

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Question: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer: **Because God is love and does wonderful things.**

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question: Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer: **Because Jesus makes them signs of his love.**

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying
'This is my body given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and shared wine with his disciples, saying
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for all people,
to save them from their sins.
Do this to remember me.'

Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question: Why do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer: **Because he is God's saving love.**

Help us to love one another,
and to work together for that day
when the whole world is fed, suffering
is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

With all the people of God
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**