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Anticipation



Advent = Anticipation!

Ken Bombay told me this story over coffee one day. He told me of a time when he was a child – a pastor's kid. He was in bed, pretending to sleep all the while listening in on his parent's conversation. You see the kitchen was directly beneath his room and the hole where the old stove pipe came up through the floor was wide open, offering the perfect conduit for little ears.

With deep concern, Ken's pastor dad said to his wife, "It has been 6 weeks since anyone has come to the Lord at church. What's wrong?" They talked for a while. Ken's dad decided to go to prayer; fasting and prayer.

Day after day little Ken

would come home from school for lunch and hear his dad in his study calling out in prayer, pleading with the Lord to send repentance and revival in their congregation. After two weeks of fasting and prayer, Ken came home for lunch and upon opening the door heard his dad erupting in prayer in other tongues. His family home was electric with the dynamic presence of the Living God.

That Sunday revival broke out in their church in western Canada. Nothing was ever the same. Steady streams of people came to faith in Christ and were empowered by the Holy Spirit for lives of service. So it was because a pastor of a small church refused to let business-as-usual creep in. Ken's dad anticipated and even expected repentance and revival to follow gospel ministry. When 6 consecutive Sundays had passed

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And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.



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without direct signs he took on the spiritual discipline of fasting and prayer on behalf of his people.

Every hair on my body stood on end as Ken shared this story with me. I thought, "I want to be THAT guy."

Dear brothers and sisters, this Advent I will be fasting and praying for you and for our church. I will be journeying through a season of repentance, anticipation and expectancy; looking for the Lord to show up in power in our midst.

The new status quo I am praying for and expecting will see people repenting, being born again and empowered by God the Holy Spirit weekly. Nothing but that will do.

Will you pray with me? Will you dare to let faith arise in your heart and so shape your prayers that your eyes gush for the lost in your neighborhoods, workplaces and families? This advent season will you join me in anticipation of nothing less than revival?

Having studied historical revivals, Tim Keller points out a three-stage pattern. In stage 1 nominal church attendees are converted to Christ. Stage 2 sees lukewarm Christians set ablaze and in stage 3 the world is drawn in to participate.

Do you long for the day when people driving by St. George's Burlington are drawn in and fall to their faces throwing

themselves on the love and mercy of the Lord?

Dear Lord, bring revival and use us!

Advent = Anticipation!

Ray David

**JESUS IS THE
REASON
FOR THE SEASON**

**Advent and Christmas
Services**

Advent Evensong: Dec. 1, 4p.m.

**Lessons and Carols: Dec. 22,
10:15 a.m.**

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24
Family Service: 4 p.m.
Traditional Service: 9 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9 a.m.

"Thy kingdom come, O God"

Sunday School News

We are so proud of our children! How much they have grown this fall in Sunday school and how much they care for others! Our numbers have been up and down, but no matter how many or how few, our dedicated volunteers have been there to teach our children the wonderful word of God.

This fall we have been using the Scripture Union material and the children have been learning about Moses and the children of Israel. They also filled lunch boxes to give to the Milton Salvation Army for local needy children.

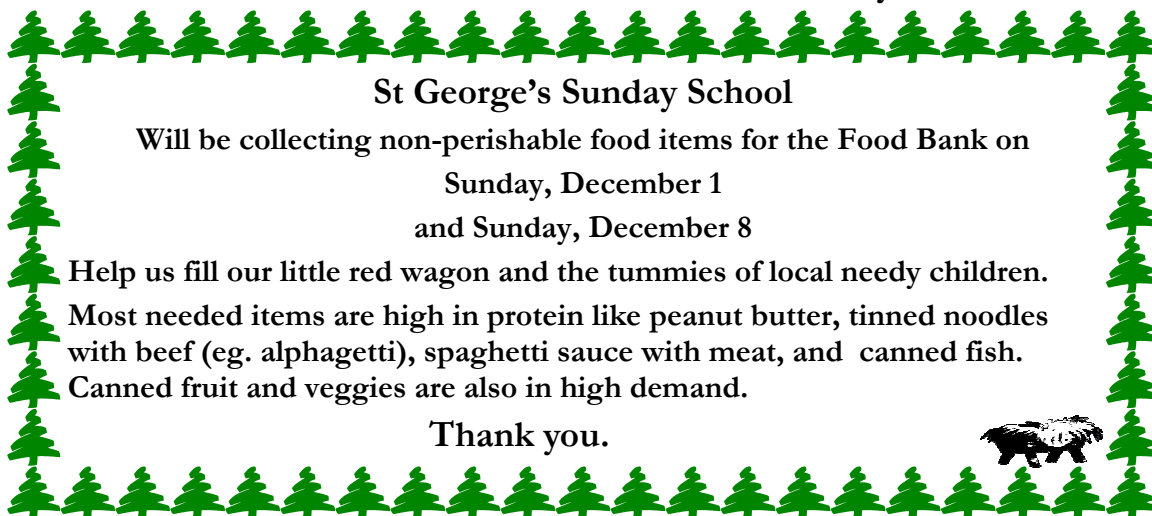
Things are hopping in the Sunday school this December. On December 1st and 8th the children will be filling our little red wagon with non-perishable food items for the local food bank. The children would love to receive your canned goods. Please watch for the children pulling the little red wagon.

On December 24th the children will be performing at the family Christmas Eve Service. They will be practicing their play and songs in Sunday school so make sure you don't miss a week.

On December 22nd (the Service of Lessons and Carols) and December 29th there will not be a Sunday school as we give our volunteers a break. All children will be welcome to join us in the service as we worship together.

Please take a moment to thank one of our many volunteers for all of the work they do bringing dynamic lessons to the bright young minds and open hearts of our children.

Shelley Loveless




St George's Sunday School

Will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on
Sunday, December 1
and Sunday, December 8

Help us fill our little red wagon and the tummies of local needy children.
Most needed items are high in protein like peanut butter, tinned noodles with beef (eg. alphagetti), spaghetti sauce with meat, and canned fish.
Canned fruit and veggies are also in high demand.

Thank you.



"thy rule, O Christ, begin."



Arbitrator/Mediator

As we move, once again towards the Advent season, we ponder the reign of God. In the liturgical calendar it ends with the celebration of the awe-inspiring events surrounding the WORD becoming flesh. The King arrives - and one aspect of the Kingdom begins- the yeast of the King's followers beginning to leaven the race of humanity with righteousness.



Still there is a future dimension of the kingdom realm. Prophetic vision in the Old Testament describes it at numerous times and in various ways. In a recent worship service I heard quoted one of the most striking and familiar descriptions of the Kingdom's final triumph on earth.

“It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Isaiah 2: 2 – 4

Surprisingly the verse that leapt out at me was this:

“ . . . [He] shall decide disputes for many peoples . . . ”

In my mind I reviewed some of the long, tedious, sometimes bitter and even fruitless negotiations that have been such discussions in my lifetime. I recalled a time when truce talks were being negotiated in Geneva, Switzerland. After weeks of political gamesmanship the talks were agreed upon. Then days and days of delays ensued. Incredibly these minutiae almost sabotaged the whole process. Precious time was wasted as the parties were still at war and people were dying while haggling went on about:

The venue of the talks

The size of the room

The size of the negotiating table

And the seating plan at the table

“Thy kingdom come, O God”

Examples of such tedium could also be cited from labour/management disputes, and even churches at odds. Sadly even in families this sort of conflict can endure for years.

How it makes the heart yearn for the day when the Prince of Peace will arbitrate and mediate for the nations of the world!!! Scripture informs us that He will “rule with a rod of iron”. Disputes will be settled justly and speedily.

No more haggling over some minors in a contract for months. Frustrations like the size of a table or a seating plan for negotiations will not be a factor. No longer will disunity fester in churches.

Such will be His power and wisdom that military academies will shut down. Boot camps will be pictured on museum walls as a curiosity of history. Stock piles of weaponry will be recycled into instruments to feed a hungry world.

“Even so, come Lord Jesus!”

Ken Bombay

E 100 Challenge

Starting in January, we, as a church, are committing to reading the Essential 100 passages of the Bible (E 100), 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. These passages are arranged by themes in groups of 5.

We are suggesting that you read one theme a week for 20 weeks. If this is too much, could you read the 100 passages over one year? Our Sunday School will also be involved. Watch for announcements at church.

We have materials to get you started. More detailed discussion guides are also available for about \$15.

Please see **Dyanna Lewis** or **Ray David** for more information.

ARDFC

Christmas Card Fundraiser

For the next several weeks Ed Lewis and Mary Krucker will have cards for Christmas available after church. You are asked to make a suggested donation of \$10 per card. Cheques should be made out to ARDFC. Tax receipts will be issued.

The cards have a Christmas greeting and a red envelope. The back of the card describes the current project in northeastern Brazil, where ARDFC is building an education and vocational training centre. It is hoped that this training centre will make life a little better for impoverished families.

Information about ARDFC will be available at the card display table.

“thy rule, O Christ, begin.”



GAFCon 2: An Historic Gathering

The second Global Anglican Future Conference was a gathering of great significance!

My trip to Nairobi, Kenya, was preceded by a trip to the travel health clinic in Sherbrooke, Quebec. There I received a ridiculous number of inoculations—cholera, rabies, yellow fever, dengue fever, polio, tetanus, and many more! I left feeling superhuman but of course within a couple of hours, got the chills and the symptoms that come with too many inoculations in one day. I left for the airport two days later, fever and all, excited to be a part of what potentially could be an historic meeting. I was hoping for history!



My wife, Erica, and the boys dropped me off at Trudeau airport in Montreal. With hugs and kisses at the curb, I was off to the races and long security lineups. Once through, I located Bishop Don, his wife Trudy, and Archdeacon Darrell Critch who were on my flight. We connected and boarded together on route to Brussels.

On the flight from Brussels to Nairobi a couple of interesting things happened. The first was sitting beside David Parsons, the Bishop of the Arctic, a strong conservative voice within the Anglican Church of Canada. We chatted about ANiC, church planting, ministry in the Arctic, and what was about to happen in Nairobi. There were four members of the Anglican Church of Canada at GAFCon and they seemed quite moved by what God was doing through the conference. I realized that I don't pray enough for our brothers and sisters who may be at different points in this journey.

I landed at the Nairobi airport and was greeted by very smiley Africans clad with GAFCon badges who welcomed us in the name of the Lord. All of us travelers were transported to our hotel, our bags tied to the roof of an efficient but clunky van. History was around the corner.

The next morning the breakfast tables were full of purple shirts and the atmosphere was quite electric. Africans, Canadians, Southeast Asians, Americans, folks from the Southern Cone . . . all eager to register and get this show on the road.

There were so many wonderful moments at the conference itself that I could fill this "By George" with story after story from meeting after meeting, but I will highlight my favorite moments.

One moment was the first meeting at the Cathedral. (We weren't at the Cathedral itself but in a more modern auditorium that had enough room for all 1400 of us.) There were flat screens on every wall and iPads in just about every hand. Delegates were welcomed to stand as their country was announced. We were there from the four corners of the earth, all because of Jesus. And that's what stood out to me.

"Thy kingdom come, O God"



the Canadian delegation

From primates, archbishops, lay leaders, and church planters, the Africans welcomed all of us by testifying to the East African revival and declaring that the agenda for GAFCon 2 was to be about revival—that the GAFCon movement is a revival movement. The goal? That we, the church, would be revived and that our neighbours would awaken to the love of God and the redemption given to us by His Son Jesus.

I was also impressed that every time a speaker would come up to the microphone, he would first tell us how he met the Lord and when he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. It didn't matter if he was the Archbishop of a great diocese and had been educated at Oxford, he pointed first of all to Jesus.

One of our devotional sessions was taught by a priest from London, England, who, before he was allowed to step up to the podium, was asked by a small but fierce African mama to tell the entire congregation when he first came to know the Lord. After he had shared his testimony, the woman looked at him and said, "Okay, so we can listen to you now!"

For those of you who were around when ANiC was essentially formed (Ottawa, 2004), this GAFCon reminded me of those early days and those first conferences when we gathered and proclaimed Jesus in freedom and in joy. GAFCon 2 was very much like the formation of ANiC, now on a global scale.

At one of several moments during the conference dedicated to hearing about the persecuted church, I sat beside an African bishop bearing the ceremonial scars of his tribe on his face. He turned and looked me in the eye and said in a broken voice, "This is so true. We lost 19 of our people last week." Later that day another African bishop told me over lunch that they really respect what we have done in ANiC by taking the stand for the Gospel that we have taken. I felt so humbled being surrounded by such giants who truly consider us their brothers and sisters in Christ, though all we have lost is real estate and reputation. What an honour it is to be surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. We are part of a great history.

I went to GAFCon hoping for leadership. I have been feeling somewhat restless and concerned, that unless we have a global argument of theological realignment in the Anglican Church, then ANiC is nothing more than a subculture within the larger and still unrepentant

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global church. I really feel that our breaking communion at home must be followed through to its logical end. We cannot with integrity be on the one hand in broken communion in North America and on the other hand in open fellowship with those who are still in communion with North America. I think that we in Canada understand that this makes no sense, but the reality is that those around the world have yet to experience what we have experienced here in North America. I was excited to discover that through GAFCon 2 and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans we are not alone in our cause.

The Nairobi communiqué was very encouraging indeed. Bishop John Guernsey, who was the overseer of this document's authorship, told me that in true African form his group was not to pen any of the communiqué prior to the conference! They felt that this would be going ahead of the Lord. What if God said something else? And so, through our mini conferences, the devotional speakers, and the comments from the floor throughout the week, Bishop Guernsey's team began to write down what they were hearing from the Lord. This culminated in a rough draft of the communiqué.

I will never forget sitting there, all 1400 of us, with rough draft in hand as the worship team began to lead us in worship. If you were to join the conference at that moment, you would have thought us to be the most unspiritual conference there ever was because not one of us was singing with the poor worship team. All of us were combing through this four-paged draft document with sweaty palms and beating hearts, wondering if this indeed was what the Lord was saying to us at this conference. And we felt it was! Strong and clear, it was the brave leadership for which I was hoping!

The Lord met us at GAFCon2. It was an historic conference and I feel truly honoured and blessed to have been a part of it, and to get to be a small part of investing in this global reformation through church planting in rural Quebec.

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

Rev. Jess Cantelon

St. James, Lennoxville

THANK YOU

I gratefully write this to say a much appreciated thank you for all your inquiries, cards, phone calls and visits during my respite stay after my surgery. You overwhelmed me with the love that you extended to me. I consider myself blessed to be part of such a caring community of believers. Thank you.

Betty Pristol

"Thy kingdom come, O God"

“Soon It Will Be Christmas Day”

It is most fitting that we joyfully celebrate this, the most important event in history, when God took flesh and entered this world as a human baby—Act 1 in His plan of redemption for sinful mortals. However, generally speaking, most people’s focus for the next while will be not on God’s Gift but on finding the right gift for each particular person on their list. [Witness the crowds in the malls.] Many of us rightly decry the commercialization of this Christian Holy Day. But gift-giving with the right attitude is commendable.

The Magi were the first recorded gift-givers in celebrating Jesus’ birth. They worshipped Him and then presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—all very appropriate representing His Kingship, His Deity, and His Death. Is it still appropriate to give gifts to Jesus? I believe the answer is “Yes, Jesus wants to receive our gifts.” But what can we possibly give to Him who has everything? He has answered this question for us in His teaching in Matthew 25: 37 – 40, “Then the righteous [people] will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You as stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for Me.’”[NIV]

Throughout the Scriptures God has commanded His people to take care of “the widows and orphans” which today, could be translated as “the poor and the needy.” Jesus was commending those who had adopted this humble caring as a *lifestyle*, and then added His personal touch. What we do for the poor and needy, we do for Him!

Don George

Micah 5: 2,4

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

. . . And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.



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The Birth of the Messiah



A virgin, chaste and engaged she must
 be,
 Born of a Priesthood of Levites you see.
 A Babe in her womb, she must cherish,
 God's Ark of the Covenant with man
 not to perish.

Joseph a just man, her husband to be,
 Born of King David's lineage you see.
 A righteous man in word and deed, will
 succeed.

He to take a virgin, pregnant and not his
 Pondered in his heart, "What could be
 the meaning of this?"

As he thought, to secretly put her away
 for the public death sentence, instead of
 their marriage,
 Would be the Nation's display.
 The Angel of the Lord, intervened in a
 dream,
 To expel Joseph's fear and make things
 clear.

Joseph, immediately, took Mary in his

care.

As the child she conceived was of the
 Holy Ghost.

Prophecy must be fulfilled,
 There was no recourse.

The Angel of the Lord appeared in the
 sky

Spoke to the Shepherds of Judaea,
 Proclaiming that the Saviour was born
 and where he now lie.

Once the proclamation was given,
 Multitudes of the Host of Heaven
 broke forth

In a symphony of praise
 Giving glory to God, peace & good will
 To men on the Earth.

The wise men from the East came to
 Bethlehem, from afar, following a star.
 With exceeding great joy, they wor-
 shipped Him.

Gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
 they brought as an offering for Him

For this Child, you see,
 The Propheted Messiah was born, to
 be,

A Priest and A King
 To Thee.

Camille MacLean

"Thy kingdom come, O God"

BIBLE IN- A- DAY

These words introduce the Bible in-a-day seminar:

“Most people say the Bible is full of weird ideas, improbable miracles and bloodthirsty practices. But hardly anyone actually reads it, and even fewer understand it. Today, you can find out for yourself what the Bible is really all about. In this one-day course you’ll discover the Bible’s purpose, explore the big themes, and find out exactly why the Bible is the most important book ever written. Whether you believe the Bible or not, this course will provide you with a unique overview of God’s one big overarching story. Miracles included.”

The Bible is important. It is the most important document ever written. There are forty human authors, but one Divine Author, God; all tell one story. Through this book we can know God’s purposes and know ourselves.

We find the Bible contains history. God acts in history. The Bible reveals what is important to God, what has happened and also what it means. The Bible is literature with a variety of genres. The Bible contains revelation from God. It is not the record of man finding God, but rather God sharing His secrets with us. Any knowledge we have of God depends on God revealing Himself to us.

The Bible is alive! God speaks through the written Word. We should read it expecting an encounter with God. We should read it prayerfully, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak. We should read it in the context of the Cross. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the central event of all history. The whole Bible speaks about Jesus. This seminar highlights the importance of the Old Testament as well as the New. The Old Testament points forward to the Cross and the New Testament speaks of its fulfillment. God’s plan is to unite all things under Jesus Christ.

The theme of the day was the Kingdom of God and the King; two sessions traced the line of the Kingdom through the Old Testament and two sessions presented Jesus, the true King based on the New Testament. We saw the devastation of sin and death caused by the kingdom of Satan and his rule. We saw that Jesus is God’s true King who came to deliver us from death. He transfers us to His Kingdom, a kingdom of life in which we have freedom from the bondage of death, and forgiveness for our sin. The Bible concludes with a picture of God’s Kingdom, a new creation, a new heaven and earth where God Himself will dwell with his people.

In the November 23 workshop, the participants were mainly from St. George’s, but there were laity and clergy from other ANiC churches in the area.

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The teachers for the day were The Rev'd Sean Love, rector of St. John's, Richmond B. C. who developed the program, and also Ray David. The sessions moved quickly; the material was at a level that anyone could understand, be challenged by, and enjoy. There were activities, visuals, discussions and question periods. Sessions were enhanced by insights from classical Christian art works.

Bible-in-a-day was an encouragement to read the Bible and let God speak. It was a tall order, but truly, from Genesis to Revelation, we did cover the Bible in a day!

Editors

awaiting the King

Who would be willing to wait eagerly for centuries for God to keep His promise to send His anointed King? Believers would! It is remarkable that there were people waiting for Jesus when He came. So many centuries of waiting! Why would they still be hoping? Why would they be waiting expectantly? They were needy folk; they needed the King.

One was Zechariah. He was an old man. He and his wife were "well-advanced in years." They were "righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord." And Zechariah had lived his life in the promises of God to send the Messiah. He was counting on God to "visit and redeem his people". He was convinced that God had "raised up a mighty salvation in the house of David." He depended on the words of the prophets of old. He trusted the mercy of God that He would keep his covenant just as He swore to Abraham. He was waiting for the Lord to come in salvation. This was the faith in which he had lived his life. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, words of rejoicing poured from his lips at the circumcision of his son John.

Another such person was Mary! Mary was just a young girl. She was betrothed to a man named Joseph. But Mary had found favour with God. Mary believed the word that Gabriel brought to her from God. She knew the mercy of God generation after generation to those who fear Him. She knew the hand of God casting down the proud but raising up the humble. She knew the faithfulness of God filling the hungry with the good things of God but sending the "rich" away empty. Above all, she depended on the certainty of God's promise to Abraham and his offspring forever. Under the power of the Holy Spirit words of praise poured from her lips as her cousin Elizabeth with a loud cry greeted Mary,

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the mother of her Lord. Mary knew the faithfulness of her God; not surprising that she would believe that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

And there was Simeon. Like Zechariah, Simeon was an old man. He too was righteous and devout. He too was waiting for the Lord to come and rescue and comfort his people. He too was waiting for the Lord, “the consolation of Israel” and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s anointed King. He was waiting, trusting and expectant. The Spirit took Simeon to the temple that day of purification. As Simeon took Baby Jesus into his arms, he blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.” Simeon was more than a neutral observer; he himself was the recipient of this great salvation. At last, with his own eyes he had seen his Saviour. He was ready to die. All his life he had been waiting and now he was ready.

And there was the woman of Samaria. A very needy soul indeed; her life a hard and searching life, a series of broken relationships. If anyone knew thirst, surely it was this woman. Jesus said to her “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘give me a drink’, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” And He said, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” All her life she had been thirsty for this! This Samaritan woman had long been told of the coming of the Messiah; she believed it! “When he comes,” she told Jesus, “he will tell us all things.” She was expecting him to come. Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Not only did she believe him, immediately she went off and urged the people of the town: “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” This Samaritan woman believed the promise of God’s coming; she was a needy soul hungry to receive Him.

God faithfully promised that He would come. His promises had been repeated through the ages via the prophets. His word took root in the hearts of the needy. In the fullness of time, He came as He had promised.

Who would be willing to wait eagerly for centuries for God to keep His promise to send His anointed King? Believers would! Jesus has promised us that He will come back. Eagerly and expectantly we believers wait!

Mary Ann Masters



“thy rule, O Christ, begin.”

revival



At certain periods of history God has graciously and miraculously poured out his Spirit in the fullness of His power. At such times, many people, respectable people, wicked people, young and old, learned people, and simple people have been drawn to the Lord, and have been forever transformed in a radical and great salvation. At such times also the community has been transformed. Historically, this has been called an “awakening” or a “revival”, an awakening or coming to life from sin and death.

These times of awakening have brought a dead or dying church back to life, a feeble and careless people of God back to urgent concern for the lost. No more blurring the distinction who is a Christian and who is not. New thirsting for God! New desire above all else to be right with God! New passionate love for the Lord Jesus! New open and unashamed witness for Him! This is what we cannot seem to do for ourselves. It is what we need!

A pastor and historian, J. Edwin Orr wrote “the Second Evangelical Awakening” telling the history of a revival about 150 years ago in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and in the United States that spread across the ocean to Ireland, Wales, England and beyond. This remarkable story has been taken up more recently by other Christians urging us to pray for another such move of God. It is what we need.

In October, 1857, Phoebe Palmer, a lay preacher and wife of a physician/ lay preacher came from the United States to Hamilton’s First Methodist church. She and her husband had previously led camp style meetings in Nappanee in August 1853 and in Barrie, Ontario 1855 where many were converted. At the Methodist church in Hamilton, Phoebe was to lead a series of prayer meetings for revival. It is said that even the first day of the meetings 21 people were totally transformed. Over the next days many people came to the Lord, particularly in the Methodist churches in the Hamilton area and Grimsby. The revival was reported in a newspaper in New York.

Either, immediately following this revival in Hamilton, or about the same time in 1857, there was another outpouring of the Spirit in New York. In New York, there was a lay missionary in the Dutch Reformed Church named Jeremiah Lanphier who had a deep desire for a fresh movement of God. He had heard of a quest for revival that had begun in

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American colleges, Amherst, Yale and Williams College, and also possibly he had heard about the work in Hamilton. Out of his own desire for God to show His mercy, Lanphier took action. He just put up a notice inviting people to come from work in their noon hour lunch break to pray for an hour. It is said that on the first day, he found himself praying alone for a long time. He was about to give up in discouragement when footsteps were heard coming up the stairs and six men joined him. The next week the number doubled. The next week it increased again. They decided to meet every day. The prayer meetings spread to the Methodist Church, to the Episcopal Church, and over time to every church and public hall in central New York. Then the revival jumped the Atlantic to Ireland and Great Britain. Churches were transformed and overflowed with praying people. Many were brought to saving faith, so many that the number cannot be accurately calculated. Jesus was glorified!

What is particularly exciting and encouraging is that God began His great work in very ordinary people. There was nothing about the people themselves to bring about such an outpouring of God's Spirit. These were not even clergy; they were lay people. There was nothing special about the churches. These were spiritually poverty stricken, needy churches. It was a spontaneous outpouring of grace. And the catalyst that the Lord used was prayer!

Anyone can pray. Everyone can pray!

Mary Ann Masters

“ ‘And in the last days it shall be’,

God declares, ‘that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

ACTS 2:17-21 [ESV]



“thy rule, O Christ, begin.”

**St. George's Anglican Church,
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Thou didst leave thy Throne

*Thou didst leave thy throne and
thy kingly crown, when thou
camest to earth for me; but in
Bethlehem's home was there
found no room for thy holy na-
tivity. O come to my heart,
Lord Jesus, there is room in my
heart for thee.*

*Heaven's arches rang when the
angels sang, proclaiming thy
royal degree; but of lowly birth
didst thou come to earth, and in
great humility. O come to my
heart, Lord Jesus, there is room
in my heart for thee.*

*When the heavens shall ring,
and the angels sing, at thy
coming to victory, let thy voice
call me home, saying "Yet there
is room, there is room at my
side for thee." O come to my
heart, Lord Jesus, there is room
in my heart for thee.*

Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott,

1864