

# Eucharistic Prayer

## Based on a Rite of the Church of Kenya

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

<i>Celebrant:</i>	Is the Father with us?	<i>People:</i>	<b>He is.</b>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Is Christ among us?	<i>People:</i>	<b>He is.</b>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Is the Spirit here?	<i>People:</i>	<b>He is.</b>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	This is our God.	<i>People:</i>	<b>Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</b>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	We are his people.	<i>People:</i>	<b>We are redeemed.</b>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Lift up your hearts.	<i>People:</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>People:</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Celebrant:* It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised your leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent us your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your Kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give you thanks that through Christ you have gathered to yourself a Church from every nation under heaven, and your Spirit has led us here to meet in his name and to take counsel for his kingdom. Therefore, with angels and archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we praise your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing.

**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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your

creation. On the same night that he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take eat, this is my body which is given to you: Do this in remembrance of me’.

*People:* **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

*Celebrant:* In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks: he gave it to them saying, ‘Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me’.

*People:* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

*People:* **We have died together.  
We will rise together.  
We will live together.**

*Celebrant:* Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising Him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

*People:* **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

*Celebrant:* This is the feast of victory.

*People:* **The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah.**

## **The Communion**

*Celebrant:* As Jesus taught us, so we pray

*People:* **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. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Christ is alive for ever.

*People:* **We are because he is.**

*Celebrant:* We are one body.

*People:* **We share one bread.**

*Celebrant:* Draw near with faith.

*People:* **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

*Celebrant:* The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Assistant:* The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

*At the distribution the minister says to each communicant:*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life *and*

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*The communicant replies* **Amen.**

### **Communion Hymn**    *I Am the Bread of Life*

I am the Bread of life, He who comes to Me shall not hunger, He who believes in Me shall not thirst.

No one can come to Me, Unless the Father draw him.

**Refrain:** *And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give Is My flesh for the life of the world, And he who eats of this bread, He shall live for ever, He shall live for ever.    **Refrain**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man And drink of His blood, And drink of His blood, You shall not have life within you.    **Refrain**

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life, He who believes in Me Even if he die, He shall live for ever.

**Refrain**

Yes, Lord, we believe That You are the Christ, The Son of God Who has come Into the world.

**Refrain**

**Prayer after Communion**                      (based on a Dine' (Navajo) Prayer)

Jesus Christ, you are our leader, you are God's only Son,  
I have now made your offering.

Today I have become your child. Today I have become your grandchild.

You have answered my prayers.

Watch over me; stand in my defense; stretch out your hand to defend me;  
plead in my defense.

The trees bring Beauty to me. The herbs and all plants below bring Beauty to me.  
The winds bring Beauty to me. The passing rain brings Beauty to me. The passing  
thunder brings Beauty to me.

Let the dew form around me. Let the corn pollen form around me.  
With Beauty before and with Beauty behind, long life and happiness will be mine.

It is finished in Beauty. It is finished in Beauty.  
It is finished in Beauty. It is finished in Beauty.

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* All our problems

*People:* **we send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All our difficulties

*People:* **we send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All the devil's works

*People:* **we send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All our hopes

*People:* **we send to the throne of Christ**

*Celebrant:* Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from  
before your path, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen**