



Living in the Savior's Love

Reader 1:

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 89:1)

Unison:

**My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:47)**

Reader 2:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Reader 3:

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Unison:

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." (Luke 1:26-38)

...Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. (Luke 1:45)

Reader 1:

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”
(Luke 1:46-55)

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Reader 2:

An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.”
(Matthew 1:20-23)

Unison:

**You are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)**
**Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love. (Psalm 33:19)**

Reader 3:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the

way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:1-7)

Unison:

If you know me, you will know my Father also. (John 14:1-7a)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. (John 15:9)

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle;

to you be praise and glory forever!

Your light has shone in our darkened world

through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;

grant that we who have seen your glory

may daily be renewed in your image

and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,

who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God forever.

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