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People: And also with you.

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People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God... Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will and world. Amen.

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