

With Hands Held Open

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Celebrant: We give thanks, and lift the cup of joy to God.
Community: *We are grateful, O God, for the wine of everlasting joy we drink at Your table.*

Celebrant: We give thanks, and break the bread of hope in the presence of God.
Community: *We are grateful, O God, for the bread of living hope we eat at Your table.*

Celebrant: We give thanks, and pass the plate of friendship to our neighbor.
Community: *We are grateful, O God, for the plate of love and friendship we share at Your table.*

Celebrant: We give thanks, and serve the feast of reconciliation to God's world.
Community: *We are grateful, O God, for the feast of reconciliation we enjoy at Your table.*

Celebrant: We give thanks to You, O God, and we toast the resurrection that is to come.
Community: *We are grateful, O God, for the wine and the bread, the plate and the feast, that speaks of a celebration to come.*

Celebrant: With hands held open,
Community: *And hearts filled full,*

ALL: We give You thanks.

Gracious God, who gives all perfect gifts, who sustains life with food that is eternal, and drink that is everlasting, we open our hands in thanks. With these open hands, we receive your gifts with gladness. With these open hands, we share Your feast generously with all who come to Your table.

Amen.

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