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**Thanksgiving!**

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Being thankful isn't just for the Thanksgiving holiday. Scripture tells us to be "thankful in everything, in all circumstances."

When we find ourselves overwhelmed with burdens and worried about tomorrow, we can praise God for who He is and for His promise to never leave us or forsake us. We can be thankful for being blessed with the free gift of salvation and eternal life!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

# An Attitude of Gratitude

by Reverend. Dr. Ed Hird

Life is messy. Family is messy. Marriage is messy. Church is messy. How do we navigate through the complexities of daily life? A key to healthy sailing through life's storms is **gratitude**.

The 19th century Cambridge resident, Charles Simeon, once said: "What ingratitude there is in the human heart." It is so easy to end up as a complaining, grumbling person when things don't go our way. The best therapy for a complaining or fearful attitude is to switch from grumbling to thankfulness, from moaning to praising, from bellyaching to belly laughing.

Dr. Patrick Dixon commented that someone who can never laugh is as emotionally imprisoned as someone who can never cry. Dr. Dixon notes that laughter alters the levels of various "stress" hormones such as cortisol, dopamine, adrenaline and growth hormone – all released when we are tense, working hard, worried or afraid.

In typical office stress, all the hormones are released but no exercise follows and the body suffers. We develop stomach ulcers, arteries clog up, we become irritable and develop a host of other problems – all because the body is pumping out hormones we don't need. Laughter, says Dr. Dixon, shuts down these hormone levels, keeping them low. Interestingly, endorphin levels (natural morphine-like substances) seem to remain the same, following laughter.

More and more research is coming to the forefront, showing that gratitude and joyful laughter are connected with

healthy living, while grumbling is connected with diseased living. Dr. E. Stanley Jones once said: "If you are unhappy at home, you should try to find out if your wife hasn't married a grouch." Worry, fear, and anger are the greatest disease causers. We need to prune from our lives all tendencies to fault-find, blame and put down others. Instead we need to daily practice the healing therapy of "counting our blessings."

I would encourage you to take 10 minutes today to write down 10 gifts that you have received in your life that you are thankful for. It might be your



children, your work, your sense of humour, your spouse, your parents, the trees and mountains, or the country of Canada. Then practice saying thank you for these wonderful gifts. It always helps to have someone to whom to say "thank you". As the source of all good gifts, it only makes sense to

express appreciation to the Creator of this mysterious universe. As someone once said, happiness is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank.

**I am more convinced than ever that each of us was born to be thankful.**

Ingratitude is like putting sawdust into our car engines. Through an attitude of gratitude, we are protecting ourselves from countless diseases that could otherwise come our way. Our immune system is a remarkably delicate mechanism that just cannot handle acidic emotions like bitterness, rage, or malice. I challenge you therefore to find out for yourself whether an attitude of gratitude will improve your emotional and physical health. Over our kitchen

table is a wall plaque with the words:  
"in everything, give thanks."

How might gratitude bring more healing  
into your life?

*Rev. Dr. Ed Hird and his wife,  
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January 2020, for the OSL  
Telephone Conference Call. Their  
topic: Healing Marriages and  
Relationships*

**A**nd whatever you do, whether in word or  
deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

**D**evote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and  
thankful. Colossians 4:2

**D**o not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your  
requests to God Philippians 4:6

**G**ive thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures  
forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

# GIVING THANKS FOR OSL

By Colin C M Campbell, PhD

While attending the OSL International Conference in Orlando in July, I was continually reminded how great a gift OSL is to the Church, as a whole.

The keynote speaker, Judith MacNutt connected Christian healing to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming boldly that this is not an option for a Christian. She defined it as "an event in which a person becomes aware of the Presence, Person and Power of the Risen Christ – not as a one-time conversion, but as an ongoing transformation into the image of Jesus.

Our North American director, Josh Acton, pointed out that the Holy Spirit changes the heart first, quoting from Proverbs: "Guard your hearts, for from there come all the issues of life."

How true! Yet how far from our common approach, in which we seek God with our mind first, as we wrestle with our theological difficulties.

At the conference, one distinguished cleric admitted to participating in the Charismatic Renewal of the 70s, lamenting that this had not resulted in the renewal of the institutional church. Praise God! With the current surge in energy in OSL, God has given the Church a second chance!

When Jesus stated that the Truth shall make you free, he was not referring to the outcome of a theological argument.



The Truth that sets us free, as Judith MacNutt put it so well, is an encounter with the "Presence, Person and Power of the Risen Christ."

Sadly, as the distinguished clergyman observed, this vision of the Truth is not yet to be found in many of our seminaries and many church leaders are persuaded that it is now time to download the results of liberal scholarship to our local churches.

This began with Bishop John Robinson and the "God is Dead" movement of the 60s and continues with Bishop John Spong, the Jesus Seminar and "progressive" Christianity, in our own time.

In the Jesus Seminar, scholars vote on whether gospel texts should be taken literally. As a consequence, seminaries are increasingly providing us with clergy, who are woefully ill-equipped to teach us authentic Early Christianity. This is due to the sad reality that their mentors are ivory tower scholars who spend their days parsing Greek and Hebrew sentences.

It is an issue to which I have a solution! The answer is a Christian formation that bears witness to Truth, as expressed by Jesus. I believe that our beloved OSL is almost uniquely equipped to do this, as was wonderfully demonstrated at the recent Orlando conference!

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# THE HEALING POWER OF COMMUNION

By Rev. Al Durrance

One part of the Rule of the Order of St. Luke the Physician says, I will make my communion regularly. There is no definition of regularly. Each of us has to find that rhythm of life as God reveals it to us. My personal practice is to commune twice a week. Some of my brothers and sisters in Christ are led to commune once a month or once a quarter. Since it is Jesus' command that we "Do this," I suggest that each of us ask Him what He has in mind for us. He knows what He wants for you far better than anyone else.

There have been many ideas put forth about what we receive when we receive Communion. "Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, 'Take, eat; **this is my body.**' And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you; for **this is my Blood** of the Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" Mt26:26

"The Apostle Paul said, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not **a participation in the Blood of Christ?** The bread which we break, is it not **a participation in the Body of Christ?** Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body for we all partake of the one bread." ICor10:16

However we explain what occurs when we set apart the bread and cup at Holy Communion, we must see two things. It was important enough for Jesus to take the last hour that He had with His disciples, and give them this one thing to do. He seemed to be clear about it. This is my body. This is my blood.

This is not blood which you are offering to God. You are forbidden to eat or to drink of that blood. This is the blood that God is offering to you that His life might be in you, and you might dwell in

Christ and Christ in you. When Paul writes that we participate in the blood of Christ, he is saying that we are participating in the Life of Christ.

Jesus makes the statement in John's Gospel that confirms this. "Truly, truly, I say to you,

unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you; **he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,** and I will raise him up at the last day." Jn 6:53

Rather than argue about what actually happens, let us say that in the action of partaking of the bread and the cup, we are in some way partaking of the Life of Christ. My personal opinion is that we are receiving the Word of God made flesh in bread and wine. Even if we interpret the Lord's Supper to be a memorial, we must say that it brings with it an effect of being in communion with the crucified, dead, buried, risen and ascended Lord who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. Mt 28:20

He has promised that He would dwell in us and we would dwell in Him. He has come to take up residence in our lives. We are to be made one with Him as He is one with Father, and He prays that we might be made one with each other as well as with Him. Jn 17

When we receive Communion in whatever fashion, we might visualize the presence of Jesus going into every part of our body, permeating every cell, bringing new life to each part of the body that is dis eased. We might visualize the blood of Jesus circulating in our own cardiovascular system, bringing light into every part of our body as He cleanses the blood vessels and takes His healing presence into every part where there is dis ease.

It is simply a matter of taking Jesus at His Word, and receiving the gift of His presence within us. Where He is received, His presence is manifested in new life. I am convinced that is why He gave us this healing practice when we come together with one another and with Him.

I am sure there are many ways in which people approach the sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus. I have never been one to deride anyone for their faith in what occurs at Communion. I am simply recommending that people who are seeking healing from the risen and present Lord, visualize what is actually taking place, and allow Jesus to have access to our selves, our souls, our bodies, our minds, our spirits, and our relationships to touch and to heal us within.

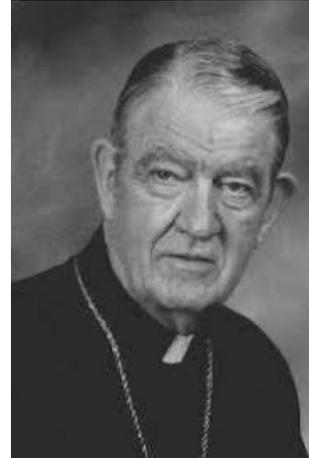
It is well not to hurry through such a time of communion as if it is something to complete and get on with the important work of the Lord. This is the important work of the Lord. This is one of the building blocks of the Kingdom. It is the reception of the presence of Jesus within, that we might be healed and equipped with the wholeness and resources to become His presence for those to whom He sends us to minister in His Name. "He who receives you, receives Me, and he who receives me, receives Him who sent Me." Mt 10:40

It is well to be still with Him. Allow Him to have His way within us, to make known the creative power of His love to restore our lives to the measure of health that we need to perform the purpose for which He created us and to which He has called us today.

The suggestions in this tract have been tried by many people who have found in them a release of the power of God for healing within them. It is simply one of the ways in which the Healing Christ comes to work His will within us to prepare us to minister in the power of His Holy Name.

## **In Loving Memory of A Faithful Servant**

**Rev. Al Durrance**, Former North American Warden (Director) of The International Order of St Luke the Physician from 1988 to 1993.



Al was  
ordained  
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1958,

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**“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.”**

**- John 15.4**

# A SON IS HOLY

by Barry Adams

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## A son is HOLY

Hebrews 2:11

Both the one who makes people holy  
and those who are made holy are of the same family.  
So Jesus is not ashamed to call them  
brothers and sisters. (NIV)

**T**he Greek word for 'to make holy' in Hebrews 2:11 is the word '**hag-ee-ad'-zo'** which means to ceremonially purify or consecrate; to sanctify. This is the same word used in Romans 15:16 where Paul writes that the offering of the Gentiles is 'sanctified' by the Holy Spirit.

In 1 Peter 1:15-16, we read the following exhortation...

15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (NIV) If we look at this command to 'be holy as God is holy' in our own natural ability, we will most certainly feel completely overwhelmed. For in our hearts we know that the truth is, no matter how good we can try to be, it is simply not possible to live up to God's standards in our human effort.

Romans 3:10 clearly tells us that there is no one who is righteous...not one. James affirms

this by saying that if we keep all of the law every day of our lives and just make one tiny

mistake, it is as if we have broken the entire law (James 2:10). So it is obvious that the road to holiness is definitely not based upon our natural ability to keep the law because we just can't do it.

I think that it would be safe to say that in most Christian circles, we would all theologically agree that holiness is not produced from our own actions but on Christ and on His shed blood alone. After all, Hebrews 10:10 tells us... And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (NIV)

While we may all agree that Hebrews 10:10 is a theological truth, how does it work out in our lives on a day to day basis? Do we live each day knowing that we are completely loved and accepted by God no matter what

we do? Do we live our Christian life with the life changing realization that the finished work of Christ on the cross was enough? Do we truly believe that that we are holy even as Jesus is holy even when we fail? ...Or do we still act as if our sanctification is the result of our own self-effort?

Unfortunately the definition of holiness in many evangelical circles is more about our behavior modification rather than our being a completely new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). The truth is that if holiness is something that I can do in my own strength by keeping the law, then Christ died in vain (Galatians 2:21).

Even though I know that I have already been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, there are still days when I act as if it is something that I am supposed to make happen in my own strength. If you are anything like me, you may wrestle with this from time to time too. It is a kind of a spiritual schizophrenia where we live our lives pulling out flower petals repeatedly saying "He loves me, He loves me not" depending upon our performance and our circumstances.

It is at these times that we may find it easier to believe that we are holy on the good days when we read our Bible, pray and maybe witness to others. But what about on the bad days? ...When we are discouraged, fearful and not full of faith? Can we believe that we are still absolutely loved and set apart for His purposes in these dark and lonely times?

The remnant of the orphan heart that still remains in us struggles to believe that God's love and His extravagant grace and mercy are more than enough. The part of us that has not yet surrendered to love still believes that we have to do something in order to be accepted.

I know that this is a poor example, but our son Steve will always be an 'Adams'. He was born into our family and will carry our name no matter what he does in life. He didn't do anything to earn being part of our family, he was simply born into it. I think this is but a shadow of what it means to be born into the family of God. When we become born again, we inherit everything good that is in God's family. Jesus' holiness, His righteousness, His relationship with God... everything!

To walk in holiness is not to live by a set of do's and don'ts in our lives, but to simply live out of the new spiritual DNA that God has already deposited in us by His Holy Spirit. We are God's kids (1 John 3:1) and are partakers of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)! The only reason we are holy is because our Father and our Big Brother are holy! ...Not because we could do anything to ever earn it, deserve it or sustain it.

I believe that our God and Father wants to love all of the remaining orphan beliefs right out of us and convince us that the shed blood of Jesus is enough. Period. My prayer today is that our Heavenly Father would give us a deeper revelation of the 'once and for all sacrifice' of our Elder Brother Jesus.

I pray that we would all know beyond a shadow of a doubt that our holiness, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our eternal acceptance is not rooted in our own efforts but in the everlasting and immeasurable love of God. I pray that we would know that God already sees us as holy because of our union with the Firstborn of many brothers and sisters (Romans 8:29).

The unalterable fact that Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters should cause us to shout the good news from the rooftops! We share the same spiritual DNA as God Himself (1 John 3:9) and as a result, we share in His holiness too!

Does this give us a license to go out and sin? God forbid! (Romans 6:1-2) I believe the more that we are able to believe that we are completely loved and accepted now, the more we will respond to this love by living a life worthy of our calling. (Ephesians 4:1)

May each and every person who has called on the name of the Lord know that we have been made holy simply because we have been joined to Jesus who has become our righteousness and our sanctification (2 Corinthians 5:21). May this good news cause you to cease from your own self effort and enter into the glorious Sabbath rest of Almighty God (Hebrews 4:9-11) and sink into your new identity as a much loved, holy, child of the Most High.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, soul, and

body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (WEB)

**And for that we can indeed be thankful!**

**2 Corinthians 9:11-12** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the

**Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.**

**Psalm 95:2-3** Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**T**herefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29

**F**or everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

**1 Timothy 4:4-5**

## **St Luke's Day**

**St Luke's Day is celebrated every October 18<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to choose the closest Sunday to celebrate in your church... and include a healing service!**



# OSL Canada Network



OSL Canada is committed to finding ways for us all to remain connected and encouraged. "The Network" looks and feels like Facebook, but is a private, social network for now more than 70 OSL Members and invited guests. **'Embers' cool and grow cold when removed from fire. Let's stay connected and encouraged!** Membership is FREE

This is your invitation to join at  
<http://oslcanadanetwork.ning.com/?xqi=0dYBiPD8YAKrYj>

## Wanted

### Your Story of Healing!

Would you consider sharing your healing to encourage others?

The length of your article can be up to 2 pages in Arial or Times Roman 12 Font. Please include a photo and a short bio.

Attach your document and photo in an email to [editor@oslCanada.org](mailto:editor@oslCanada.org)

If you do not have a photo or are not sure how to attach a document, simply write your story in an email and include your phone number so we can call if we have any questions.

We'll do the rest including editing if needed and will return a proof for your approval.

Thank you for considering!

# On The Calendar

[www.oslCanada.org/calendar.htm](http://www.oslCanada.org/calendar.htm)



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**Oct 27**



**Rev. Dr. John Roddam**

**To Equip, Train, and Encourage!**

**Oct 27**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Nov 17**



**Rev. Paul Feider  
President, OSL Int'l**

**"Healing to Make  
Disciples"**

**Nov 17**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Jan 19**



**Janice & Rev. Dr. Ed Hird**

**Healing Marriages and  
Relationships**

**Jan 19**

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Announced**

# Best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament showeth his handiwork. Psa 19:1 ASV*



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