The Great Thanksgiving
First Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Based on Isaiah 2:1–5

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*
**God be with you.**
*And also with you.*
**Lift up your hearts.**
*We lift them up to God.*
**Let us give thanks to God.**
*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy, Gracious and Everlasting God,
In the days to come, you promise that your mountain shall rise,
And all nations shall stream to your presence.
You call us to lay down our weapons,
to beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks,
to walk in your ways and learn your paths.

In the midst of darkness, you shine a light.
In the midst of despair, you speak hope.
In the midst of conflict, you offer peace.
In this Advent season, where we watch and wait
You awaken our hearts again to your promise—
that the night is far spent,
The day is drawing near,
and your reign of justice and peace
is breaking into the world.
Therefore, with all who long for your coming
and with the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O Christ,
Light of the world and dawn of our salvation.
In the fullness of time,
You came to dwell among us,
to gather scattered peoples,
to teach us the Way,
and to lead us toward God's holy mountain.
You proclaim peace to those far off and near,

You heal the brokenhearted,
And you invite us to lay down the burden of fear
and take up the labor of love.

*Words of Institution*
On the night of his betrayal, Jesus took the bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup,
And after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Memorial Acclamation*
And so, in remembrance of Jesus's mighty acts,
We come to offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice,
proclaiming the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

*Prayer of Consecration*
Great Creator of All
May you pour out your Spirit upon us,
And on these gifts of bread and cup.
May they be for us
the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be his body for the world—
children of light, walkers in your paths,
Pilgrims of peace who beat swords into plowshares
And bear witness to your coming day.

May all honor and glory be yours, Gracious God,
Now and forever.
Amen.