

Advent 2015

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A new Liturgical year has dawned...once again we enter the time of Advent's ***waiting and anticipation***. We are people waiting for Christ to come ***again*** in glory as we recall the past and God's covenant with the people of Israel-and the fulfillment of that promise when the Son of God took flesh for our redemption--that feast of His birth which we prepare to celebrate in the present.

It is not only during Advent that we spend such a huge amount of time and energy in waiting. We wait for what comes next in so many aspects of our world, our faith, our families, our relationships. Let us pray that this Advent may be a time of preparing, not just to celebrate the first coming of Christ, but that it will also be a preparation for the second coming of Jesus as we hear the warning in our Gospel to be on guard and not let ourselves be weighed down with inappropriate behaviors and the worries of this life. To wait for Christ in His fullness is to act in His stead to those who need us to be Christ to them most.

Marie McCarthy has stated, "***Providence is the mystery of God actively engaged with us, calling us to enter into the creative activity of co-creating the future.***"

Let us then be women and men of Providence this Advent and beyond. Let us pray that each of us may not be weighed down by the worries of life, but rather cast off darkness and live in the light that is redemptive; the Light that puts an end to darkness. Grace us with strength through the mystery of God dwelling in us, that we might ***be*** Christ visible through living His Word.

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