

Great Thanksgiving  
(To Be One)

**All:** We confess our disunity. We confess our division. We confess our separation from those we struggle to love and understand. We confess that we have put up walls of unforgiveness and bitterness. We confess that we have excluded from our lives people You deeply love. This is not our calling from You. This is not Your will for our lives. Disunity is never Your prayer for our world. Help us all become one as You are one. For we ask this in the name of Christ knowing that this too is his prayer. Amen.

One: In Christ unity is a possibility. God knows your heart. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**All:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you too are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

One: We are included.

**All:** The Sacred has made us one.

One: The dividing walls of hostility have been torn down.

**All:** We have been reunited with the Holy and with one another.

One: This calls for great celebration!

**All:** This inspires our heart felt thanks and praise!

One: Love, You dwell in unity.

Grace, You knit our desperate lives into one tapestry of life.

Mercy, You combine every voice into a chorus of intricate harmony.

Compassion, You imagine every sound made upon the earth,  
above the earth, under the waters,

even under the ground as one grand symphony of praise.

Thank You for including our lives, our movements,  
our existence as a tiny part of Your grand design.

Use the oneness of our worship,

the unity of our hearts,

to mold Your deserved honor and glory.

Allow us the privilege of joining as one with all Your earthy creation,

but also allow us the joy of joining as one with all those who worship boldly before Your eternal presence, as we proclaim as one:

**All:** You have made us a reflection of Your glory.

**Your glory has unified us and made us one, just as You are one.**

**You have refined our unity so that all will know that You sent Christ;**

**and that You love the world with the same love that You share with Jesus Christ.**

One: You are One with Christ and You also seek to be one with us.

In Christ You are one with the poor, and those who are oppressed.

In Christ You are one with the young, and the old.

In Christ You are one with those of every gender,  
every language group, and every culture.

Through Christ You have found a way to include sinners,  
those seen as the enemy,  
those ostracized by the world.  
Through Christ You have found a way to join together:  
slave and free, believer and unbeliever, citizen and foreigner, even male and female.

To unify those followers seeking to appear the greatest,  
Jesus left a place of honor and authority,  
to kneel and wash their feet.  
All were included, even the betrayer and the denier.  
We are invited to be united by Divine love.

To unify his followers with those being oppressed,  
Jesus took the bread set aside for that purpose by Israel.  
With thanksgiving, Christ shared it with everyone, saying:  
“Take and eat. This is my body broken and given for you.”  
We are invited to be united by Divine love.

To unify his followers with those damaged by our sins,  
Jesus took the cup set aside for that purpose by Israel.  
With thanksgiving, Christ shared it with everyone, saying:  
“Drink from my cup all of you, for it is filled with my own blood,  
an affirmation of the promise made through God’s eternal covenant of Grace,  
unifying the world through divine forgiveness.”  
We are invited to be unified by Divine love.

We desire to unify the world by Divine love.  
We desire to rip down the walls that divide us from others.  
We testify that we have seen this holy way, truth and life  
expressed fully in this divine mystery our voices declare:

**All: We are unified through Christ’s death.  
We are unified through Christ’s resurrection.  
We are unified through the hope of Christ’s return.**

One: Cosmic Weaver, Super Glue  
use these gifts of bread and wine  
to awaken for us the unifying body of Christ,  
his very body and blood that make us one.

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use the gift of our lives, our bodies, souls and spirits  
to awaken for the world the church,  
the unifying body and beloved bride of Christ that make us one.

Cosmic Weaver, Super Glue

we long for unity in a fragmented world.  
Gather up a fractured church and use even us to help make it one.  
Gather up a fractured world and use even us to help make it one.  
Gather up a fractured nation and use even us to help make it one.  
Gather up our broken families, even our broken lives and make us one in Christ.

We pray for this oneness found only in Christ, with Christ, through Christ  
by the power only found in the Holy Spirit,  
united in the creative imagination that alone is able to make all things new,  
May this One God, receive all the glory and all the praise that can only come  
through the unity found in all of us. Amen.

One: As those who are one just as God is one, let us pray with the words of Jesus:  
**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 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)*

**All: Thank you for the gift of this holy Mystery found in Jesus Christ. It has reminded us of our oneness with You, with each other and with all the world. Now send us out to strengthen that unity in the world through our expressions of Your love and our witness to the love of Christ for us all. May we all find unity in Jesus' name. Amen.**