

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR QUEEN LILIOKALANI**

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*Presider*

We praise you and we bless you  
holy and life-giving God, source of goodness,  
giver of perfect freedom.  
In the time of deep darkness,  
before the memory of any person,  
you spoke to the chaos and called all things into being.  
You formed the earth and scattered the sky with stars.  
You filled the oceans with fish of every kind  
and covered the hills with living things.  
You gave your creatures food to eat and  
watered the land with rain.  
From the rich red earth you formed humankind  
and filled us with your spirit,  
so we would know you and love you  
with our whole hearts.

You showed us your way through  
wise men and women, children and slaves,  
strangers and friends.  
And though your path was always toward life,  
we turned away and followed the way of death.  
Again and again you came to us  
but we would not hear your call to follow.  
So in the fullness of time you sent your  
Word to live among us.  
Born of your prophet Mary,  
Jesus walked with us and showed  
the way to freedom and peace.  
In him your light surrounds us,  
your love enfolds us,  
and your power protects us.  
And so, wherever we may go, you are there.

On the night his friends handed him  
over to suffering and death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all to take away sin.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his suffering and death,  
his way of forgiveness and love,  
his resurrection and ascension,  
we praise you and we bless you.

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

*Presider*      Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise,  
this memorial of our redemption.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son.  
Let down the gift of life,  
and all of the blessings with it  
till the heavens and earth be heaped with your goodness.

Surround us with your presence,  
guard us from all evil, renew us in your Spirit.  
Join us in union with Mary, Jesus' mother;  
with Liliuokalani; with Gregory of Nyssa  
and all your saints who forever  
sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

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