

Gospel 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Cycle B

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### MY SOUL PROCLAIMS THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD



### ENCOUNTER OF TWO LIVES

#### SETTING.

I dedicate this time to you Lord, this is my offering, I serve You, I praise You, I am for You.

With Mary I make the journey, I go out from myself to reach others and from there to generate encounters, strengths, fortitude and inspiration to dedicate my life to You made surrender in the brethren.

May my whole being proclaim today and always your Life, your Kingdom made of hospitality, humility and heroism.

May my life sing your life.

#### SONG. Mary comes back-Mision Pais

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cn9LSSzLnqs>

## **GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE: LK 1:39-56.**

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could into the hill country to a town in Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

Now it happened that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Look, the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled'.

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant. Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him. He has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly. He has filled the starving with good things, sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love according to the promise he made to our ancestors -- of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever'.

Mary stayed with her some three months and then went home.

### **LET US DEEPEN THE TEXT.**

#### **Blessed because you have believed!**

"Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" This phrase of Elizabeth refers us to an episode in the Old Testament: The arrival of the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem (2 Sam 6:2-11). It can be said that Luke has been pleased to accumulate, in the account of the Visitation, the details that recall the ascent of the Ark to Jerusalem: the two journeys, that of the Ark and that of Mary take place in the same region, the hills of Judea. The Ark enters the house of Oved-Edom and brings happiness to this house (2 Sam 6:12), Mary enters the house of Zacharias and Elizabeth, brings them joy. The Ark stays three months in Oved-Edom's house. Mary will stay at Elizabeth's house for three months. Finally, David danced in front of the Ark (2

Sam 6:16), and Luke tells us that John the Baptist “leaped” for joy before Mary, who was carrying her child in her womb.

### **The miracle of Incarnation!**

Obviously, all this is not the result of chance. Luke proposes to contemplate in Mary the Ark of the Covenant. Now, the Ark of the Covenant was the sign of the Presence of God. Mary thus carries in her womb, mysteriously, this Presence of God. Henceforth, God inhabits our humanity: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”. All this thanks to the faith of Mary: Elizabeth tells her: “Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled”.

Responding to Elizabeth's words, Maria sings the Magnificat. Surprising thing, to express her admiration at God's action, Mary, in all simplicity, takes the phrases uttered by her ancestors in faith.

Here we contemplate a double lesson: **First of humility.** Spontaneously, finding herself faced with an exceptional situation, Mary takes up with all simplicity the expressions of the prayer of her people. **Second lesson of community sense,** today we would say, sense of Church because none of the biblical quotations expressed in the Magnificat has an individualistic character; these quotes always concern the people as a whole. This is one of the great characteristics of Jewish prayer, as well as Christian prayer: **the believer never forgets that he is part of a people and that every vocation, far from separating, sends that people to serve.**

### **CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.**

1. I contemplate Mary's attitude, her gestures, movements. I also pay attention to the words of Elizabeth when she met Mary.
2. The experience of God in them leads them to...
3. I reflect on my experience of God and write my own Magnificat. Where does the experience of God take me?

### **MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS**

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**AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Simply Three - Rain (Original Song)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFppTBdCse8>

## MARY, ON THE WAY.

Mary, the woman of YES,  
always on the way,  
going out, towards others.  
A graceful life  
in the encounter with the Lord.  
Hail Mary, full of Grace!  
Joyful, she accepted the challenge.  
Invitation to be the Mother of God.  
Immediately and promptly,  
she came out of herself.  
Encounter of two women,  
greetings that recognize two mothers...  
Nothing is impossible for God.  
They sing and proclaim,  
that the Lord is great.  
They proclaim with their lives  
Mother's vocation.  
What does it mean to proclaim  
that the Lord is your everything?  
To proclaim is to sing simplicity  
and the greatness of the Lord.  
And in everyday life  
be an attentive gaze, a fair word,  
close and tender gesture.  
It is to make an offering of your life,  
service and praise.  
Welcoming the small, the big,  
the same, the diverse.  
It is fostering life in a fraternal embrace.  
I want to sing to the Life with the life.

**SONG. CRISTOBAL FONES – I praise you**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nFcp\\_BHaEE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nFcp_BHaEE)

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh2UF9CSIww>



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