

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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*Presider* The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* God whose love knows no limit,  
when you spoke your Word into darkness  
sun, moon and stars shone forth,  
seas teemed with life and the play of Leviathan.  
Mountains rose, earth sprouted grass and trees;  
birds soared, lambs jumped, lions roared,  
and people joined in singing creation's hymn  
as now we praise and bless you.

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

*Presider* Faithful and merciful God, your promise is true:  
as once you redeemed slaves into freedom,  
in the fullness of time you sent your son Jesus  
to fulfill the prophets and free all humankind -

You anointed him with your Spirit  
to preach good news to the poor  
and make the broken-hearted whole.  
He healed the sick and gave sight to the blind.  
He freed people from demons and oppressors.

He proclaimed the time of your favor,  
welcoming sinners and righteous  
to feast together in your friendship.  
Blessing just and unjust alike,  
he revealed your perfection and taught us to be like you.

*Deacon* Now giving thanks for Jesus' work, let us pray for the poor,  
the sick, and the dying.

*Free prayers from People*

*Deacon* Pray for prisoners, and all who suffer at others' hands.

*Free prayers from People*

*Presider* Healing God, in the wholeness  
of your love, we praise and bless you.

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

*Presider* Father and Mother of all, your son Jesus  
served and loved us till the end.

On the night of his passion,  
knowing he would suffer and die for his friends,  
Jesus kept his feast  
and commanded us to remember him always  
when we receive this broken bread and shared wine,  
his body and blood poured out for us all.

That night before his friend betrayed him  
and enemy soldiers took him away to be killed,  
he knelt down and washed his friends' feet,  
so we pray to love one another as he loved us:  
bring us together, God, and make us one in your love.

*Deacon* Pray for enemies and friends.

*Free prayers from People*

*Deacon* Pray for peacemakers and soldiers.

*Free prayers from People*

*Presider* Reconciling God, in our many voices  
hear your own harmony,  
as we sing to praise and bless you.

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

*Presider* Living God, you raised Jesus from the dead,  
now show us all you have promised:  
Your Spirit filling the whole world, and conquering death.  
Show us here the Body and Blood of Jesus your Son,  
whose breath and heartbeat move through all creation.

Nourish and transform us through this bread and wine  
which give life to the world.

Open our eyes to see your work around us  
that we may join in with all who have gone before,  
living as Jesus lives, and loving as he loves.

*Deacon* Give thanks for God's work where we see it.

*Free prayers from People*

*Deacon* Pray for those who have died and for those who mourn  
them.

*Free prayers from People*

*Presider* God who unites us,  
we pray that all our work all our thanksgiving,  
and all our praise may find in your embrace communion  
with Mary Jesus' mother,  
with Gregory and Theosevia his wife, [\_\_\_\_\_] ]  
and with God's beloved people in every time and place as  
we join with them in the angels' song:

*All* *Holy, holy, holy...*