

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

~Andrew Murray

COMMUNION

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ALLELUIA

(GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD)

UNION

Gratitude exclaims... 'How good of God to give me this.'
Adoration says, 'What must be the quality of that Being whose far-off and momentary coruscations are like this!'
One's mind runs back up the sunbeam to the sun

~C.S. Lewis

YOU ARE THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
I WILL DRINK FROM YOUR RIVER OF DELIGHT
AND IN YOUR HOUSE
I WILL REST IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS

IN YOUR LIGHT I WILL FIND MY WAY (ECHO)
(REPEAT)

If you would like to receive the Imago Dei email meditations to encourage your life of prayer, you can sign up on the website, or email imago@shaw.ca

Check our website for information about groups meeting locally. Rob Des Cotes' books are available online.

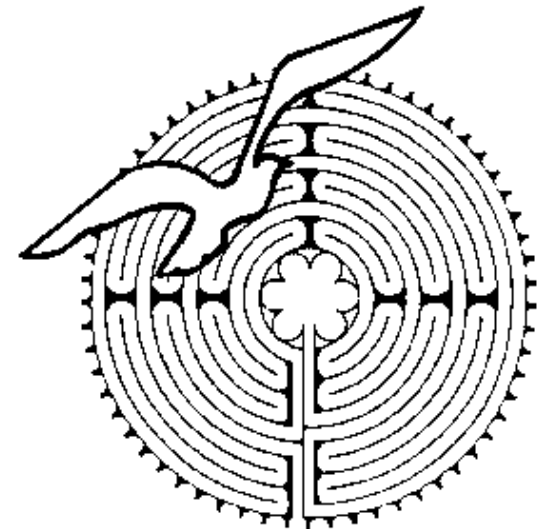
Our next **Contemplative Communion Service** will be November 9 @ 7 pm.

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Contemplative Liturgy

October 12, 2024



with meditations on Thankfulness and Gratitude

Contemplative Liturgy

AWAKENING

A state of mind that sees God in everything is evidence of growth in grace and a thankful heart.

~Charles Finney

LORD YOU HAVE ASSIGNED TO ME
MY PORTION AND MY CUP
THE BOUNDARIES SURROUNDING ME
ARE PLEASANT AND SECURE
LORD YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME
THE RIGHTEOUS PATHS OF LIFE
YOU FILL ME WITH YOUR JOY
IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR LIGHT

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD WHO COUNSELS ME
EVEN AT NIGHT HE INSTRUCTS ME
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND
I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN
(RPT)

ILLUMINATION

Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts

~Andrew Murray

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
IN THE LORD I WILL REJOICE
LOOK TO GOD, DO NOT BE AFRAID
LIFT UP YOUR VOICES, THE LORD IS NEAR
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To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for. Let's not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God. ~ Henri Nouwen

(Refrain) GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER
LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD
GIVE THANKS TO THEIR GOD

CONFESSION

One obstacle is inattention. Another is the wrong kind of attention... only far too easily, one can concentrate on the pleasure as an event in one's own nervous system—subjectify it—and ignore the smell of Deity that hangs about it. A third obstacle is greed. Instead of saying, 'This also is Thou,' one may say the fatal word Encore. There is also conceit: the dangerous reflection that not everyone can find God in a plain slice of bread and butter, or that others would condemn as simply 'grey' the sky in which I am delightedly observing such delicacies of pearl and dove and silver

~CS Lewis

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS O LORD
TEACH ME YOUR PATHS
GUIDE ME IN YOUR TRUTH
TEACH ME FOR YOU ARE MY GOD
MY HOPE IS IN YOU ALL DAY LONG