Scottish Liturgy 1982

Suitable for use at times of lament

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Loving God, you comfort the sad, and strengthen those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out in tribulation; and grant, we pray, to all who are distressed mercy, relief, and refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

13 Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Maker of heaven and earth, in every place and at all times, in sorrow and in joy.

For, in the beginning, you put darkness and chaos to flight, bringing order to your creation, in which you are well pleased.

In Christ, your Son, you know the sufferings of the world. He has taken up our pain and sorrows, to bring us peace, and heal our wounds.

Through your Holy Spirit you proclaim good news to the poor; you comfort the broken hearted, announcing freedom to the captives and release from imprisoning darkness. As children of your redeeming purpose, seeking wholeness in our broken lives, we offer you our praise with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for you have redeemed us through your Son.

By his life and sacrificial death, he conquered the powers of darkness, transforming our lament and freeing us to praise you.

By your power you raised him to new life. He broke the bonds of sin and death, and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.