**Litany**

*Crafted for the 2019 Institute, “Table of Thanksgiving: How Eucharist Forms Us,” this litany gives thanks for gifts of creation that provide food. It is especially appropriate for liturgies that include themes of creation, harvest, thanksgiving, and vocation.*

Glory to you, generous God:

you sustain creation and call us to feast.

For your open hands that feed the world,

we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

Glory to you, generous God:

you have patterned the life-giving seasons,

sending warmth and rain, opening the seed,

guiding the pollinating bees.

For these rhythms, seen and unseen,

we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

Glory to you, generous God:

you enliven the churning oceans and guard the rising mountains.

You make the rivers glad and renew the forests after fire.

For seaweed and salmon, huckleberries and mushrooms,

and all the gifts of the wild places,

we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

Glory to you, generous God:

you sent us to till and keep the garden,

setting us down in a fertile land.

We praise you for farmers, fruit-pickers, and harvesters.

We honor you for the lives of animals who become our food,

and for those who raise and offer them.

For workers whose names we may never learn,

we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

Glory to you, generous God:

you sent your Son to break bread with sinners

and to become the bread of life for the world.

We bless you for bakers and winemakers,

servers, cooks, custodians, and chefs.

For all who set the table and share their bread,

we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

We bless you, generous God,

and we hunger for your return.

Bless all those who keep your feast in every place

and bring us to the final banquet when all creation is restored in you.

Honor and praise and thanksgiving be to you, O God,

now and forever,

**Amen.**

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