**A Great Thanksgiving for Children**

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

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.**

Thank you, God, for making the world—
the sun and rain, the moon and stars,
mountains and valleys, rivers and lakes,
deserts and oceans, forests and fields,
and all the plants, animals, and people.

Thank you for making us your children.
You know us and call us by name.
You help us to learn and grow.
You find us when we are lost
and you lead us safely back home.

That is why we sing this joyful song:

**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.**

Thank you, God, for Jesus, your holy child.
He taught us how to love each other,
to take care of people who are sick,
to share our food with the hungry,
and to tell good news to all the world.

We remember how Jesus took bread,
and after he blessed it and broke it,
he gave it to his friends, saying:
This bread is my body, given for you;
remember me when you do this.

We remember how Jesus took a cup
and shared it with his friends, saying:
This cup is my promise to you,
that I will love you no matter what;
remember me when you do this.

You sent Jesus to show us the way
so that we could live forever with you.
When we share this meal with Jesus
we remember your great love
and we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit in this place,

so that Jesus will be with us
when we share this bread and cup.
Make us one family in the church
and use us to do your good work.

Help us to follow you each day
until Jesus makes everything new
and we can gather around one table
with all of your people everywhere.
We pray these things in your holy name.

**Amen.**