

## Thanksgiving

Sir 50:22-24

1Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

### **Thanksgiving in Prayer**

SIRACH – Some History

- ~200 BCE
- Alexander the Great's successors squabbling about Judea
  - Not a good time to be Jewish
- High Priest "Simon the Just"  
50:1 Simon "repaired the house", "fortified the temple", ... **snippets from 50:1-ff**  
"considered how to save his people from ruin"  
"how glorious he was surrounded by his people"  
**THIS READING WAS HIS BENEDICTION (only 3 verses)**  
"God, who fosters people's **growth** from their mother's womb"  
"May He grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you"

'God who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb'

#### DEFINITION OF GROWTH

- We have blessings – what are we 'the best at'?
- We are the best \_\_\_\_\_ (manager, engineer, commander, husband, wife, daughter)
- How are we being called to grow \_\_\_\_\_? on the word of one who loves you!

### **TEN Lepers**

When we give thanks – it's for things in PAST or PRESENT **-or- FUTURE "in faith"**

Lepers healed "on their way" to the priest "in faith"

Jesus didn't say they were healed – He said, "Go show yourselves to the priest"  
WHY

Lepers were unclean

To be declared clean – they must be healed AND

Priest must inspect them and declare them CLEAN – shave, shave again

Blood on TOE, THUMB, EARLOBE

That wherever they GO, whatever they DO, whenever they hear Word of GOD

They should give thanks

We each have a relationship with God

We are called **to grow** in our relationship with God.

We are called **to be made clean**. That where we go, whatever we do,

We give God thanks.