

Great Thanksgiving
(*Non-Binary*)

God is so much more.

We are so much more.

Let us put away our idols.

We embrace You who are so much more.

Let us worship the One who is more than our senses can acknowledge.

We praise You who are beyond all we can see, beyond all we can begin to understand.

You who are more than simple answers,

who invites us into unanswerable questions.

Open our hearts and minds, give us vision to see You manifested in the lives of others.

Our simple labels cannot describe You.

You are one but within Your being there is infinity.

Nothing for You is black and white,

for You know the infinite shades of blackness and call them each by name.

Within the emptiness of whiteness,

You see a rainbow created with more colors than can be counted.

You do not limit Yourself to one language,

but you choose to speak fluently the language of every heart.

In Your wisdom there is not simple good and bad, right and wrong, correct and incorrect,

You go beyond rules and laws, commandments and morals.

You embrace our lives in all of their rich complexity.

You encourage us all to worship You and to dance in Your presence,

enjoying the unique gifts of every nation, from every tribe, from every culture,

relishing our praises in every language, from a baby's coo to an elder's mumble.

You encourage us to worship You upon the earth and when we join with those vast choirs in heaven

who express eternal gratitude around Your throne saying:

Wonderful! Spectacular! Awe inspiring Love.

Epitome of justice, mercy and compassion.

Heaven and earth overflows with Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are all who are brought together by Your Love.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are bedazzling.

And in Jesus Christ You astound us all.

Jesus was never simple, always so much more than met the eye.

Jesus was an illegitimate child, a poor child, a hunted child, a refugee.

Yet Jesus was also Emmanuel, God with us.

Through Jesus everything that is was created, and without his touch there would be nothing at all.

Jesus was holy, pure, and spotless, the sinless child of God.
Yet the world judged him as unholy, impure, the possession of demons.
Jesus was all of this and more because Jesus was nonbinary.
Jesus understood the great complexities of life,
he was never either or, but always both and, and, and, and.

Because Jesus was nonbinary,
He was not just a teacher and leader,
Jesus was also a servant, a slave, the washer of feet.
We are invited to move beyond the binary.

Because Jesus was nonbinary,
Jesus saw more than bread.
When Jesus broke this bread to share with thanksgiving,
Jesus saw that, "This was his body given for us."
We are invited to move beyond the binary.

Because Jesus was nonbinary,
Jesus saw more than a cup of wine.
When Jesus took the cup to share with thanksgiving,
Jesus saw that, "This is the cup of my blood,
poured out as a witness to God's eternal covenant,
promising forgiveness to you and to more than you can even imagine."
We are invited to move beyond the binary.

We want to move beyond living life in simple binaries.
We want the mind of Christ, who can experience life beyond categories of believer or unbeliever, citizen and alien, rich or poor, gay or straight, male or female. Jesus saw so much more
and we want to view the world with his clarity.
And so we seek to embrace this mystery we declare with our lives:

Christ died.
Christ arose.
Christ returns.

More than More, Infinite Complexity,
Complicate these gifts of bread and wine
Allow them to become more for us,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ
the Divine Mystery.

More than More, Infinite Complexity,
Complicate the gift of all we are and ever will be
allow them to become something more for the world,
your church, the miraculous body and persistent bride of Christ,

the Divine Mystery.

More than More, Infinite Complexity,
be with those limited by binary thinking.
Use us to bring hints of color to their world.
Use us to expand their understanding of height, depth, and width of your grace.
Use us to challenge the limits of their imagination
so they might behold the beauty of your holiness.

We pray this through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, because of Christ
inspired by the presence and person of the Holy Spirit
urged on by the joy of living given to us by Your Creative Imagination,
that the awareness of Your grand presence might be reveled in every living thing,
now and beyond now. Amen.

Now let us pray as Jesus taught in our mother tongue:

**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, deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer after communion:

Thank you for sharing with us this holy mystery, in it Christ has fed our souls and brought healing to our weary spirits. Now we ask for grace to be used of You out in the world, to share the goodness of Christ with all we meet. Use us uniquely so that all might be reached with Your rich blessings in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.