



The Songs of Advent:

Mary's Song-The Magnificat

November 29, 2023

7:00 p.m.

As We Gather

Music is generally connected to special days---from the patriotic songs of Independence Day to the carols of Christmas. Throughout this Advent season, our midweek services will explore the different songs associated with Advent and Christmas. Today we will consider Mary's Song, the Magnificat. The music places the words within our memories, helping us to remember the words and to add our voices to Mary's song.

Welcome & Opening Words

Opening Hymn Young Mary Heard the Angel's Voice *(Tune LSB 344)*

Young Mary heard the angel's voice,
That gave her reason to rejoice.
For she, the handmaid of the Lord,
Would bring forth Christ, the mighty Word.

Young Mary to her cousin went
To tell her of the great event.
Elizabeth young Mary blessed,
Who bore their Lord whom she confessed.

Young Mary her Lord magnified
Who raised her up, full, justified;
The Mighty One great things has done
For her and people He has won.

The Lord, the Holy, does unfold
His promised mercy from of old
To poor and hungry, meek and mild,
To Mary young with promised Child.

With Mary young we raise our voice
To magnify God and rejoice
In wonders God the Father, Son,
And Spirit now has for us done.

Stand

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 103:1-8

- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
C **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**
- P** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
C **who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- P** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
C **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- P** He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.
C **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

549 sts. 1, 2



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.



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- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
C **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**
- P** as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
C **As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.**
- P** The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.
C **Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!**

- P** Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
- C** **Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

549 sts. 3,4

3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da-vid Lord did call,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in-car-nate, man di-vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

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Confession

- P** We enter into this Advent season fully understanding our unworthiness before our God who has shown us His mercy by sending His own Son to be our Savior from sin. Knowing that our God is a gracious God and that it is His desire to forgive our sins and restore us to a right relationship with Him, we come before Him to make our confession, asking God to grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.
- C** **We stand before You, O God, asking to be received into Your presence not by any worthiness on our part, but solely through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We confess before You all our sins, what we have done and all we have left undone. Trusting in Your mercy, we ask for Your forgiveness that we might be acceptable in Your sight. Amen.**

Absolution

P We have reason to sing and rejoice! Through Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for our sins we are forgiven. That you may be assured of the forgiveness of all your sins, it is my calling as your pastor, to announce God's grace to you. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Joy

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

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Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
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rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Old Testament

1 Samuel 2:1-10 (Hannah's Prayer)

¹And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. ²"There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-56 (The Magnificat)

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

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

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Hymn of Joy

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 Give thanks, give thanks.

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Sermon

Mary's Eternal Joy

Rev. Randy Wahl

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. We pray for our church as we enter into this Advent season. Lord, we ask Your blessings on this congregation, that we may be drawn closer together around Your Word and Sacraments and closer to You as we celebrate the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for our community as we enter into this Advent season. Lord, we ask You to open our eyes to see all who do not yet have reason to celebrate this season of joy. Many do not know Your love in Christ. Enable us to see those in our midst who are hurting that we might be used by You to touch and change their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families as we enter into this Advent season. When many will be experiencing great amounts of stress, bring peace, O Lord, and unity and comfort that we may be prepared to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in joy, not weariness.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray as we enter into this Advent season for the elderly in our midst, the homebound and hospitalized, that during this season we may be aware of their need for companionship and fellowship. Move us, O Lord, to make time for those who have been a blessing to us over the years. Use us, O Lord, to be a blessing to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray to Your mercy asking You to hear us for Jesus' sake.

C **Amen.**

P Stir up, we implore You, Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but ✠ deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May the One Who's coming we look forward to fill us with joy, peace, and good will, and may the blessings of God Almighty- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn

A Great and Mighty Wonder

383 sts. 1-4



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

To God Alone be all the Glory!

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