

Great Thanksgiving  
*(The Others)*

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts yo to the Lord.**

One: Let us give our thanks and praise.

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

One: You alone created the air we breathe,  
The water we delight in.  
You alone created every plant and flower,  
the insects, the birds  
and such a great variety of animals.  
How well we care for them all,  
is how we praise your holy name.  
You alone formed every person  
in their mother's womb.  
You alone breathed into each one of us  
the breath of life.  
You alone created us with your family likeness.  
How we treat each other  
is the expression of our adoration.  
Our pollution has marred the worship due your name.  
Our greed has silenced the singing of your praise.  
Our violence has crippled  
those who would have danced before you.  
Forgive us and give us a chance at change.  
With redeemed lives we will join with our enemies  
to sing your praise:  
With a deeper appreciation for your creation  
we will join with all creation to sing:  
With a holy reverence we will join  
with all the hosts of heaven to say:

**All: Holy holy holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You have revealed Your judgements in Jesus.  
You judged the rich and powerful as wanting,  
so Jesus was born into poverty and oppression.  
You judged the self-righteous  
and religious as wanting,  
so Jesus call to his grace outcasts and sinners.

You judged the self-important and the popular,  
so Jesus came as one hated and despised by all.  
Jesus called his followers  
to be different from the world,  
to become lovers and slaves of all.

Jesus used more than words to express these truths,  
Jesus used his life.  
Because others felt they were too important to serve,  
Jesus humbled himself,  
and served as a lowly servant girl.  
Kneeling before his betrayer,  
those who would deny and desert him  
and washed their feet with loving tenderness.  
Jesus wanted them to remember  
to love others as he loved them.

Jesus used more than words to express God's truth,  
Jesus used his life.  
During the Passover,  
Jesus took the bread for the journey,  
blessed it, broke it and share it with everyone.  
"This is my body broken for you."  
Remember  
to allow your bodies to be broken for others.

Jesus used more than words to express God's truth,  
Jesus used his life.  
After the Passover meal,  
Jesus took the cup of judgement,  
blessed it, and passed it to all.  
"This is my blood shed for you and everyone,  
the proclamation of God's covenant of forgiveness."  
Remember to allow your blood to be poured out for others.  
We must use more than our words  
to express God's truth,  
We must use our lives.  
So as we speak the words of this most holy mystery,  
we shall live them out with our lives.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: Hot breath of Life  
breathe upon these gifts of bread and wine and give them life,  
let them be for us  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ

that we might be reborn.

Hot breath of Life  
breathe upon the gift of our mortal lives,  
let them be for the world, the church,  
the body of Jesus Christ  
that the world might be reborn.

Hot breath of Life  
breathe upon those who grieve the loss of the innocent gunned down,  
beaten and strangled for no crime other than for being who they are.  
Free us from complacency or fear.  
Give justice a clear voice.  
Keep hope alive.

So that through our lives  
Jesus might be glorified.  
The Holy Spirit might be magnified.  
That You Creator God might be worshiped and adored,  
not just by us, but by the whole world,  
now and always. Amen.

One: Now as those who follow Jesus, Let us pray:

**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.**