

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.  
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in our likeness.  
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,  
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one  
in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we  
feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**Psalm 126**

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
<sup>3</sup> **The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.**
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
<sup>5</sup> **May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy!**  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go forth weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
**shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

**Isaiah 43: 16-21**

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea  
And a path through the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power  
(They shall lie down together, they shall not rise;  
They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):  
<sup>18</sup> "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing,  
Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?  
I will even make a road in the wilderness  
*And* rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The beast of the field will honor Me,  
The jackals and the ostriches,  
Because I give waters in the wilderness  
*And* rivers in the desert,  
To give drink to My people, My chosen.  
<sup>21</sup> This people I have formed for Myself;  
They shall declare My praise.

### Philippians 3: 4b-14

<sup>4b</sup> If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: <sup>5</sup> circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### St. John 12: 1-8

<sup>1</sup> Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

<sup>4</sup> But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

<sup>7</sup> But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

### Great Thanksgiving for Later in Lent

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**