

Five Helps for Thankfulness - Dear Brothers and Sisters: An Archbishop once offered his Parishes what he called 'Five Helps', which I think, with a little modification, speak with pretty great clarity to the Church today - and which I offer as my own Thanksgiving wish from Paradise here on Vancouver Island!

1) Take care to keep short accounts with God - make sure you confess your sins, daily. The habit of being critical about people and things grows more than each of us realize, and this self-critical approach can help stop us in our tracks. 2) Be ready to accept humiliation - Christians strive for humility, but often avoid this means of acquiring it. Humiliations can hurt, terribly, but they do keep us humble! 3) Do not worry about personal or professional standing - there is only one, true status for which our Lord bids us to pay attention to: our proximity to Him. "If you would serve me, then follow me, and where I am, there also shall you be." (John 12:26). 4) Never lose a sense of humour... laugh, at the absurdities of life, and especially at how you're handling them. 5) Thank God: often, and always; with great wonder and awe for your continuing life as a Christian; for the privileges of knowing Jesus your Lord and Saviour; and for every experience of His determined purpose of love and property of mercy toward you, and all whom you love.

Happy Thanksgiving, dear friends! Guy B.

TODAY'S SERVICE

LITURGY AND LYRICS will be on-screen and are available online by using the code:

BIBLE READINGS 1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 105:1-11 Galatians 3:15-29 Amanda Yu

CHILDREN AND YOUTH After the children (K-grade 6) come forward for prayer, their class meets upstairs; the children will be returned to their parents near the end of or just after the service. Youth Group meets each week except for first Sunday of the month Holy Communion, with a year-long focus on Catechesis.

COLLECT OF THE DAY Lord we pray that your grace may always prevent [go before] and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY O most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for life and health and safety; for power to work and leisure to rest; for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of all; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OFFERING We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, simply be our guest.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

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NOTICES

- SJR Year-To-Date Contribution Statements have been prepared and will be distributed this week.
- Volunteers for Diocesan Synod - October 28-31: Our Anglican Diocese of Canada annual national gathering is near; Good Shepherd Vancouver (our host church) is seeking volunteers to help. Sign up online from the SJR email!
- Join a weekly Community Group! A link to all of our current Groups can be found on our website, and a physical guide is also available at the Welcome Table. You can indicate interest for any group on the card by filling it out and giving it to Chris or Sean or Guy.

Welcome to St. John's Richmond!

Our desire is to joyfully love and serve Jesus Christ and share him with our neighbours.

We are excited to gather on Sunday Evenings for this special way to worship God at the end of the day and the beginning of the week. If you are new to us, please stay for refreshments so we can introduce ourselves to you.

As Anglicans, we use liturgy (structured prayer) to walk through the wonderful story of who Jesus Christ is, and what God has done for us through his life, death, resurrection and reign. The music, readings, prayers and participation are arranged to help us rehearse the good news ('gospel') of salvation: our new life in Jesus.

Our Evening Prayer and Holy Communion services follow patterns set out in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), developed in the 1500's during the English Reformation by Thomas Cranmer. About 88% of the BCP is directly taken from the Bible.

The best reason to use these classic liturgies is that they remind us of our sin, point to the grace of Jesus Christ, and invite us to respond in faith. This is the pattern of our prayers, and the pattern of the Christian life.

Want to find out more about us? Pick up the "Introducing Anglican Worship" booklet at the Welcome Table, and email us at "contact@stjohnsrichmond.com" to ask any questions or sign up for our weekly email update.



WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the Minister)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has empowered and commanded his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. Therefore let us ask God to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is an historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional COLLECTS *(printed on Page 1)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, grant to us for the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Where Were We?

Promise is Superior to the Law vv.15-18

Why Then the Law? vv.19-24

How to Inherit God's Promises vv.25-29