

Great Thanksgiving  
*(No Reward)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Giver of every perfect gift,

You never need to reward those who are honored by Your presence.

The very best we can give to You, are only filthy rags.

Our most precious offerings are but dust and ashes;  
their only value is in Your loving eyes.

Our greatest sacrifices, cost us nothing,  
because all we have and all we are, comes from You already.

We deserve no reward for serving You,  
for we gain so much more than we ever could give.

So we thank you for the privilege of being loved by You;

For the privilege of being blessed by You;

For the privilege of being found of use by You.

Thank you for the joy of being touched by You.

Thank you for the peace of being embraced by You.

Thank you for the hope of salvation that has calmed our souls.

Find joy in our praises, for they fill the whole earth.

We praise you from every nation.

We praise you in every language.

We praise you with all Your glorious creation;  
even the rocks that make up the earth praise Your holy name.

Our worship joins with the praises in heaven,  
as we sing with our ancestors, and your angels,  
the whole heavenly host, to praise You by saying:

**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.**

You are wonderful, and Your greatest gift to us has been Jesus.

In him You gave up all the glories of heaven to be with us.

Jesus was tempted to go the way of the world,

to live according to his human desires,

to live for the lime light,

to be the king of the hill,

but he chose Your will and not his own.  
For all his goodness Jesus received no reward  
only betrayal,  
hostility,  
and scorn.  
With love Christ persevered for our sake  
and for the salvation of the world.

For those who desire the honor of being like him,  
Jesus invites us to join him in being the slave of all,  
when he left his position of privilege,  
took a towel and basin,  
and did the work of a menial,  
washing everyone's feet.

For those desiring the honor of being like him,  
Jesus invites us to join him in personal sacrifice,  
when he took bread with thanksgiving,  
breaking it he said, "Take and eat, all of you,  
this is my body, given for you."

For those desiring the honor of being like him,  
Jesus invites us to join him in personal sacrifice,  
when he took the cup with thanksgiving,  
sharing it he said, "Drink with me, all of you,  
this cup is my blood poured in testimony to God's eternal covenant promising forgiveness for  
your sins and those of the world."

We do desire to die to self like Christ,  
to live a new life through Christ,  
and to serve with Christ as he continues his saving work in the world.  
And so we pledge our lives to his service, as we proclaim this holy mystery for all the world to  
hear:

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

Awesome Gift, Free Embrace,  
we offer to You this bread and wine,  
asking that they be transformed  
into the body and blood of Christ  
the unmerited favor of God.

Awesome Gift, Free Embrace  
we offer to You our past, our present and our future,  
asking that they be transformed for the world

into the church, the servant body and obedient bride of Christ  
the unmerited favor of God.

Awesome Gift, Free Embrace  
enfold those who feel unappreciated by You,  
those who feel they deserve so much more from life,  
open their hearts to the abundance of Your blessings  
given as a free gift to all who will receive them.

We ask no reward but Jesus and his sacrifice for our sins,  
for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we might worship before your throne almighty God,  
now and always.  
Amen.

Now as those with no reward but to worship with Jesus, let us pray:

**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)*

Thank you for the privilege of sharing in this holy mystery expressed in the sacrifice of Christ.  
There is no greater blessing than the full salvation that is ours by Your grace alone. Now, send  
us out to share this free gift with everyone we meet, so this blessing may also become theirs to  
share. We ask this so Christ will be glorified, now and always. Amen.