

# Alternative Great Thanksgiving for use with children A

Priest: God is here.

**People: We praise God together.**

Priest: Let us say thank you to God

**People: Who has done so much for us.**

Priest: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.  
All the good we see comes from you.  
You have always loved us  
but people have not always loved  
you. You sent Jesus to show us  
how to live and to bring us back to  
you again.

**People: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest: He died for us on the  
cross so that through  
your Spirit we can all be  
your people.  
And so with thanks we praise you.

**People: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest: We are here because on the night before he  
died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
There he took some bread  
and gave thanks to you,  
God.  
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to  
them. "This is my body," he said.  
"Do this, and know that I am with you."

**People: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest: Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.  
He shared it with them, and said  
"This is my blood, which brings new life.  
Do this, and know that I am with you."

**People: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest: And so, remembering Jesus, who died,  
was raised to new life by you,  
and is alive forever,  
we are glad to share that life and live in him.

**People: Amen. We are alive in Jesus**

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit  
so that this bread and wine  
can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,  
and through this food  
give us strength to live as your people.

**People: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest: Help us care for your world  
and for each other  
in the way that Jesus showed us.  
Until he comes again,  
with all your people  
in every time and every land  
we worship you and say:

**People: We praise you.  
We thank you.  
We bless you.  
Amen.**

# Alternative Great Thanksgiving for use with children B

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.  
All the good we see comes from you.  
You have always loved us  
but people have not always loved you.  
You sent Jesus to show us how to live  
and to bring us back to you again.

He died for us on the cross  
so that through your Spirit  
we can all be your people.  
And so with thanks  
we praise you singing / saying.

**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.**

We are here because on the night before he died  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
There he took some bread  
and gave thanks to you, God.  
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.  
“This is my body,” he said,  
“Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Later, he took a cup of wine  
and gave thanks to you.  
He shared it with them, and said  
“This is my blood, which brings new life.  
Do this, and know that I am with you.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died,  
was raised to new life by you,  
and is alive forever,  
we are glad to share that life and live in him.  
And proclaim the mystery of our faith

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit  
so that this bread and wine  
can be for us the body and blood  
of Jesus, and through this food  
give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other  
in the way that Jesus showed us.  
Until he comes again,  
with all your people  
in every time and every land  
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be  
yours, Here and everywhere,  
Now and forever.  
Amen.**