Great Thanksgiving Prayer For Pentecost

Presider   In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness,
stirring up life from the heights to the depths.
Your spirit raised us from dust
and formed us to be like you
children with one common breath.

We couldn't see where the wind had come from
we couldn't tell where the wind would go.
Divided, we hid behind walls
turning away from the breath of life.

But you blew through the prophets
you gave visions to slaves
you spoke in the whirlwind
and promised salvation.

You breathed on Mary, your listening servant,
making your Word alive in her flesh.
You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath
receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan.
He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor
he gave hope to the suffering, and life to the dead.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was a supper with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them saying:

"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."

Therefore, God of endless mercy,
of all the things that are yours
we offer you these, which are yours especially.
We offer them gladly, as he told us,
giving thanks for his death and resurrection.
Filled with your Spirit,
and drawn together in his peace
we praise you and we bless you:

People   *We praise you, we bless you…*

Presider   Now pour out your Spirit once more
to make this bread and wine
the body and blood of Christ,
that we might blow
through the world with his love
healing and forgiving,
reconciling like Jesus
until the heights and depths
are filled with your children
from every tribe and language
and people and nation
joined with the angels in one triumphal song:

All   *Holy, holy, holy…*