

Great Thanksgiving
(Go)

Divine Love is right here.

It is a love surrounds us all.

It is a love that opens up my heart.

It is a love that calls us into ministry to all the world.

Let us rejoice because our God excludes no one,

Let us sing praises to the Lover of the whole world.

You are not a Holy Secret.

You are not our exclusive source of strength.

You see a world that needs to hear that You have the power to heal.

You see a world that needs to receive assurance of Your deliverance.

You know each of those who need their eyes opened to new possibilities.

You know all who need to leave their paralysis behind.

You alone have the power to embrace those the world sees as untouchable.

You have the unique ability to break down the walls of silence and to give the hopeless new life.

We have seen how You have brought Good News to the least of society.

We have seen so much.

Your glory has left us astounded.

You say: "Get moving! Go!"

"You are bubbling over with Good News, so go share it!"

We want the whole world, all of creation to join with us.

We call upon all of heaven, to join with us to proclaim the greatness of our God.

Go ahead and celebrate!

Come on and clap your hands, everyone!

Shout to God with raucous shouts of joy!

The Lord God Most High is astonishing, awesome beyond words!

(Psalm 47:1-2a The Passion Translation)

What You have done, and what You are doing is awesome beyond words,
and so is all that You have accomplished through the life of Jesus.

You filled Jesus with the Holy Spirit,
anointed Him to bring Good News to the poor.

You sent Him to demand release of captives and
gave Him the power to restore sight to the blind.

You sent Jesus out to proclaim not a God of wrath but to show Your Divine favor to the world.

We are so thankful, but Jesus tells us: "Get moving! Go!"

"You are to do even greater works than I have, because of the Spirit within you."

When there are people with unclean feet,
we are to go, just like Jesus.

Humble ourselves, roll up our sleeves and get to work.

We are to go and love others just as Jesus showed us.

On the night our world turned against Jesus,
He took the unleavened bread used to recall the needs of the oppressed.
With a prayer of thanks, Jesus broke the bread and shared it saying:
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.”

We are to go and love others just as Jesus showed us.

After supper, Jesus took the cup used to recall the consequences of sin,
With a prayer of thanks, Jesus shared the cup saying:
“Drink with me all of you, for this is the cup of my blood
poured out in testimony to God’s eternal promise to forgive
both your sins and the sins of the whole world.”

We are to go and love others just as Jesus showed us.

We draw the strength we need to go into the world
from the truth found in the holy mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Urgent Call, Gospel Command
empower us through this bread and wine
as it becomes for us the body and blood of Christ
who sends us out into the world.

Urgent Call, Gospel Command
empower the world through our lives
as we become for them Your church, the living body and obedient bride of Christ
sent out into the world.

**Urgent Call, Gospel Command
empower the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church
as You send us all out into the world to be Your Good News to a troubled world.
Give us Your urgency.**

Give us Your focus.

Give us Your longing for the salvation of others.

So that our lives might bring honor and glory to Jesus our Lord and Savior.

So the world might see Christ in us through the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

**So that all might know why we worship You, the Creator and Lover of us all,
and join with us in proclaiming Your worth now and forever. Amen.**

Now as those who are ready to obey Christ and go, let us join Jesus in praying as he taught us: