

Great Thanksgiving  
*(Embracing Wholeness)*

Out of the soil

**From which we came,**

God grew wheat and grapes.

**Baptized by water,**

Just as we were, so they might flourish.

**God breathed into us the breath of life**

Using the plants that grew around us and we returned the favor.

**Jesus came in covenant community.**

A community that included all the beloved children of God;

**Including us with all our flaws, all our failures, and all our fabulous futures.**

When we shattered the covenant community with our violence, our disrespect and inhospitality,

**God resurrected the covenant with mercy, grace and faithfulness in Jesus Christ.**

Jesus took bread and reminded us of his connection to the earth;

the seed that died and was buried,

the crop that arose to become the bread broken,

**Christ's life broken and given for us.**

Jesus took wine and reminded us of his connection to the earth;

the fruit nourished by the sun and rain,

crushed and shared,

**Christ's life poured out displaying God's grace for all.**

Breath of Life, Spirit of God blow upon these gifts from the earth

and connect them for us with the eternal body and blood of Christ.

**Breath of Life, Spirit of God blow upon the gift of our lives upon the earth**

**and connect us, your church, with the eternal body and the holy bride of Christ.**

Breath of Life, Spirit of God we renew our covenant with you, with your creation, with your children far and near so that we might live together in your peace and grace.

**We pray together in one accord through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, for your honor and glory, Creator of us all. Amen.**