

A Eucharistic Prayer

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God, you are beyond all human definition; and yet we experience you in the sense of transcendence, wonder and awe that life brings to us.

You are not beyond us but nor are you constrained by us, and our perception of you is ever changing. We are incomplete creatures, yet we have stepped beyond the boundaries of previous limitations into self-consciousness and we need to be empowered to become whole.

We want to become something more than those who simply seek to survive. We believe in Jesus, not as a saviour who came to rescue us out of life, but one in whom and through whom your transcendence has fully emerged in human history. He lived life to the full yet was hounded to death, even death on a cross.

Out of that death, however, will come a new beginning. Jesus empowers us to be more deeply and fully human and to enter a level of consciousness where we discover that we live in you and you live in us.

This Eucharist is then a celebration of who we are and a call to walk more deeply into the meaning of our humanity. Take these elements of bread and wine, symbols of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and use them to transform us who sit and share in this sacred meal. Make us aware of your eternal presence and the work of your Spirit as you lead us into the future.

We do not fully comprehend the road ahead but we do know that a new creation is being born and in that new creation you, O God, will be newly experienced and newly discovered — not as a being who lives above the sky, but as the presence that is revealed in the heart of the truly human.

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