

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving for Reformation Sunday

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you for your glorious Word that spoke,  
And it was so.

With just a word you create a universe of breathtaking beauty  
and tenderly breathe life into human beings  
made in your image.

When we do not listen to you  
and follow our own desires,  
you do not leave us to our own devices  
but seek us out to make covenant,  
and you keep your word to us  
even when we break ours to you.

You free us from bondage  
and give us the Word in your law,  
though we prefer idols of our own making  
and leaders of our own exaltation.

Still you send prophets to preach to us  
the words of eternal life.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**The people may sing or say:**

**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.**

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We give you thanks  
for the Word made flesh  
in Jesus of Nazareth,  
born out of words of affirmation  
to angelic annunciation:  
“Let it be.”

And it was so.

The Word uttered before the foundations of the earth  
cried out in a feeding trough  
to become for us bread of life,  
Passover lamb.

He taught us how to follow your Word  
so that we might have life eternal

and would not be quiet  
even when leaders exalted him  
on a cross of tortured shame.  
But you, O God, have the last word  
with resurrection shout of victory,  
and so we cry, "Glory!"

**Glory!**

Honor

**Honor!**

Praise!

**Praise!**

Dominion!

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You continue to reveal yourself to us  
by teaching us as you walk with us  
along the way,  
stopping to break bread  
and commune with us in joy and in sorrow.  
And so we shout the good news:  
"The Lord is risen!"

**He is risen indeed!**

Remembering all these gifts  
of your faithful Word  
throughout the ages,  
we take from your creation  
these gifts of bread and vine  
and offer them to you  
with our words of deepest thanks and praise,  
as we offer ourselves to the service  
of your Word at work in the world.

**Let it be unto me according to your word!**

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come again!**

Holy Spirit, holy breath  
move once more among us  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be for us  
a kingdom meal in the light  
of the Sovereign glory of Christ, our host.  
Unite and repair all brokenness in communion among us  
and within us  
and throughout the world.

**Particular intercessions may be offered here.**

In your strength  
may we be fed to rise anew from this table

to preach, pray and promote  
your eternal Word  
that is bringing all into accord  
with your promised glory.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Word,  
now and forevermore. Amen.**