

Prayers of thanks for the Bread and Wine

Loving God,
we praise and thank you
for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his life and ministry,
announcing the good news of your kingdom
and demonstrating its power
in the lifting of the downtrodden,
and the healing of the sick,
and the loving of the loveless.

We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross for the redemption of
the world,
and for your raising him to life again,
as a foretaste of the glory we shall share.

We give you thanks for this bread and wine, symbols of our world
and signs of your transforming love.

Send your Holy Spirit, we pray,
that we may be renewed
into the likeness of Jesus Christ
and formed into his Body.

This we pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.

OR

Creating and redeeming God,
we give you thanks and praise
for your covenant of grace:

a covenant expressed in sinful people who know forgiveness,
the weary who are refreshed,
the hungry who are nourished,
the captives who are set free
and the oppressed who experience liberation.

Thank you that you chose to make us a part of your story.

Thank you for Jesus Christ

who revealed your love in his death and resurrection and who continues
to share his life with us through bread and wine. (contd...)

Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit who sustains us in our walk together, helping us to watch over each other, to pray for one another, and to work together for justice and truth.

As we eat this bread

and drink from the cup,

(signs of hospitality and grace),

may we be empowered to serve boldly wherever you may call.