

**GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER
FOR PALM SUNDAY**

Presider Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He was with you in the beginning,
your Word spoken in the darkness,
bringing forth light and life.
Though equal with you,
he emptied himself and took the form of a slave.
Knowing our human weakness,
he gave himself up to our violence
and was lifted high upon the cross.
He breathed forgiveness on us,
and drew the whole world to himself,
sharing his life with all people
and showing the fullness of your love.

By his humility and death,
by his glorious, risen life,
you have made us a new people,
called by name to bear witness
to his love in the world you have made.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering his cross and tomb,
his resurrection and ascension,
and offering to you these gifts the earth has formed
and human hands have made,
we praise you and we bless you:

People *We praise you, we bless you...*

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon these gifts of bread and wine that we may see
the Body and Blood of your Christ,
and become the Body of Christ for the world.

Draw us together in one body,
with Gregory of Nyssa, with Mary, Christ’s mother,
and with all the company of heaven,
to proclaim in one voice the triumphal song:

All *Holy, holy, holy...*