

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life

MV 201

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts in prayer.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of light, giver of life, source of love, foundation of hope. You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures in a covenant of love and service. Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us. You send your prophets to proclaim your Word, to remind us of your promises, and to call us back to you.

**All: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus, who walks with us: our Wisdom and our Way; sharing our joy and our sorrow; healing the sick and feeding the hungry; setting the captives free and liberating us all. So it is that we join the song of all Creation to proclaim your goodness:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

MV 203

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus we recognize the fullness of your grace: revealed in words that confront us and comfort us, in teachings that challenge us and change us, in compassion that forms us and frees us. And now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with such longing for your realm that we rise together to turn our worship into witness and follow Jesus in hope.

One: We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me." Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

**All: Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**MV 204**

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

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One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Great Amen**

**MV 205**

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

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