

Confession and Great Thanksgiving  
(Woven)

**Lord, You are an artist and have created a perfect seamless garment for Your glory, but we have soiled it, snagged it, and have even started to tear it. Forgive our unruly spirits. We are set in our ways, and feel unsure about what You are doing in the lives of those You place around us. We have not trusted Your creativity and have tried to undo Your work. We fail to see how You can incorporate the lives of others so near to our own, because You seem to be changing everything we thought that You were doing, in and around us. Forgive us for seeking to take away Your creative license. Give us the courage to trust You more. Give us excitement as we await the unveiling of Your new creation. Please use us in Your creative process, always. Amen.**

Hear the good news, God never gives up on us and is able to make all things work out, because we are called according to His divine purpose. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and your life is part of his great work of salvation.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and your life is part of his great work of salvation. Thanks be to God.**

We are woven

**Into a sacred seamless tunic.**

We are woven

**Each of us a unique wondrous strand.**

We are woven

**Into one divine design.**

We are woven

**To bring delight to the Lover of our Souls.**

You are the Creator who is always creating,  
always seeking to make all things good.

You weave together all of life to form the most exquisite design,  
using the realities of our existence to produce Your hues and textures.

You find just the right place to use those parts of our lives colored by our struggles,  
by our triumphs, our missteps and our genius.

Your creative will enjoys the challenge of finding just the right place for a strand colored by our  
languages,

our accents, our cultures, and our family histories.

Each one makes Your heart sing as You put us in the proper place.

What seems like random placement to us, is artistic calculation to You,

as You find a design that causes all things to work for good for us touched by Your purpose.

We cannot wait to see the completed garment.

A seamless, sacred garment, a coat of many colors for your Beloved,  
and we have been give the honor of being a small part of it!

So we sing with joy;

we dance with glee;  
we hold our breath awaiting the grand unveiling,  
We are not alone, because this garment is created using all of us.  
No one and no thing is left out, so we all are joined together in this garment of praise  
as we proclaim to the universe:

**Make a joyful noise!**  
**Worship the Lord with gladness!**  
**The Lord is our God.**

**This God has made us.**  
**Created as his people,**  
**Sheep of his pasture.**

**Let's enter his gates**  
**With our thanksgiving and praise.**  
**With thanks bless his name.**

**For our God is good.**  
**Steadfastly loves forever,**  
**He's faithful to all.** *(Psalm 100)*

You are our creator, and You have made Jesus our great high priest  
and dressed him in a holy seamless tunic.  
We are that holy robe, woven by Your hand to give him the honor due his name.  
For You have given him a name above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to Your glory, O God.

You do not want this robe torn apart,  
by our pride and possessiveness.  
You have woven us together with unity of spirit, sympathy,  
love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

The beauty of Your art was revealed,  
when Jesus, knelt before his wayward disciples,  
and washed their feet as one of the least.  
Continue to weave unity through this act of grace.

The beauty of Your art was revealed,  
when Jesus took the bread remembering all who are oppressed,  
breaking it with thanksgiving to share with all saying:  
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you."  
Continue to weave unity through this act of grace.

The beauty of Your art was revealed,  
when Jesus took the cup remembering the plagues of stubbornness,  
lifting it with thanksgiving to share with all saying:  
“Drink, all of you, for this is the cup of my blood poured out in honor of God’s eternal covenant  
of forgiveness with you and all the world.”  
Continue to weave unity through this act of grace.

We have seen Your seamless garment woven by Your hands in the life of Christ.  
We marvel how You have made us one with You and one with each other.  
This is why we pledge our lives, past, present and future to be that seamless robe of Christ,  
to living out this holy mystery we boldly proclaim:

**We have died with Christ.**  
**We no longer live but Christ who lives in us.**  
**We know that when Christ returns we shall be like him.**

Seamstress, Taylor, Weaver of Worlds,  
recreate for us from this bread and wine  
the body and blood of Christ and make us seamless.

Seamstress, Taylor, Weaver of Worlds,  
recreate for the world from our imperfect lives  
Your church, the healing body and merciful bride of Christ, and make us seamless.

Seamstress, Taylor, Weaver of Worlds,  
recreate a unified church,  
united not by human control and power games,  
but united in the one and final work of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.  
Weave us together, so all might feel your love and grace.  
Open our hearts to a deeper understanding of each other, not as adversaries, but as family.

We pray with Christ for unity,  
We pray in the Holy Spirit of unity,  
We pray in harmony with the Creator who has woven us into a seamless garment of praise,  
that we might offer pleasing worship now and always.

**Amen.**

Now as the seamless garment of Christ let us pray with his words:

**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 sharing with us the wonders of this Your holy mystery, for in it we have found a unity of purpose woven into our lives. Now we ask that You give us the privilege of sharing the love and forgiveness we have found in You with others who are waiting to feel Your touch and to hear the sweet sound of Your voice. Weave us all together for your honor, glory and praise, now and always. Amen.**