

The Chapel Service - December 19

Waiting Gratefully - Luke 2

The discipline of gratitude - Psalm 7

The gifts God identifies for us

Gratitude from Simeon and Anna

The consolation of Israel - Isaiah 40:1

Waiting and waiting and still waiting

Calculating gratitude

What's the minimum? Obligation

The first 'thanksgiving' - Leviticus 7

Treating the ordinary into the sacred

Immanuel Kant and the sacred duty

Calculating gratitude - moral virtue

A gift is not exchanged but given

The ordinariness of gratitude

Romans 6:17-18;7:25; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 9:15

Colossians 1:12; and 1 Thessalonians 3:9

The vocabulary, the grammar of faith

Anna in the temple - Jerusalem's prophet

Bessie Johnson and her prayers

Thy bounteous hand with worldly bliss
Hath made my cup run o'er;
And, in a kind and faithful Friend,
Hath doubled all my store.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the last a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renewed my face;
And, when in sins and sorrows sunk,
Revived my soul with grace.

Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

When nature fails, and day and night
Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
Thy mercy shall adore.

Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
For, oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!

Joseph Addison (1712)