

Great Thanksgiving  
(*Dustyism*)

One: All we are is dust.

**All: Raised up from the miry bog.**

One: To dust we shall all return.

**All: Dryness driven by the restless breeze.**

One: We humbly bow low before our Maker.

**All: We taste the dust from which we spring.**

One: We are but a dusty collection of “isms”.

“Isms” that only cause You pain as we sow division within your body.

Yet you invite us to see beyond such human foolishness.

Thank you.

Thank you for speaking the truth that sets us free.

Everyone is family and the diversity of your children is a blessing to your heart and not a curse.

Every language is spoken in your home

and you delight in the choir you have created

with over ten thousand tongues to sing the greatness of your name.

Every culture expresses your majestic greatness

and you enjoy the creativity of every generation.

We praise you for never choosing favorites.

We adore you for loving each of your children with the same passion, cherishing their bold uniqueness.

Our joy is effervescent,

because you accept us just the way we are and for how we shall become.

We let go of our personal “isms” and lay them at your feet,

for they have been our starry crowns of superiority.

We join with others,

so that every knee shall bow on earth and throughout heaven to proclaim:

**All: You, Lord, are the only One**

**who can keep us from falling and plant us firmly before your presence -**

**clean, unmarked, and joyful in the light of your glory –**

**to you the one and only God, be glory and greatness, might and authority;**

**just as it was before you created time, as it is true now and will continue to be forever.**

One: You sent Jesus to wipe away the dust from our lives.

Wiping away the dust of sexism as Jesus chose not to join men to condemn women.

Wiping away the dust of racism as Jesus chose not to join Jews to condemn Samaritans.

Wiping away the dust of nationalism as Jesus chose not to join in condemning tax collectors, nor to turn away foreigners from care.

Wiping away the dust of agism as Jesus chose not to deny his blessing to children.

Jesus wiped away the dust materialism by choosing not to live by bread alone.

Rejecting classism,  
Jesus left his seat of honor,  
removed his party clothes,  
and picked up the towel and basin  
choosing to make holy the work of servants washing the feet of all.  
The invitation stands for us to follow.

In solidarity with all who find themselves oppressed;  
Jesus took the bread of freedom with thanksgiving.  
Jesus shares it with us inviting us to take eat, for this is his body given for us.  
The invitation stand for us to follow.

In recognition of God's deliverance of the oppressed;  
Jesus took the cup of salvation with thanksgiving.  
Jesus shares it with us inviting us to drink with him,  
for this is his blood poured out in testimony of God's covenant of forgiveness  
with us and the world.  
The invitation stands for us to follow.

We hear Christ's invitation to follow.  
To stand against injustice and oppression.  
To stand for hospitality, mercy, and personal sacrifice.  
To follow the way of grace seen in Jesus Christ  
as we pledge our lives to this holy mystery:

**All: Christ has died, being dust and ashes.  
Christ is alive, moving beyond death.  
Christ will come again willing to live in our world today.**

One: Chain-Breaker, Divine Opposition  
use these gifts of bread and wine to put fire hope in our souls  
as they become for us the body and blood of Christ.

Chain-Breaker, Divine Opposition  
use the gift of our lives, our rights and privileges to put a fire hope in the souls of others  
as we become for them the Church, the present body and bride of Christ.

Chair-Breaker, Divine Opposition  
hear the prayers of those suffering under our oppressive ways,  
the "ism" that infect our attitudes and understandings.  
Place a new and right spirit in us,  
change our hearts of stones into hearts of compassionate flesh.  
Use our lives to bring freedom to all your children.  
Use our actions to bring them a hope found only in your care.

This we pray, because of Christ,  
for the sake of Christ,  
in order to please Christ.  
Seeking to do the will of God through the power of the Holy Spirit now and always.  
Amen.

Now as those seeking to please Christ let us join together in prayer:

**All: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion:**

**Lord we thank you for this holy mystery of life transforming grace.  
As this Holy Sacrament changes our hearts allow it also change the ways we speak,  
act, and believe so that we might be used of you to bring more of your grace to the  
world. Amen.**