God is here with us and with you!

    God is also with you!
Let’s give our hearts, intentions, and thoughts over to God.

    We give them all joyfully!
Let’s also give thanks to God who gets everything!

    Of course, God gets everything! God made everything! Let’s show our thanks and honor God.

You’re so right! Giving God our thanks and honor is the best thing we can ever do!
So, let’s do it:
God, you created everything; every living thing was put on Earth by you.

    All people of every nation belong to you!
    So, together with all creation (everything on earth and in heaven)
    we give you praise and join in with the world’s eternal song of praise:

Holy, incredible, unimaginable God, full of power and strength, all of heaven and earth are full of the signs of your glory! You amaze us! And your Son Jesus whom you sent is equally amazing! We are continually amazed by you!

God you are amazing and so is your Son, Jesus Christ.

    Through your holy plan (Christ’s birth, death, and resurrection)
    Your Church was born.
You saved us from the power of sin and eternal death

    and you made a new agreement with us through baptism and the Holy Spirit.
Christ sent us to tell the whole world about his love

    and now we, his family, are joining together at his holy table.
As a way to remember Christ’s perfect love and life
we happily and thankfully give you back our lives as holy, living sacrifices.

Receive this gift of our lives together with Christ’s gifts for us
as we speak the Truth about our faith:

Christ dies; Christ lives; Christ is coming again.

Join me in praying God’s blessing over our symbols:
God, we ask you to pour your Holy Spirit on each person in this room
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them the body and blood of Christ
so that by taking them into our bodies you will make us the body of Christ
for the rest of the world and everyone will know
that sin is redeemed by Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.
Renew us and help us remember we are Christ’s Church.

Strengthen our faith and service in every nation and with all people
so we can faithfully show and tell the world how much your love can do.
Use your Holy Spirit to make us at one with Christ and at one with each other
so we can care for the world until Christ comes again
and we all join around his table as family in perfect love.

We proclaim to the world that you possess every good quality
and you deserve all of our honor and obedience now and forever.

AMEN.
Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem, Israel.

After they finished the ceremonial meal, Jesus took the bread, thanked God for it, and broke it and told his friends:

“This is my body which I give to you. Take it and eat it and remember me.”

Then he took a cup of wine, thanked God for it and said to his friends:

“This is my blood given to you as a new agreement between humans and God. Drink it and remember me.”

Just as the grain that was used to make this bread was once scattered over the land and then gathered together to make this one loaf,

God, gather your people together from all over the world into your one holy and eternal community.

This is Christ’s dinner table.

Christ welcomes everyone who wants to know him to come and eat with him here.

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