

MARY'S SONG: THE MAGNIFICAT

Scripture: Luke 1:46b-55

December 21, 2020

Message: **And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the LORD and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."**

Luke 1:46b-55

Mary magnifies the Lord, proclaiming His greatness and rejoicing in God the Savior. She sums up God's actions in her own life, which reflect His actions throughout history, for God's plan is radically different from the agenda of human beings.

She is literally shouting for joy at the blessing He is bestowing upon her. 'Blessings' to us usually imply a life of privilege and comfort. However, God has not lauded Mary with an easy task. She has no wealth; she is unmarried and pregnant. Some Favor! God has given her a death sentence. She is baffled but not indignant. Mary praises God for honoring her!

Mary evokes all the promises God has kept concerning his people. She recalls God's redemptive work on earth, feeding the hungry, comforting the lowly, showing mercy to the descendants of Abraham. She trusts Him to bring about marvelous things through this revelation.

This is exactly the time for us to indulge in the unadulterated celebratory joy that we have in the promises that come to us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, no matter how God chooses to bless you, do not be afraid, stand firm in the promises of Christ our King.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give us peace, patience and a spirit of assurance, now and always. Amen.

Name: Angie Mattes
Church: Dallas United Methodist Church
District: Northern
Church Location: Dallas
Email: thebanditsden@yahoo.com
Position: Lay Leader and proud Navy veteran