**Eucharistic Prayer: Poverty and Economic Crisis**

*This eucharistic prayer is intended for services related to poverty, for communities in financial distress, or in seasons of economic crisis.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You feed the birds of the air by your hand

and clothe the lilies of the field with beauty.

Though we have lusted after false idols

and have sought security in the vanity of wealth,

you remain faithful, generous in mercy,

sending prophets to proclaim your way

of justice and dignity for all.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all the faithful of every time and place

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord ...**

You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

For our sake he took on the poverty of human life

so that we might receive the abundance of your grace.

He fed the hungry, welcomed the outcast,

and announced good news to the poor.

Through his self-giving love, he conquered death

so that we might have the gift of life in fullness.

*The Words of Institution may be included here, or at the Invitation to the Table or Breaking of the Bread.*

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and this wine

and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,

as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you

to be a living and holy sacrifice,

dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died ...**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break and the cup we bless

may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ

and with your church in all the world.

Open our hearts and hands

to share the extravagance of your love

with all who are in need.

Teach us to extend the table of your grace

until all have a place at your holy feast.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,

now and forever. **Amen.**