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Be Thankful!

*First the blade,
 and then the ear,
 Then the full
 corn shall appear:
 Lord of Harvest,*



*grant
 that we
 wholesome
 grain &
 pure may
 be.*



The second weekend in October is set aside for National Thanksgiving. Yet true thanksgiving is so much more than an annual excuse to eat turkey. Gratitude is at the centre of the Christian life.

Take time this month to cultivate a thankful heart. Look to the scriptures. Read them and let them foster a deep sense of gratitude to God for his goodness.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the

Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:20

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:15-17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17

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thing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

1. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 106:1

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. ... Psalm 118:1-18

That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalm 30:12

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! Psalm 100:4

And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Isaiah 12:4-5

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers. Philemon 1: 4

Dear St. George's, I pray that throughout this month you will have moments; whether setting your head on the pillow at night or your first thought when you rise or maybe driving in your car, when you pause, take a deep breath in and say with confidence, "The Lord has been good to me."

A thankful heart overcomes cynicism and rescues from despair as we see our good God and King ruling and reigning over every circumstance.

"Careful for nothing, prayerful for everything, thankful for anything." D. L. Moody

Ray David Glenn

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Alpha: This Person's Experience



I had heard about Alpha for many years but had never been to one. When I heard that St. Georges was going to hold one, I was very interested for a few reasons. I had thought for some time that I would like to lead an Alpha discussion group in the future, as I have such an interest in evangelism. I also wanted to get involved in something that would connect us with St. George's new neighbourhood of Alton Village.

The Alpha sessions are held at the Black Swan Pub, 4040 Palladium Way, only a couple minutes drive from our new church. As it turns out, I have really relished this experience and look forward to it all week. I knew a meal was provided with the option of taking part in the goodwill offering for it, but little did I realize how delicious the food would be. It also affords time to chat and get to know each other. The first week, there was not a set seating arrangement but the following two weeks we sat in assigned groups with assigned leaders.

During the time Alpha is happening, there have been other people in the pub. Last week I noticed a couple of guys looking our way and I thought to myself that it must be intriguing for them to see a group of people that are so diverse and actually getting along. We have laid claim to our "own" server named Mark. He has been very helpful and has done an amazing job of keeping us all fed and watered. He is the personification of service with a smile.

Then there is the format. After we eat out dinner, our dear Donna Rigo introduces Ray David with all her east coast warmth and vitality. Ray David then gives the talk for the week as we follow along in our little booklets, entitled, "Why Am I Here". I have found him to be thorough, but concise and clear. As well, he makes the material accessible to us. At the time of this write-up, we have finished the third session. The first was "Is There More to Life Than This?" The next two were entitled, "Who is Jesus?" and "Why Did Jesus Die?" After Ray David's presentations, we break into assigned groups for further discussion and to raise questions. Each session has been "evidence-based", for example the resurrection of Jesus, the divine inspiration of the Bible and the validity of the documentation of the Bible. Rather than being lofty and theoretical, the sessions relate to everyday life.

So far, I feel that my goal has been attained in giving me a feel for what goes on in an Alpha program so I can one day lead. I am also convinced that this is a great way to connect with our new neighbourhood. I believe that when God's word goes out it will not return to Him void even though most of the participants are church members. There are other patrons in the pub, as well as staff, who are exposed to the



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truth and beauty of God’s gift of salvation. However, one must not forget that our members need to hear this message too. I know that I have received an unforeseen benefit in returning to the baseline of my faith to reinforce the foundations of it.

Please pray for Alpha as it continues for the next 10 sessions and the Saturday where there will be a retreat about the Holy Spirit. Pray for Donna as she continues to organize it; Ray David for continued guidance from the Holy Spirit as he presents the truth and heart of God’s gift of salvation; Mark, our server and anyone else who might serve us, that they will be blessed in a special way by this experience; the facilitators of the four groups for the Holy Spirit’s leading; for the seekers to find salvation; and for those Christians to be more strongly rooted in their faith. Pray also for the protection of God over the leaders, particularly Ray David, against any attacks from the evil one. Also, pray for those patrons and staff that are in the pub, that they will be reached as well.

Heather Campbell

Change for Children

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC) is currently in the midst of raising funds for a pediatric ward in a clinic in Yei, South Sudan. This initiative will add 18 beds to a ward that is so overcrowded that in some cases children in need of medical aid have been forced to sleep on the floor.

Mary Krucker, our Parish ARDFC Ambassador, and Ed Lewis, a board member of ARDFC, spearheaded a “Change for Children” campaign at St George’s this September asking parishioners to donate their spare change to the cause. After the September 28th service, the total change collected was \$132.35 which demonstrates how quickly little things can add up.

The initial goal was \$66,000 Canadian dollars. \$40,000 was sent to begin the construction in July and an additional \$20,000 was raised and sent to complete the construction . Our ANiC churches are working to send money so all the needs for the medical procedures, the solar power installation, and other requirements are in place. The Bishop in Yei reports that the first ward built enhanced the survival rate of children in the area and that they expect even better numbers with the larger ward. ARDFC stated that in 2013 850 children were admitted to the existing ward with no deaths. This is a startling figure in a country with a high mortality rate (more than 1 in 10 children die before the age of 5). Further information about this and other ARDFC projects can be found on the web at: www.ardfc.ca.

Mary Krucker and Kelly Wolfe

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Sunday school news



This summer the St. George's Sunday school children were challenged to spend time every day in God's word. Over 20 children accepted that challenge. They studiously reported their progress each week as they worked through their Scripture Union devotion guides. All 20 students finished the first 5 days, and 17 finished their whole book and went bowling on Sunday, September 28th. We are so proud of these kids as they begins healthy habits that could last a lifetime.

We would like to thank all the members of St. Georges for their generous donations to the Sunday school back to school drive. As a mom, I know how exciting it is to get your children ready to return to school. You want them to be excited and prepared, you want them to be happy and to fit in. Healthy lunches, and having a new backpack or lunch box can go a long way to help children feel prepared and feel as if they fit in. Thank you for helping a child fit in.

As a teacher I know that not having the right supplies endangers children's success. How can they do the math or science questions without a calculator that does the necessary functions? Without paper, how does the student takes notes? I have seen many students pretend not to care or not do the assigned work because they do not have the supplies. Thank you for helping students in need get these supplies.

As a Sunday School teacher, it is so exciting to watch the St. Georges children be excited about giving back to their community. Thank you for letting them do this. Your school supplies went to the Milton Salvation army. They happily received these much needed supplies and will have no trouble distributing them to children in need.

Thank you from all the St. George's Sunday school.

Shelley Loveless and Lesley Harris



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a spiritual house



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a “new home shower”

As you know, our new church, St. George’s Anglican Church of Burlington will soon be ready for us to move into. We can all recall moving into our first home and being surprised at the number of things needed just to function. So we thought it would be fun to have a “new home shower” to provide some of those items required by the church.

To give you an idea: the Sunday school needs crayons, markers, Kleenex and coloured paper. The office needs items such as printer paper, pens, pencils and sticky notes. The servery needs dishes, water jugs, utensils and coffee jugs. We will also need garden and maintenance supplies.

In order to avoid duplication we have made a detailed list of items that will be needed. Individual item names have been written on a card and pinned on a board or placed on the table. Please review the cards and select one or more of the items that you would like to donate and then take the card with you as a reminder and to avoid duplication.

If you give a gift of a coffee pot, a garden hose or any other item, we cannot give you a tax receipt. However, if you give St. George’s a cheque marked “supplies” the church is able to provide you a tax receipt and the committee will purchase the gift.

Some items such as the dishes or the cutlery require large numbers of the same colour and pattern. If we purchase 10 plates we may get 10% off, however, if we purchase 150 plates of the same pattern we can receive up to 50% off. The same applies to the cutlery. The more we purchase the greater the discount. Therefore it makes sense to have the committee purchase these items in bulk.

Some larger items such as a vacuum cleaner, a lawn mower, a bar fridge or a microwave could be purchased by a group of people.

Gifts may be brought to the church any Sunday and put on the gift table or cheques marked “supplies” may be placed on the offering plate. There is no deadline for these gifts.

If you have questions you can ask Angela Hunt, Louise LePage, Naomi Neeb or Lynne Duke.



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“Returning Thanks”— a tale about gratitude



“Returning thanks” was a phrase I heard often in my childhood home, and in the faith community to which my family belonged.

Often we would “return thanks for the food” rather than “saying grace”. I had a Lutheran buddy whose family stood at the end of a meal and “returned thanks”. Often before we presented our tithes and offerings, my pastor father would ask someone to “return thanks”.

I grew up knowing that the act of returning thanks was “meet and right, so to do”. Which brings me to my story.

The ANiC synod was to convene that year in Ottawa. I was part of the ministerial staff at St. George’s, so was asked to attend as an observer. I drove to the capital, and arranged to stay with friends just outside the city, to save on traveling costs. They lived at Edwards in the countryside.

The synod proved to be a singular blessing. To this day, I carry with me memories of sermons preached, the morning scriptures delivered by memory, the rich time of fellowship prayer, and participation in the Lord’s Supper.

But had I not been staying with friends, I would not have heard about Les. He and I had been friends since our teenage years. He was a talented organist and choir director as well as a minister. He and Pauline had served with me when I pastored in Calgary in the sixties.

What I heard wasn’t good. He was in hospital in Ottawa in intensive care. They were hoping that surgery and other extraordinary procedures would save him. Blessed in my new (Anglican!) clergy shirt, with a vial of “blessed” oil in my pocket, I made my way to his bedside. He was extremely ill, yet in his weakened condition he showed real joy at my coming.

I kept the time short. He needed all of his remaining strength, and a whole lot more from our Healer-God, Jehovah Rapha. I anointed him in Jesus’ name, prayed briefly, and left with his words of gratitude in my ears.

In September of this year, after several attempts, he finally connected with me by telephone. He simply wanted to offer his deep thanks for my presence in that hospital room, those years before. He told me that I couldn’t know what that meant to him then, and still means to him.

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Once again, I realized that God gets a lot of glory through simple deeds carried out in His name. I'd frankly almost forgotten that event.

Les is a godly man. His returning of thanks brought a sharp reminder of the Samaritan leper who was healed as he obeyed the word of Jesus. He was the only one of ten who experienced the Master's miracle power. "When he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down at His feet giving Him thanks"

[Luke 17: 15, 16].

October is the month when we formally celebrate Thanksgiving – harvest thanksgiving, my forebearers designated it. It is a time nationally when our country is called to return thanks.

- Returning thanks for peace and freedom
- Returning thanks for abundant crops, meaningful labour and gainful employment
- Returning thanks for health of body and mind
- Returning thanks for loved ones—family and friends that surround us
- Returning thanks for the house of God, and the God of the house
- Returning thanks for the great salvation, brought to us through the Person and finished work of the cross, of God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

And, there's so much more.

In the Biblical account of the healing of the ten lepers, all were healed. I'm certain that the nine Jewish lepers were grateful and happy when they saw they were healed and were so certified by the priest. But only the socially outcast Samaritan shouted his praise. Only he knelt before Christ in gratitude as he returned thanks. I trust this Thanksgiving found us on our knees returning thanks—and perhaps—just perhaps, praising with a loud voice!

Ken Bombay

ANiC Women

- St. Hilda's, Oakville are hosting ANiC women in our region.
- **Date:** Saturday, October 25, from 9 am to 2 pm
- **Registration:** 8:30 –9:00 a.m. Joan Towarnicki, registrar (towarnicki@sympatico.ca)
- **Place:** Mo's Family Restaurant
- **Cost:** \$25 includes lunch
- **Speakers:** Cathy Bender, Susan Scott, Donna Waldie, Jen McVeigh



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ANiC News

SYNOD November 5 – 7 in Ottawa:



Bishop Don Harvey will be honoured at a banquet at which Bishop Greg Venables (Argentina) will speak.

Archbishop Foley Beach will officially install Bishop Charlie Masters, our new diocesan.



This synod will have a strong focus on Bible teaching and equipping for parish ministries.

FIVE PRIORITIES

Our new diocesan, Bishop Charlie Masters, is traveling from coast to coast sharing his vision and priorities for ANiC. These meetings include a number of public, interactive sessions where he will be discussing his five priorities. In addition, there will be special sessions for children, families and Sunday School teachers. The children's sessions will be fun and allow time for Bishop Charlie to bless the children and families.

Bishop Charlie's five priorities are:

WE WILL BE . . .

1. Bold witnesses - Every member of every ANiC church will personally have responded to Christ, as well as know how to share the gospel and invite others to come to Christ.
2. Biblically grounded – Every church of ANiC will be known for its strengths in the Bible and expository preaching. Parishioners are able to handle accurately the Word of Truth.
3. Loving children – Every church in ANiC will have a vital ministry to children and youth, leading them to Christ and helping them grow as disciples of Jesus.

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4. On mission – We each are intentionally and actively engaging in our communities, nations and the world, focused on showing and sharing the love of God and fulfilling the Great Commission.

5. Planting & growing churches – Every congregation is focused on planting another congregation out of their church family. We are working to plant a church in every major community across Canada.

Bishop Charlie is scheduled to share this vision in the Toronto/ Burlington area in January.

- **Friday, Jan. 23, Burlington, Public meeting:** “An evening with Bishop Charlie”
- **Saturday, Jan. 24, Toronto/Burlington, Family ministry:** “Let the children come!”
- **Sunday, Jan. 25, Toronto/Burlington, Sunday worship**

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

“I believe God is calling us to become more deeply involved. This heinous war in Syria, Iraq, the Middle East and elsewhere is largely spiritual. And by God’s grace we can engage in spiritual warfare through fervent and constant prayer.

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.’ [2 Cor. 1: 8 - 11]

I again call on all ANiC churches to join me in:

- setting aside significant times of prayer and fasting
- and giving generously through ARDFC to aid persecuted Christians in Iraq.

Pray for the persecuted Christians and other minorities in Islamic countries, especially those who are suffering at the hands of the brutal Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq. Pray for Canon White, for improved health, and for wisdom in his work. Pray for all those who minister in Iraq. And pray for wisdom and courage for world leaders as they consider how to respond.

‘Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.’ [Galatians 6:2 ESV]

With gratitude because Jesus Christ suffered and died for us,”

Bishop Charlie

December 7 at St. George’s

Canon Andrew White (St. George’s Church, Bagdad) will visit ANiC’s St George’s (Burlington) Watch for details.



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The People that Love One Another

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love on another . . .” [John 13:34a, ESV.]

These words were spoken to the disciples by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. I testify that you, the people of St. George’s, have indeed taken these words as a commandment, not as a nice suggestion concerning fellowship around the coffee after the service! Jenny and I have always enjoyed good and deep fellowship with many of you, for which we thank God and you. Your true love for the Lord and for us has become all the more apparent since the onset of the disease which is robbing Jenny of her physical and mental strength, and the sharper decline since she fell and had to have surgery.

You have shown your love in so many ways: the team of faithful women that came to be with Jen when I had to be out of the house for a while; helping us pack and move; the many gifts of food and drink; the kindnesses shown to us during service times when she needed physical help; your frequent enquiries after her well-being; your visits to her in hospital; and, now that she needs more care than I can give her, visits to her in Martindale Gardens as she waits for a place in a long term care nursing home; and in so many other ways.

Above all, you have shown us your love through constant prayers for us. We are so very thankful to you for this faithful outpouring of love and service, and we are overwhelmed with gratitude to you and to our God. You, dear and loving people of St. George’s, exemplify for the world the rest of the scripture I quoted above:

“ . . . Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
By this all people will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.” [John 13:32b-35, ESV.]

Thank you.
In Christ’s love,
Keith and Jenny Stodart.



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Our World— God’s Visible Language



Jerry Salloum, former Associate Priest at St. George’s, has recently published a book, “Our World— God’s visible Language”. This volume addresses the visible creation and its testimony to the invisible Creator. The preface of the book reads in part:

“Ours is a fascinating world of materials spread over incredible distances. Beholding its form and structure arrests us, provokes our wonder and our questions, and beckons us to discover more of what it is and how it works.

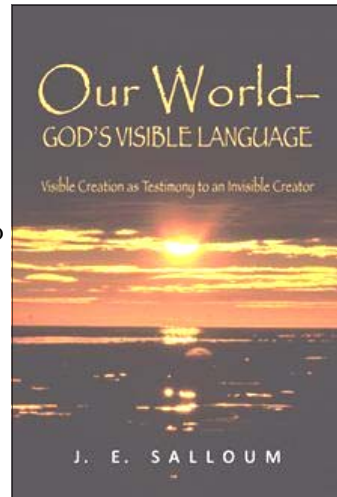
But why is Nature so attractive? A musical score, a piece of literature or a magnificent painting all reflect something of the minds that fashioned them. Can the same be said of the Mind that fashioned all things, from atoms, babies and raindrops, to oceans, mountains and spiraling galaxies?

From Psalm 19, we are invited to contemplate a delicious thought: that the natural world, much more than matter and energy, is a form of testimony that, without words or language, “speaks”. The persuasive power of this “speech” is demonstrated in the frequency with which the Bible, using words, makes reference to familiar elements of our physical world that speak, without words, a message that metaphorically links what is visible to a deeper reality that is largely hidden from sight. Thus, in a profound manner, the natural world speaks for itself of what is beyond itself.

From Psalm 46, humanity is invited to “behold” Creation’s natural wonders. The word “behold” suggests far more than a momentary glance. Rather, it implies a prolonged gaze, sustained over time, capturing the “speech” emanating from a variety of sources, from a multitude of places, and often at the most unexpected times. And if the hands that made all things and gave them speech, without words, belong to the One from whom also came His written words, then it is reasonable to expect that the special revelation from each source will, in some remarkable fashion, both complement and supplement the other.”

The book is available, in stock, in Burlington at **Family Christian Bookstore**, in Kitchener at **Augsberg/Fortress Bookstore** (Anglican/Lutheran), as well as through local bookstores, soft or hardcover editions, and electronically.

Dave Shantz



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It's all about the harvest!

One of my relatives observed a few weeks ago, “Harvesting is the fun part of gardening”. And this is certainly true! After the persistent and unrelenting effort of tending the garden all summer long through the weed season, and the drought season, and the blight season, and the pest season, it is deeply satisfying to dig down and harvest boxes of onions, carrots, beets, and parsnips that you hoped for, but had not actually seen until that moment; or to hold in your hands perfect specimens of tomatoes, not a crack or mark on them. Though our experience of gardening has been often discouraging, we are usually amazed and grateful to the Lord for the crop harvested. When Mum was a participant of the garden, we enjoyed bringing all the produce of the garden to show her; she took such pleasure in it.



There is a mystery here. We took a very small handful of seed. Often we opened the packet that the seed producers sold us, expecting a reasonable quantity of seed, only to find a smaller packet inside containing a few tiny wizened seeds, perhaps only nine or ten. But that packet of a few tiny wizened dead-looking seeds had the potential to produce a great bounty.

Jesus told many parables about the garden and its harvest. One parable, profoundly disturbing to think about, is the parable of the “rich fool” [Luke 12: 16 – 21]. This man had a very bountiful harvest, so great in fact that “he thought to himself, *‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’”* And the punch line of the parable: *“So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”* God called this person “Fool”. What a misguided total waste of a precious life! He could have been “rich toward God” but instead his end was to perish at the sudden end of life. Such a person is a fool! Now that is disturbing!

Who was the initial recipient of this parable? He was someone in the crowd. He came to ask Jesus to get his brother to divide the family inheritance. That man was a fool. Life does not consist in the abundance of your possessions. He had the Lord of Life there right in front of him. He could have listened to the Lord of Life speaking to him right at that moment. He could have, right then, asked Jesus for life, eternal life, and he would have been a very wealthy man. He would have been “rich toward God.” Instead, he was all wrapped up in his preoccupation with money. His preoccupation would rob him of the greatest wealth there is. Was Jesus being mean to tell him such a parable? No, He was being compassionate and gracious. He was giving this man an opportunity to turn his life away from the comfort of abundance, away from the cliff of destruction.

All farmers work toward the harvest. God, Himself is a great gardener, the master gardener, and His

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garden produces a crop. No discouragement here, no disappointment! At the harvest, there will be a crop. There will be a harvest and it will be a great harvest, a joyful harvest. God uses quality seed, His own Word. It has power to produce a harvest. He said, “So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it” [Isaiah 55: 11].

What astonishes us is God’s deliberate gardening, His patience, the slow but sure application of the rain and snow, drop by drop, as He skillfully nurtures His crop, until at the harvest He tells the reapers, “Gather the wheat into my barn”. The harvest is the close of the age. The harvest is the end result; it is the goal; it is the whole point; it is what really matters in life.

Jesus’ disciples did not always notice the opportunities, but Jesus did! As we see Jesus in the pages of the Gospels, we see Him invariably working toward the harvest. The ones that might have been forgotten, left unnoticed, Jesus singled out. As Jesus and His disciples watched despised Samaritans coming down the hill to check out the testimony of the woman at the well, He told the disciples, “*Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest*” [John 4:35]. Urgently He presses us to set our heart and our sight on the harvest, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*” The harvest is what really matters!

It is not easy to grow a crop, always to be on task, never to lose heart, ever to wait patiently, always to look with certainty to the harvest that will surely come. But James, in his epistle, encourages us. He says, “*Be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also be patient. Establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord is at hand*” [James 5: 7,8] The harvest is very important.

Do you find it difficult to trust the Lord for the harvest in your bit of the garden where you anxiously tend and wait for signs of fruit? Do you find that you are sowing with weeping and with tears? Tears are not indication of hopelessness. Weeping and tears befit the precious seed and the precious harvest. Going forth weeping is very worthy of a true understanding of the priceless nature of the crop and of the value of the precious harvest. There is a sure word of comfort and encouragement that is direct and personal found in Psalm 126. Quoting from the King James version, which is particularly poignant: “*They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him*” [Psalm 126: 5, 6]. This is a sure promise here. We “**shall**” reap. We “**shall doubtless** come again with rejoicing”. There will be a harvest with sheaves to bring in at that great day. Joy and rejoicing **will** follow weeping and tears.

Set your heart on the harvest! There will be a harvest and it will be jubilant with joy!

Mary Ann Masters



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O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye
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O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the
Lord:

O YE Heavens, bless ye the Lord:
Praise him, and magnify him for
ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye
the Lord:

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the
Lord:

O LET Israel bless the Lord:
Praise him, and magnify him for
ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the
Lord:

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye
the Lord:

O ye Spirits and Souls of the right-
eous, bless ye the Lord:
Praise him, and magnify him for-
ever.

O ye holy and humble men of heart,
bless ye the Lord:
Praise him, and magnify him for
ever. Amen!

Benedicite, Omnia Opera [BCP]