

An East-Asian Eucharistic Prayer

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Presider The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to thank him and praise him.

Presider It is truly right and pleasant to glorify you always and everywhere, and to offer you thanks, O Almighty Father and everlasting God.

Worthy are you of thanksgiving and praise, O Triune God, for in your great love you gave us this land, a rich, diverse and ever-changing nature, and a radiance of diversity of many races, languages, and cultures.

In order to fulfill your will of redemption, you came to live among us, made friends and shared meals with us to show your openness and loving kindness.

Therefore in harmony with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we sing praises and proclaim your glory:

<Sanctus> (All say together)

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.

Almighty and everliving God, Lord of all creation, when you created the whole universe, you brought forth such wonderful order from chaos as part of your redemptive plan. The sun and the moon run and rest, seasons follow at their right time, the land produces its crops in due season, and all flesh is nourished and in them find life and energy. All of these tell us your story you have given us.

You also chose to come closer to us. You visited Abraham and Sarah and became intimate friends in sharing meals. And you gave us the foretaste of the heavenly banquets ultimately we will celebrate. Through this, you set up the way of taking care of each other and of living together.

However, we the prodigal children rebelled against the order of your creation. Sin entered the world that eventually brought alienations throughout history among peoples and disharmony with nature. Greed, jealousy, suspicion, and hatred have become part of our human nature and go down into the history of humanity that causes countless military aggressions, economic plunders and exploitations. We forgot to share food and became deprived of each other. All these have turned the original beauty of the earth into a miserable country, and changed your story from one of joy to one of sorrow and anger.

But our merciful God, who is like a loving mother, always waits for the children to return and never abandons them. Through Jesus, the Incarnate Word, you gave us the heart to tell your story, like the story of Jesus eating and drinking with sinners that he may bring back lost sheep into your flock, so you invite us to come to your table and share the banquet you have prepared for us. You teach us to model you and show our hospitality by asking people "Have you eaten yet?" so as to welcome people and make reconciliation with one another.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.
All Your death, Lord, we proclaim!
Your resurrection we celebrate!
Your coming in glory we await!

As we now offer this holy table to welcome all and present you these gifts, may you send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine to be the precious body and blood of Christ.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that as we receive the body and blood of Christ we may become one body in him, and he in us.

In our colorful diversity in languages, cultures and ways of life, unite us by your Spirit that we may participate in your new creation where there is no more hatred and hostility, wars and invasions, only do we see peace and reconciliation proceed from generation to generation.

May your reign be fully realized on earth, until we are able to join with [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and] all your saints [and our ancestors] in your heavenly banquet.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, all praise and glory are yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen!