beloved who came to express Your love among us.

They brought Your touch to those deemed unworthy.

They graced the lives others looked down upon and called immoral,
sinful, the condemned of God.

They included all whom the religious excluded.

When others were looking for importance,
You chose to identify with the least,
stooping as a servant to wash their feet,
choosing to include them all.

This is the attitude we are invited to share.

To remember the plight of the oppressed and abused,

Jesus took with thanksgiving the bread of Passover,

They broke it, and shared it with all, saying:

“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.”
This is the attitude we are invited to share.

To remember those harmed as a result of sin,
Jesus took with thanksgiving the cup of Passover,
They shared it with all, saying:
“Drink with me, please, all of you,
for this is the cup of my blood,
given freely to empower God’s eternal covenant of grace,
freely forgiving you and everybody.”
This is the attitude we are invited to share.

We crave this attitude that was in Christ to be in us,
This is why we humbly seek to incorporate this divine Mystery into our own lives,
as we proclaim with our words this statement of faith:

**Christ’s death was for all of us.
Christ arose for all of us.
Christ will come again and we shall all be like them.**

Lover of both us and not us,
kiss these gifts of bread and wine,
allow them to be for us the body and blood of Christ.

Lover of both us and not us,
kiss the gift of our truest selves,
allow them to be for the world,
Your church, the true body and true partner of Christ.

Lover of both us and not us,
Be with all who are not free to be themselves.
Be with all who are struggling to live another day with oppression.
Heal those who are blind to Your inclusive grace.
Heal those who have not understood that Your gospel is for all.

We pray to include all like Jesus Christ.
We pray to include all as a gift of the Holy Spirit.
We pray to include all through the Love that has created us to love and be loved,
now and always as a living expression of Their endless glory.

Amen.

Now as those loved by Christ let us pray in Their words:

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, an the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

(Prayer after Communion)

Thank you for allowing us each to enter into this Holy Mystery found in the experience of Jesus Christ. Together we have been touched by Your grace, and given new life through your Spirit. Now send us out so that we can share this same grace with those who feel unloved, unworthy, and unacceptable. Use our lives to expand the reach of Your inclusion so all might know that they are loved and accepted just as they are. Through this might we bring glory and honor to Christ, the lover of our souls. Amen.