The Great Thanksgiving Liturgy

*(**Please read the text in bold aloud with the congregation.**)*

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who truly love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

The Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for Pardon

In His great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to Him. May He have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Comforting Words

Hear these comforting words that Jesus Christ, our Savior, says to all who truly turn to Him: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and good to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy to give thanks to You in all places and at all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from You and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise You with the angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of Your name:

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.

All praise and glory is Yours, O God our Father, for in Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. Your Spirit anointed Him to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to comfort those who mourn, to proclaim freedom for captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce the year of the Lord's favor. In obedience to Your will, He stretched out His arms upon the cross and offered Himself once for all, that by His suffering and death we might be saved. By His resurrection, He broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under His feet. As our great High Priest, He ascended to Your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration

On the night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, receiving these gifts of bread and wine with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by Your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this Holy Sacrament and partake of His most blessed body and blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ and one as Your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in Him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Christ and gather us together with all Your saints in the joy of Your heavenly -

kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit in Your holy church be all honor and glory, now and forever, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

Receiving the Sacrament

Closing Prayer & Benediction