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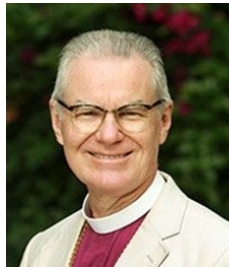
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But to pray Thy Kingdom Come is first to pray for a shift within ourselves. For this is where the change we seek must begin. To pray this prayer is to yearn to live increasingly in the light of the Christ. It is to commit ourselves again each day to taking the path that is love for God, love for neighbour, and love for the earth and her creatures.

It is to assent to the life of God within us. Such a shift will be demanding. Our priorities will need to be examined and re-calibrated. In so many ways we can find ourselves compromised.

As much part of the problem as part of the solution, accepting of the ways things are, lacking the imagination or the courage to live in the way of Jesus.

To pray Thy Kingdom Come is a costly thing. But this shift will also be freeing. To pray Thy Kingdom Come is to step into the freedom to follow God’s call into life and mission in the way of Jesus.

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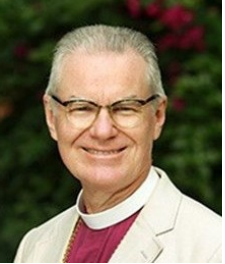
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