

Great Thanksgiving
(*Transgender Day of Remembrance*)

INVITATION:

All who desire to become more loving and compassionate
and are willing to see all people for who they authentically are,
and intend to live a transformed life, following the example of Christ,
choosing to walk illumined by Their holy example:
Draw near with hope for a better world,
and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort,
and make your holy confession in presence of the Divine.

CONFESSION:

**Loving and Illuminating God,
Maker of every variety of person,
the One who can always find what is very good in everyone:
We admit that we have not always been as loving,
and that we often live in ignorance of the struggles of others,
and how we have traumatized them by our thoughts, words, and deeds.
What we have done even to the least of these we have done to You.
We want to change our thoughts, our word, and our deeds,
because we are sorry for the very real suffering we have caused,
and for the damage we have done to the lives of others.
Show us some mercy, as we learn to show mercy to others.
For the sake of all who are harmed, even Jesus Christ,
forgive what is past, and empower us to live differently,
to the honor and glory of Your eternal compassion,
Amen.**

PRAYER OF PARDON:

Dynamic Love, Compassionate Heart,
Divine Mercy, Promised Forgiveness, we humbly turn to You.
Show us mercy as we extend mercy,
pardon us as we extend pardon,
forgive our sins as we forgive the sins of others;
transform our lives so we might show others Your goodness,
allow us to live abundantly by Your grace as we ensure the same abundance for others,
following the lived example of Jesus Christ our friend.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear what comforting words the Scriptures say to all who truly turn to Love.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)

The Divine so loved the world that They gave Their one and only, that whoever believes in Them should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

If we confess our sins, The Divine is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:9*)

If any one sins, we have an advocate with the Divine, Jesus Christ the righteous; and They are the expiation for our sins, and not only our sins but also the sins of the whole world. (*From 1 John 2:1-2*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Holy never leaves you.

Nor does the Divine ever leave you.

Rejoice and be glad!

We are rejoicing in Divine Love!

Let us continually live in this state of praise.

It is truly what we desire to do.

We rejoice in the wondrous spectrum of Your creation,
for the diversity of Your creation is amazing to behold.

Infinite are our orientations.

Infinite are our identities, with each one perfect in Your eyes.

Infinite are our cultures and our ethnicities.

Infinite are our languages, as they continue to expand with our understanding.

This sacred diversity brings You great delight.

This diversity brings forth life in all of its abundance.

This diversity is Your divine plan and purpose for the universe.

This diversity is Your greatest joy because only in diversity is Your true image revealed.

So we join with the whole of your expansive creation to adore You. We join with our trans sisters and brothers on this day of remembrance, with those still with us still upon the earth and with those now before Your throne in heaven as we sing together:

Holy, holy, holy Illuminating Light and All Embracing Love,

Heaven and Earth are filled with Your glory!

Glory to You, our highest joy.

Blessed are all who come in Your loving name!

Hosanna in the Highest!

Divine Compassion, who in Your tender mercy allowed Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for the redemption of us all, including Your trans and non-binary children.

Jesus made there, through the one offering on the cross,
a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world,
so no one can justify the murder of Your trans children.
This act of sacrificial love calls us into remembrance,
and the Holy Gospel commands us not to ever forget
not only Christ's precious death,
but also the price that was paid to end the need for anyone else's death.
Acknowledging that Christ comes again in the death of the innocent
and that we crucify Jesus afresh in each of the senseless murders we remember today.
Hear us, Compassionate Grace, as we humbly beg You to bless and sanctify with Your Word and
Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine, that we who receive them according to Christ's holy
acts, in remembrance of Their passion, death and resurrection, may too become partakers of the
divine nature through Them:

Who, in the same night of the betrayal, took bread: and after thanks was given, and the bread
broken, was given to all, saying "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper Jesus took the cup; and after thanks was given, gave it to all, saying,
"Drink this each of you; for this is my blood of the Holy Covenant, which is shed for you and for
everyone, for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you shall drink it in remembrance of
me."

**Source of all love and compassion, we Your humble children, desire your goodwill and
mercy in accepting from us this our offering of praise and thanksgiving; humbly ask that
You grant that, by the merit and the death of Jesus Christ, and through Their blood, we
and Your whole church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all the other benefits of
Their passion.**

**And here we offer and present to You, our authentic selves, our souls, and our transformed
bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice given as a gift to You; humbly asking
that all who partake of this Holy Communion may be filled with Your grace and heavenly
benediction.**

**And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer to You any gifts, still we
ask You to accept our imperfect love and devotion, not weighting our merits, but
pardoning our offensiveness; Through Jesus Christ who loves us, by whom and with
whom, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory be Yours Compassionate Grace, forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Christ taught:

**Compassionate Grace whose presence is heaven, holy is Your name.
May Your rule come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us daily the food we need.**

**And forgive all of our sins in the same way that we have extended forgiveness to others.
Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from doing evil.
Rule over us, empower us, and Be glorified by our lives, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We have no right coming to Your table of mercy, if we are trusting in our own goodness, we come only by the gracious unmerited favor You have extended to us. We cannot claim to be worthy even to be granted the blessing of cleaning up the crumbs that have fallen from Your table. But You exude Divine mercy. Mercy is who You are at the core of Your being. So at Your invitation we have come to partake of this Sacrament of Jesus Christ, to be empowered to walk in life giving ways, to grow into the fullness of Christ, with the hope that we might always dwell in Christ and Christ in us. Amen.

**O Sacred Lamb, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Sacred Lamb, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Sacred Lamb, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us Your peace.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**May Divine Peace be extended to the Trans Community
a peace that transcends all the ignorance, persecution and violence.
May we all dwell together in Divine understanding and grace
found in the One who made us, who saved us, and who sustains us,
the Eternal Love, the Lover, and the Power of Love.
Amen.**