

# ***Eucharistic Prayers***

## **Eucharistic Prayer I**

**CELEBRANT:** O God, our loving Father, it is our duty and our salvation always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake, he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the Resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we sing:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy . . .

**ALL:** God, our Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising to the setting of the sun a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

**CELEBRANT:** And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist.

And so we remember how on the night he was betrayed, he gathered together his disciples for a last paschal meal. He took the bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it.

This is my body, which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

**ALL:** Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. Look with favor on your Church's offering, and see the victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints, with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

**CELEBRANT:** Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Strengthen in faith and love our pilgrim Church on earth: your servant, Pope John Paul, our bishop, William, and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people your Son has gained for you. Father, hear the prayers of the family gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty God, forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen

## **Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation**

**CELEBRANT:** All-loving, all-powerful, and ever-living God, we praise and thank you through Jesus Christ our Lord for your presence and action in the world.

**ALL:** In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace. When your Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, and nations seek the way of peace together.

**CELEBRANT:** Your Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. for this we should never cease to thank and praise you. In wonder and gratitude we join with all the choirs of heaven as they sing to proclaim the power of your love:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy

**ALL:** Loving Father, from the beginning of time you have always done what is good for us, so that we may be holy as you are holy. Look with kindness on your people gathered here before you: send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, in whom we have become your sons and daughters.

**CELEBRANT:** When we were lost and could not find the way to you, you loved us more than ever: Jesus, your Son, innocent and without sin, gave himself into our hands and was nailed to a cross. Yet before he stretched out his arms between heaven and earth in the everlasting sign of your covenant, he desired to celebrate the Paschal feast in the company of his disciples.

While they were at supper, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal, knowing that he was to reconcile all things in himself by the blood of his cross, he took the cup, filled with wine. Again he gave you thanks, handed the cup to his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and  
everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for  
all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

**CELEBRANT:** We do this in memory of Jesus Christ, our Passover and our  
lasting peace. We celebrate his death and resurrection and look for the  
coming of that day when he will return to give us the fullness of joy. Therefore  
we offer you, God ever faithful and true, the sacrifice which restores us to your  
friendship.

**ALL:** Compassionate Father, look with love on those you have called to share  
in the one sacrifice of Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make them one  
body, healed of all division. Keep us all in communion of mind and heart with  
John Paul, our Pope, William, our bishop, with the clergy and the entire people  
your Son has gained for you. Help us to work together for the coming of your  
kingdom, until at last we stand in your presence to share the life of the saints,  
in the company of the Virgin Mary and the apostles and of our departed  
brothers and sisters whom we commend to your mercy.

**CELEBRANT:** Then, freed from every shadow of death, we shall take our  
place in the new creation and give you thanks with Christ, our risen Lord.

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Father, forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

## **Eucharistic Prayer IV**

**CELEBRANT:** It is truly right to give you thanks, it is fitting that we sing of your glory, Father of infinite goodness. Through the gospel proclaimed by your Son you have brought together in a single Church people of every nation, culture, and tongue. Into it you breathe the power of your Spirit, that in every age your children may be gathered into one.

**ALL:** Your Church bears steadfast witness to your love. It nourishes our hope for the coming of your kingdom and is a sure sign of the lasting covenant which you promised us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore heaven and earth sing forth your praise while we, with all the Church, proclaim your glory without end:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy . . .

**ALL:** You are truly blessed, O God of holiness: you accompany us with love as we journey through life. Blessed too is your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us and whose love gathers us together. As once he did for his disciples, Christ now opens the scriptures for us and breaks the bread.

**CELEBRANT:** Great and merciful Father, we ask you to send down your Holy Spirit to sanctify these, our gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the eve of his passion and death, while at table with those he loved, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat.

This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks, and handing the cup to his disciples, said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

**ALL:** And so, Father most holy, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son, whom you led through suffering and death on the cross to the glory of the resurrection and a place at your right hand. Until Jesus, our Savior, comes again we proclaim the work of your love, and we offer you the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing. Look with favor on the offering of your Church in which we show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ entrusted to us. Through the power of your Spirit of love include us now and forever among the members of your Son, whose body and blood we share.

**CELEBRANT:** Loving Father, by our sharing in this mystery enliven us with your Spirit and conform us to the image of your Son. Strengthen the bonds of our communion with John Paul, our Pope, William, our bishop, with all bishops, priests, deacons and all your holy people.

**ALL:** Keep your Church alert in faith to the signs of the times and eager to accept the challenge of the Gospel. Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity, so that by sharing in their grief and anguish, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and advance together on the way to your kingdom.

**CELEBRANT:** Be mindful of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ, and all the dead whose faith only you can know. Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection and gladden them with the light of your face. When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with you forever. There, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints, we shall praise you and give you glory through Jesus Christ, your Son.

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,  
forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

## **Call**

**CELEBRANT:** Almighty and ever-gentle God, we praise and bless you. Through your goodness, you have made this world and called us to be your own. We thank you for the sun, the moon, this earth, and its birds, fish, trees, and everything that is beautiful around us.

**ALL:** We thank you especially for our freedom, for the dreams of young people and for old people's visions, for our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. We praise you, for you call us to build the earth into a community of love. This will be our prayer to you. You have placed confidence in us, for you have made us and you know that we are good.

**CELEBRANT:** In joy, and in thanksgiving for your call to us, we join with all of creation as we sing your praise in words that shall never cease:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .

**ALL:** Loving God, we do not always understand what you have planned for us. It is difficult to grasp the mysterious depths of your love. So you sent your only begotten one, Jesus, to show us who we are and what you want us to be. Jesus challenged us to call you "Abba" and taught us not to be afraid. Jesus showed us how to forgive and taught us that love is stronger than all sin.

**CELEBRANT:** And so, Loving God, to help us remember the call you have given us. We gather here at Jesus' command, to celebrate this simple meal.

On the evening before his suffering and death, Jesus took bread into his hands, blessed it and broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples with the words:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal, knowing that he was to reconcile all things in himself by the blood of his cross, he took the cup, filled with wine. Again he gave you thanks, handed the cup to his disciples and said:



Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**SING:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

**ALL:** Loving God, open our hearts to the Spirit dwelling within us. May this same Spirit help us to listen without fear to your call to us. May the Spirit lead us to a life of love and service, full of confidence in you. We pray that wherever we are, justice will shine forth, and that all women and men can approach each other as equals, as brothers and sisters living in the light of your presence:

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,  
forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

Source: Ron Wolf, S.J., Bread Blessed and Broken, J. Mossi

## Hope

**CELEBRANT:** O, God we praise you and we bless you. You have made us and we belong to you. You do not hide from us. You are not distant. You have revealed yourself and your great love for us in all your works.

**ALL:** We see you in the strength of mountains, the solitude of deserts, and in gentle and refreshing rain. We see you in the heights of skies and ocean depths, in birds that soar and fish that swim. We see you in the hope of sunrise, the relief and rest of sunset. All your works proclaim your love.

**CELEBRANT:** As children surrounded and protected by the warmth of God's love, we join all creation in rejoicing, in celebrating your great care and concern for us. It is in this spirit, that we raise our voices and praise your name:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .

**ALL:** God, we thank you for speaking your greatest word of love to us: Jesus Christ. He came to show us clearly who you are. He taught us how to call you God. We are your children, your image. We thank you that when we sinned you sent us Jesus Christ, our brother, to free the child in each of us to grow in your life and spirit.

**CELEBRANT:** And of all he said and did, we thank you for his greatest gift to us. On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal and shared with them his life and love. While they were at supper, he took some bread, gave you thanks, broke it and passed it among them saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat.  
This is my body given up for you.

Then he took the cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to them saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink.  
This is the cup of my blood, poured out for people everywhere so sins may be forgiven. This is a new and everlasting covenant. Do this in memory of me.

**ALL:** God we thank you for Christ's life among us, the example he has left us of how to live a life of love. We gratefully recall his death, and how he shows us a way to die to self and live for others. And finally, we remember the hope we have in Jesus' resurrection and ascension: the hope of the seed that falls into the ground, the hope of the grapes that yield to crushing, the hope we cling to with childlike tenacity, the hope of new and fuller life.

**CELEBRANT:** Together, now, as a community of believers, we proclaim the fullness of our faith:

**SING:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

**ALL:** Send us your Spirit, Creator, the Spirit Christ has promised us, so the child in each of us can grow. Help us rediscover creativity and imagination and all the ways in which we can be most like you.

**CELEBRANT:** Give us your eyes and restore our vision. Teach us to find you in the present moment you have given us. Help us to seek and find you where you are to be found in the ordinary, day to day living of our lives. We make our prayer to you our God in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is our hope.

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,  
forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

Source: Michael Moynahan, S. J.

## Joy

**CELEBRANT:** We sing your praise, God, with greater joy than ever because you so loved this world you sent your son to be our friend to reclaim, restore, and renew each of us. Because you so loved us, you called us into the light of your friendship and claimed us as your very own.

**ALL:** And so, in this season of the resurrection, we sing with heartfelt joy:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy . . .

**CELEBRANT:** Through the life, and death, and rising of Jesus, you give us sight. Jesus is your true light, who came to lead us. He is your goodness, your Risen One, who came to show us the way. And through him, you call us each by name. You call us, again and again, and in Jesus offer us freedom, and life, and light.

**ALL:** Jesus speaks to us your words of truth and love. He opens our eyes to see your goodness. He opens our hearts to know your love. Your Spirit inspires us to invite you into our presence, to ask you to come and stay with us. And amazingly, graciously, you come and remain.

**CELEBRANT:** How great, how considerate, you are. How gentle your touch. How forgiving your heart. Like the disciples, our eyes are opened, our hearts assured, by the presence of Jesus with us, through the mystery of the breaking of the bread.

**ALL:** We remember Jesus. How on the night before he died, he gathered with his friends for one last meal. While they were at supper, he took some bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and passed it among them saying:

**CELEBRANT:** Take this, all of you, and eat.  
This is my body given up for you.

Then he took the cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to them saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink.  
This is the cup of my blood, poured out for people everywhere so sins may be forgiven. This is a new and everlasting covenant. Do this in memory of me.

**CELEBRANT AND ALL:** Yes, we remember Jesus' life and what he taught. we remember Jesus' death and what he gave. We joyfully remember his rising to new life with you, God, as conqueror of all.

**CELEBRANT:** Thus with immense joy and gratitude we declare this mystery of the season:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**ALL:** You have sent your joy, the Spirit Jesus promised us, so each of us can grow. Take, and transform us into the new creation you desire. Take and transform us by the power of the Risen Jesus.

**CELEBRANT:** Open our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Give us consciousness to be in the present, to find you in the ordinary tasks of our daily lives. Help us discover all the ways we can be like you, so that:

**ALL:** Through Jesus, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

## Healing

**CELEBRANT:** Let us praise and proclaim the wonder of our God. From of old, you have created us. From before our birth, you have held us in your heart. Each one of us – special and unique to you. You call us each by name and say that we are good.

**ALL:** You rescue and reclaim us, gracious God. You call and set us free. You form us each anew, in the image of Jesus, your Beloved One, and so we sing your praise.

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .

**ALL:** Blessed be you, God, for lifting us out of our sins, for healing our wounds, for re-forming each of us in the image of Jesus. Blessed be you, O Lord our God, for every rescuing act, for every healing word, for every freeing moment we extend to one another. Thus you continue reforming our hearts and renewing our world in the image of Jesus, your Beloved One. Blessed be you God, for giving such vision and such hope to all your children. You give each of us a part to play, a song to sing, a love to give. And, by your overflowing generosity, call us all to you, bring us all to you, through the life and death and rising of Jesus.

**CELEBRANT:** We remember on the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends for a final meal. One last time he declared his freeing, healing love, his rescuing, reforming power through the breaking of the bread, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat:  
This is my body given up for you.

In the same way, he took the cup. He gave thanks, and giving the cup to his disciples, said:

Take this all of you, and drink from it:  
This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting Covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**ALL:** We thank you great and gracious God, for Jesus, the source of our hope, the ground of our joy, and we bring to you our stumbling efforts to be your community of love. May your spirit be upon us, God, upon our church, upon our families, and upon our friends, and upon all who suffer in any way, upon those who have died, and upon all who wander far from you. May your Spirit draw us all, and unite us all, wherever we may be, so that we may truly be your people, formed in the image of Jesus, your Beloved One. Then:

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty God, forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

## **Creator Spirit**

**CELEBRANT:** We give you thanks, Creator Spirit beyond all imagining, for the wonderful gift of awareness that allows us to recognize and name your presence in our universe. Everything we have, everything we see, everything we do, everyone we love and everyone who loves us reveals your sustaining presence and our total dependence on you.

**ALL:** We marvel and wonder at the size and complexity of our universe. We marvel and wonder at the development of life on this planet. We thank you that your presence “charges” this life and all that exists. We recognize that human life gives you a particular way of expressing yourself and that in us you can sing and dance, speak and write, love and create.

**CELEBRANT:** We thank you for Jesus of Nazareth who loved so greatly and taught so clearly and courageously that he was able to set people free from images and ideas and religious practices that bound them into fear and a false sense of separation from you. Through him we have learned how our loving is a sharing in your life. In him we see your presence challenging us to make your reign on earth more visible.

We remember the night before he died, when he took bread, gave you thanks for everything he had, gave it to his friends and said:

Take this and eat,  
This is my body which will be broken for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, he said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
This is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may  
be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.



**ALL:** We believe that like all people who live in love and die in love, Jesus died into your eternal loving embrace. We are thankful that Jesus grounds our belief in our own eternal, loving connectedness with you and our belief that we are in communion with all those who have died before us.

**CELEBRANT:** We pray for all who allow the mind and heart and spirit of Jesus to motivate their actions. We pray that Christian leadership may be open and affirming, creative and challenging. We pray that we all might better recognize, acknowledge, and acclaim your presence in all people, at all times, in all places.

**ALL:** For ourselves gathered here we ask the grace to be who and what we ritualize here: the Body of Christ, people committed by our “Amen” to allow your Spirit to move freely in our lives. We thank you that we have gathered here as the Body of Christ; we rejoice in the giftedness of each person here; we are grateful for who we are for each other. We consider ourselves blessed in and by you. May we be truly eucharistic in all we do.

**CELEBRANT:** All this we ask through Christ, our Savior,

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Yahweh,  
forever and ever. Amen.

Source: Michael Morwood, 2001 (adapted)

## **The Spirit**

**CELEBRANT:** We do give you thanks and praise, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother. Dying, he passed on to us his Holy Spirit to enable us to approach you confidently as your children. And so we come to you, O God, as a people reborn, washed clean of stain and anointed with holiness.

**ALL:** In the strength and power of that same Spirit we open our hearts to the creativity of your holy Word spoken in creation, retold by the prophets, imaged in human deed, lived and celebrated in the dying and rising of Jesus, proclaimed anew in our assembling together. Representing all creation, we echo again and again the prophetic words:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy . . .

**CELEBRANT** We have seen and experienced the working of your Spirit in the beauties of nature, in the wonders of human invention, in the companionship of friends, in community, in the power of your holy Word.

**ALL:** And now we ask that your Spirit be poured forth on us and on our gifts, that we may recognize Jesus here, in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup, so that we may be united to him and thus be completely yours.

**CELEBRANT:** For on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave to us this sign of the love by which he redeemed us. As his disciples sat down to eat, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks and said:

Take this all of you, and eat:  
This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, he said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

**ALL:** And so we do. We celebrate his dying and rising through which he brought us back to you. Strengthened by the Spirit poured out upon us to give us consolation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**CELEBRANT:** We offer back to you our sharing of this meal, our community, ourselves. We are grateful for your presence in our world, grateful for your transforming death into eternal life.

**ALL:** God, let your Spirit come upon your holy church that it may be seen as the sign of the living presence of Jesus. Remember your people here and all those who gather together in your name. Help us grow in love toward those who follow different paths. May we who share this bread and wine be filled with the Holy Spirit, and become one with all people. Remember those who are no longer in this world. Bring them into the joy of your presence. Have mercy on all of your children, past, present, and to come.

**CELEBRANT:** We ask all of this through Christ Jesus:

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

Source: Natick Liturgy Group, 2004 (adapted)

## **All-Knowing God**

**CELEBRANT:** All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise, O God. In the beginning your Word summoned light: night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you created in your image humankind, female and male you created them.

**ALL:** God, you formed us and you know us. You know our coming in and our going out. You know when we sit and when we stand. You know our hearts, and our thoughts are always before you. You know our sins and failures; nothing is hidden from you. Yet, you do not abandon us. Instead, you send us your Holy Spirit to patiently teach us, lead us, and bring us back to you. Indeed, from before the beginning, from before we were conceived, you knew each of us, and kept us in your heart. You loved each of us and declared that we were yours.

**CELEBRANT:** So, with all your angels and saints, we proclaim your goodness, as we sing:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy . . .

**ALL:** Praise be to you, great God of all the living. Our hearts rejoice, and our spirits are glad, because of your great goodness to us. We welcome you, and give you thanks. You, who are before us, and behind us, above us, and within us. You, who are truth, and wisdom, and compassion. We especially rejoice, at the wonder of Jesus, your Beloved One, born poor and weak, like us, knowing hunger and cold, like us, feeling weary and hurt, like us, fully human, like us, in all things but sin.

**CELEBRANT:** We remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus called his friends, for a final meal. One last time, he spoke his heart, poured out his truth, gave all of himself to us and for us. Jesus is your pledge, your gift, your life, given to each of us through the mystery of the breaking of the bread. On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and praised you, God of all creation; he broke the bread and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat.

This is my body given up for you.

When supper was ended, he poured a final cup of wine and blessed you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his companions and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it.

This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

And so, we declare this mystery of our faith:

**ALL:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

**ALL:** Loving God, we commemorate Jesus, your only begotten One, as we offer you this sacrifice. Death could not bind Jesus, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and made Christ sovereign over all creation. May Jesus' coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

**CELEBRANT:** Send your Spirit, God, upon our church, and upon all peoples, upon our families, and our friends. Teach all of us to value the good, and lead us to do what is right. Send your Spirit, God, upon all who are suffering, and all in special need. Awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, and those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned. Bring us all together in your one community of faith and love, so that all creation will be one and all divisions healed and we shall join in singing your praise through your only begotten, Jesus the Christ.

**ALL:** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,  
forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.

Source: Adapted from ICEL "An Original Eucharistic Prayer"

## **Light**

**CELEBRANT:** Blessed be you, God, creator of the universe. You form the light, and create the darkness. You make peace, and bring forth all good. In your compassion, you pour out healing. And in your mercy, you grant forgiveness. You generously, and continuously renew the gift of your Word to us, and your Spirit in us, each moment of every day. Wonderful are you, God, mighty in word and deed, marvelous in tender concern, for your love is so deep, so rich, so full, that though we stumble, you bend to pick us up. And, when we have lost our way, you do not abandon us but again and again, you call, and search, and carry us back to you.

**ALL:** We praise and thank you, most gracious God, because of your kindness to us. When we are fearful you give us courage. When we are sorrowing you touch us with peace. When our burdens are heavy you send us help. When we have lost our way in sin, you find, and forgive, and bring us back to you. You are our faithful, always compassionate God. And so we sing:

**SING:** Holy, holy, holy . . .

**ALL:** We praise and thank you, most glorious God, for the gift of Jesus, your Word among us. Jesus is your light to us. He is your light for us, the light that illumines the truth about us, and about you, loving God. Jesus is your presence-with-us, in Spirit and in truth.

**CELEBRANT:** We remember what he did and what he said. Always and everywhere, he welcomed the poor, the outcast, the weak. He fed the hungry, and healed the sick. He brought hope to the hopeless, strength to the helpless, and forgiveness for sin. He challenged all to grow in our love for you, gracious God, and for each other. He challenged all to practice that same love, in the way we treat one another. We remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his friends for a final meal. One last time, he opened his heart to them, after blessing the bread, he gave it to them saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat.  
This is my body given up for you.

Then he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and gave the cup to his disciples saying :

Take this, all of you, and drink.  
This is the cup of my blood poured out for everyone  
so that sins may be forgiven. This is a new and everlasting  
covenant. Do this in memory of me.

**ALL:** As he did then, so he does now. He gathers with us, opens his heart to us, welcomes, heals, strengthens, challenges, offers forgiveness and brings new hope in the mystery of his Word and sacrament, through the mystery of his suffering and death, by the mystery of his rising to new life to be with you, great and loving God.

**CELEBRANT:** So, with all your angels and saints, we declare:

**SING:** Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

**ALL:** As we continue this memory of Jesus, and trust your Word to us in him, we gain courage to offer our efforts to be his faithful followers. Be with and bless our church, our families and friends, the sick and all who suffer; those who have died and those yet to be born, those who have lost their way in sin, and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Welcome and heal, strengthen and challenge, forgive, and bring all of us into your everlasting life.

**CELEBRANT:** Make us signs of your welcoming, healing, challenging, forgiving presence to all in our world. Then, as one family in your love, the light of Jesus will shine in all, and with all, and through all, so that:

**ALL:** Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God  
forever and ever.

**SING:** Amen.