

The Magnificat: Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-55- The Magnificat (Mary's Song)

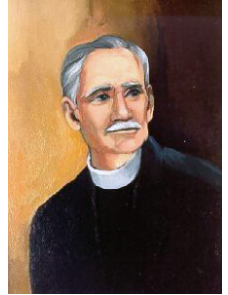
Luke 1:67-80- The Benedictus (Zechariah's Song)

Luke 2:14- The Gloria In Excelsis (The Angels' Song)

Luke 2:27-34- The Dimittis (Simeon's Song)

These four songs in Luke's nativity story are the last of the Hebrew Psalms and the first of the Christmas hymns.

– W. Graham Scroggie



Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Who determined its measurements surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when **the morning stars sang together** and all **the sons of God shouted for joy?**

Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul. It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.

– Martin Luther



Luke 1:46-55

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And 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 mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the

the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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.”

What God has done in Christ demands to be praised. It is not enough simply to say what God has done to save us- what he has done needs to be celebrated in song.

– Philip Graham Ryken



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She does not let fall a word to show that she regarded herself as a sinless, "immaculate" person.

On the contrary, she uses the language of one who has been taught by the grace of God to feel her own sins, and so far from being able to save others,

requires a Savior for her own soul.

We may safely affirm that none would be more forward to reprove the honor paid by the Roman Church to the Virgin Mary, than the Virgin Mary herself.

– J.C. Ryle



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arm; he has scattered the proud
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Psalm 33:10

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

Isaiah 10:12

When the Lord has finished all his work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, he will punish the speech of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the boastful look in his eyes.

It was through Pride that the devil
became the devil: Pride leads to
every other vice: it is the
completely anti-God state of mind.

– C. S. Lewis



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Mary's song teaches us that this is how God always does business. He doesn't do business with the proud. He doesn't run with the rulers of the world. He doesn't side with the rich. God is at home with the humble, the tired, the weak, and the lowly of this world. He does business with those who fear his name.

– Ray Pritchard

