

Advent

The Songs of the Nativity



DailyLife
Five Oaks Church
Week 1: November 28- December 4, 2015

MAGNIFICAT - MARY'S SONG

Day 1

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 Samuel 3, Luke 1, Matthew 6, Revelation 22

READING

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

FROM LUKE 1

Mary's song, "The Magnificat" was a response to what Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit could see.

PAUSE & REFLECT

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PREPARATION

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

THE SONG OF MARY WITH RESPONSE

My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.

Response

Lord, be made larger in our lives.

Be magnified.

Be more, and more of who we are.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.

For he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.

He has shown strength with his arm.

Response

You are our blessing.
You do for us mighty and great things;
Because you are mighty and great.
Let our lives be faithful responses to you.

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down princes from their thrones.
And has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things.
He has sent the rich away empty.

Response

We remember your kindness.
We remember we meet you in our need.
We remember your faithfulness.

He has given help to Israel, his servant, that he might remember mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his offspring forever.

Response

Your faithfulness
Endures
Forever,
Always.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
Let your Kingdom come.
Let your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.
Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

CLOSING

Amen,
Yes,
Come Lord Jesus.

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Day 2

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 18, Isaiah 55, Luke 1, Revelation 15, Revelation 22

READING

The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

FROM GENESIS 18

God's greatest promise to Abraham was to make him a great nation to be a great blessing. Mary perceived that she was living in, through that same promise. What God had for Mary to carry was different than what he had for Abraham, but his heart was the same: blessing Mary to bless the world. Mary sees in her life. Do you?

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PREPARATION

Your word that goes out of your mouth:

It will not return to you void,

It will accomplish that which you please,

And it will prosper in the thing you sent it to do.

Response

Speak your word to us.

Do your work in us.

THE SONG OF MARY WITH RESPONSE

My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.

Response

With everything we have,
Coming from your hand to ours,
Your heart to ours,
We rejoice.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.
For he who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.
He has shown strength with his arm.

Response

You are our blessing.
You do for us mighty and great things;
Because you are mighty and great.
Let our lives be faithful responses to you.

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down princes from their thrones.
And has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things.
He has sent the rich away empty.

Response

Where we imagine we are strong and great,
Move us to remember, that our life is in you.
You formed us.
You know us.
You love us.
We are yours.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,
That he might remember mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his offspring forever.

Response

You do not forget your promises.
Through the years,
The generations,
You are faithful.

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**SONG OF MOSES AND
THE SONG OF THE LAMB**

Great and marvelous are your works,
Lord God, the Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways,
King of the nations.
Who wouldn't fear you, Lord,
And glorify your name?

For you only are holy.
For all the nations will come and worship before you.
For your righteous acts have been revealed.

CLOSING

Amen,
Yes,
Come Lord Jesus.

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Day 3

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Psalm 51, Galatians 4, Luke 1, Psalm 23, Revelation 22

READING

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. FROM GALATIANS 4

In the fullness of time, God fulfilled his promise. He makes a way for us to know him as sons and daughters. We can know the Father like Jesus knows him, through Jesus we can come to know him as Abba, Father.

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PREPARATION

Lord, open my lips.
My mouth shall declare your praise.

THE SONG OF MARY WITH RESPONSE

My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.

RESPONSE

We come with hearts that are poor,
Poor without you.
But our souls rejoice in you.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.
For he who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.
He has shown strength with his arm.

RESPONSE

You fill us up as we recall your goodness,
As we remember: you are our Abba, Father.

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down princes from their thrones.
And has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things.
He has sent the rich away empty.

RESPONSE

We confess:
We are hungry.
We are poor.
We need you.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,
That he might remember mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his offspring forever.

RESPONSE

We proclaim:
Jesus you meet all our needs,
You fill our stomachs and our hearts.
Jesus you are true riches,
In you, there is no poverty.
Jesus you are the blessing that fills us,
Overflowing with love and mercy.

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PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
I shall lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil.
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and loving kindness
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in Yahweh's house forever.

CLOSING

Amen,
Yes,
Come Lord Jesus.

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Day 4

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

[Psalm 119](#), [Isaiah 9](#), [Psalm 91](#), [Luke 1](#), [Revelation 22](#)

READING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

FROM ISAIAH 9:2

Mary has only known the rule of the Romans and their puppet kings. Yet her song praises a strong King, with a holy name who has saved his people before and will again, just as he has promised. Even though she doesn't know how or where the light of God will break in she hopes, she waits, she believes.

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PREPARATION

How sweet are your promises to our taste,
more than honey to our mouth!
Your word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light for our path.
Revive us, Lord, according to your word.

THE SONG OF MARY WITH RESPONSE

My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.

RESPONSE

We can not see the way,
Our times are dark.
We wait,
We wait for you to reveal your salvation.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.
For he who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.
He has shown strength with his arm.

RESPONSE

Our need is great.
We need to know mercy,
Your mercy,
The kindness that you have made known.

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down princes from their thrones.
And has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things.
He has sent the rich away empty.

RESPONSE

Remember us.
Hear us.
We know our need.
Reveal yourself to us today.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,
That he might remember mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his offspring forever.

RESPONSE

Let your help come quickly.
Meet us right where we are,
We can not find you alone.

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PSALM 23

He who dwells
In the secret place of the Most High
Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord,
He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust.

He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler,
And from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers.
Under his wings you will take refuge.
His faithfulness is your shield and rampart.
Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
And the Most High your dwelling place,

No evil shall happen to you,
Neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

“Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him.
I will set him on high, because he has known my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him.
I will be with him in trouble.
I will deliver him, and honor him.
I will satisfy him with long life,
and show him my salvation.”

CLOSING

Amen,
Yes,
Come Lord Jesus.

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Day 5

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Psalm 116, Matthew 1, Luke 1, Mark 1, Revelation 22

READING

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. FROM MATTHEW 1

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in a way that assures us that God is engaged with his broken people. The manner of Mary's pregnancy was shameful, and it is unlikely her proclaiming the angel's message would have brought anything but more shame. The genealogy that begins Matthew bears witness to this also, that God works in and through and near us, his broken people. He is Emmanuel, God with us.

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PREPARATION

Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

THE SONG OF MARY WITH RESPONSE

My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of his servant.

RESPONSE

You see us, as we are.
You are our Savior, and we rejoice.
Each day become larger in our hearts.

For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.
For he who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.
His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him.
He has shown strength with his arm.

RESPONSE

Your name is holy!
Holy, holy, holy!
And yet, you hear us.
You show us a mercy stronger than sin.

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down princes from their thrones.
And has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things.
He has sent the rich away empty.

RESPONSE

The lowly know you
Because the lowly need you.
The hungry are filled
Because they say,
Give us this day our daily bread.
God, we are lowly.
We are hungry.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,
that he might remember mercy,
As he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his offspring forever.

RESPONSE

We are your servant.
In Jesus, we are Abraham's offspring —
Living in your promise to him.
Make us a blessing.
Move us to bless those around us.

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THE JESUS CREED

The greatest is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one:
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your
strength.'

This is the first commandment.

The second is like this,
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these."

CLOSING

Amen,

Yes,

Come Lord Jesus.