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“A Song For This Season”

1. READ

Scripture: Luke 1:46-56 New International Version (NIV)

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors.”

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

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Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Luke 1

REFLECT



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This week we began our series of sermons for the advent season with our very own Rev. Dr. Nicole Martin as she preaches, "A Song for this season".

Dr. Nicole is helping us in the introduction to remember that this is the season where Jesus was born. As a result, our focus should be on our faith in Christ. Rev. Nicole shares that the birth of Jesus is such an important date in the life of the world, that time was separated by AD and BC. Without Jesus being born, He couldn't be resurrected, and if He didn't raise from the dead, then He couldn't come back for us again one day. In this season where everyone is focused on receiving gifts and presents, our focus needs to be on Christ and the reason He came. Jesus came to correct this broken world, Jesus came to share with us a better way, and Rev. Nicole shares that Mary wrote the song we find in the Gospel according to Luke as a testimony of her early experience with God. Mary wasn't looking to be this person, but Mary was thankful that God called her for this moment in time.



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Dr. Nicole shares that around the age of 14 Mary as a young woman during that time, would have been in the process of getting married as a virgin. However, God had a different plan. Once Mary had the conversation with the Angel and realized the importance of the visit, she did the only thing she could do. She went to see Elizabeth, to confirm what the Angel spoke to her, and Dr. Nicole shares that this “Song of Mary” is the result. This song is also known as the Magnificat. There is also a church on the place where it's believed to be the home of Mary called, "The Church of the Annunciation".

Dr. Nicole shares these three points that we learn from the Song of Mary:

- This song is about God’s Customized favor
 - God specializes in making limited editions for us
- This song is about God’s Cataclysmic power
 - God’s power cannot be matched
- This song is about God’s Covenantal love
 - God is a covenantal God and His love endures



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1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï Why do you think God decided to use such a young girl?
- ï What do you think the parents of Mary thought?

Discussion Questions

- ï How would you have responded if God decided to use you in this way?