

## A Prayer Conspicuously Placed in Absence of The Great Thanksgiving during the Great Pandemic<sup>1</sup>

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*This prayer is intended to be used at the end of Morning Prayer or after the Liturgy of the Word in the Holy Eucharist. Placement is just after the Peace, and just before the final blessing and dismissal.*

*The Presider may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page 376, or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

*The assembly may process their gifts to plates placed on tables near the altar rail. Alternatively, pre-collected offerings may be brought to the Presider or the Presider may move to the location of the offering plate.*

*During the Offertory, music may be played.*

*The Presider receives or brings the gifts to the altar.*

*All may say:*

**All things come from you, O Lord,  
And from your own have we given you.**

*Presider moves to seat.*

Let us pray.

*All kneel (as able)<sup>2</sup>*

Lord, you have taught us to seek you and to find you in the bread and the wine of your table; season after season we have returned to you there. But now we are living in a season of isolation: from one another, from the lives we have known, and even from the community of your table. And so we lament:

*All say or sing:*

**Turn to me and have mercy,  
for I am lonely and oppressed. (Ps 25:15)  
Hear my prayer and my cry;  
be not silent at my tears. (Ps 39:13)**

*Presider continues*

For surely, Lord, we are not alone. Formed in your image, you met us through your Christ – in the womb of Mary, beside the sea, at Golgotha and in every tomb. Through the mystery of his death and resurrection, we are now one with you. In our days, as with a mother’s milk, you have been forming our bodies to become your body, through the Sacrament of

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<sup>1</sup> Note: this prayer is designed for use in both Phase3 assemblies and online services. It replaces Holy Communion in the Holy Eucharist liturgy and may be used in Morning Prayer in the same place as the General Thanksgiving/A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

<sup>2</sup> The commission notes that, whereas the gesture of kneeling may well provide an appropriate gesture of supplication for many, for others it denotes a posture of subjugation.

Christ's Body and Blood. Our flesh is now yours, shaped for these days in which we are living.

Nourished by Christ,  
**teach us also to be broken with Christ  
and shared with this hungry world.**

Soften our hearts and strengthen our resolve. Meet us on the road and open our eyes to see afresh the abundance of your grace, alive and at hand throughout your sacred and hurting world, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*If it has not been said earlier in the service, the Presider says,*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
*People and Presider*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*The service ends with the usual forms of blessing and dismissal.*