

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer was adapted from [Church of the Woods \(http://kairosearth.org/\)](http://kairosearth.org/), Diocese of New Hampshire.

Celebrant:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

People and Celebrant:

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; rock, fire, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your ways.

Celebrant:

But we rebelled against you, wandered far away, and used your gifts for evil. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with all the Earth and heavens in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant:

Holy of Holies, remembering our oneness with all that exists and all that has life, it is a joyful thing to be in your presence with each other, with this land, and with all creation.

People and Celebrant:

It is a miracle that we and this whole world are here, made by the Light of all lights, formed from stars that lived, died, and poured forth the elements—hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, iron, gold, and more.

Celebrant:

Born of the sea and walking on earth, we are miracles, shaped by the forces of life, kin with all beings. This meal of abundance we are about to share is also a miracle—a gift of earth, water, wind,

and fire, and of seeds buried in the earth and cracked open. This bread and this wine, with their many meanings, are gifts of life to the living. For followers of Jesus, these gifts assume particular meaning. Living among us, Jesus went alone upon the mountain to pray. He loved us, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God—but we have not heeded his call to walk in love. When the time came to complete the offering of his life upon the cross, Jesus was eating supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, O God, broke it, offered it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, offered to heal you and the whole world. Whenever you eat it, remember this.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, offered it to his friends, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant—a promise of eternal love poured out for you and for all beings. Whenever you drink it, remember this.”

People and Celebrant:

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and with all creation, we offer to you from your own Earth these gifts of the land, this bread and wine, and our own bodies—our own living gift.

Celebrant:

Pour out your Spirit + upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Fill us with your Breath, O God, opening our eyes and renewing us in your love. Send your Spirit + over this land and over the whole Earth, making everything a new creation. In the fullness of time bring us, with this good Earth and with all your creatures from every people and tribe and faith and language and nation and species, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all light and life and
love are yours, now and forever. **AMEN.**