

The Thanksgiving and the Post-Communion Collect

In **Psalm 118** we read: *Oh Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 118:1)*. What could be more natural after receiving forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation than to want to say, “Thank you” to God for His great gifts? So, we sing:

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: and his mercy endureth forever.

Then, we pray the Post-Communion Collect. You remember when we talked about the Collect earlier in the service. That Collect “collects” the readings and “collects” us around those readings. The Post-Communion Collect “collects” our thanksgivings together as we pray:

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

This is good to remind us to give God thanks throughout the week for every good gift He gives us.

Prayer:

Lord, You give us every good and perfect gift. Help us to always remember to give You thanks for these gifts. In Your Son's name, we pray.

Amen