



HERE I AM, BE DONE



SETTING

We contemplate the scene that sets in motion an important event for the History of Salvation, the Son of God was incarnated, becoming one more with us, in a simple woman of the people.

Let us be surprised by the wonders of God. Let us open ourselves to the Word that comes to life in a little one.

In silence we welcome the music that becomes a serene melody.

SONG. And Mary said yes – Happy soul.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHwJK1gFaDo

GOSPEL – Luke 1, 1-6

"After six months, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to visit a young virgin named Mary who was engaged to marry a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. The angel entered where she was, and said to her: I greet you, favoured one of God! The Lord is with you. When he saw the angel, he was surprised by his words, and he wondered what that greeting meant. The angel said to her: Mary, do not be afraid, for you enjoy the favour of God. Now you are going to become pregnant: you will have a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be a great man, who will be called the Son of the highest God: and the Lord God will make him king, like his ancestor David, and he will reign forever over the nation of Israel. His reign will have no end. Mary asked the angel: How cans this happen if I do not live with any man? The angel answered: The Holy Spirit will rest on you and the power of the most high God will rest on you like a cloud. Therefore, the child who will be born will be called Holy and Son of God. Your relative Isabel, despite being old, is also going to have a son; The one who said she couldn't have children has been pregnant for six months. For God there is nothing impossible. Then Mary said: I am the slave of the Lord. May God do with me as you have told me! With this, the angel left."

To deeper into the Word of God today.

Gen 3:9-15.20: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your lineage and hers." God does not definitively abandon his creatures: he demonstrates his care. Nothing will be like before, but all is not lost. God is still God!

Psalm 97:1-4: The Lord manifested his victory, revealed his justice in the eyes of the nations: he remembered his love and his faithfulness in favour of the people of Israel. The ends of the earth have contemplated the triumph of our God. Let all the earth praise the Lord, break into joyous songs. Creation is invited to celebrate the arrival of God as universal king and just judge.

Phil 1,4-6.8-11: Paul thanks God for the collaboration of the Philippians in the work of evangelization, up to the present, but also in the future. Paul believes and hopes in them since, in the persecution, they have stood by him and faced the risk. Paul prays for them: that God gives them clairvoyance to know how to distinguish and choose the best and that they manifest conduct that is fully consistent with the love and faith that, up to this point, they have manifested.

Lucas 1, 1-6: Nazaret, never mentioned in the Old Testament. He was not tied to the messianic promise. This divine intervention will not represent continuity with the past. Galilee is the province far from the Jewish institution. The scene does not take place in an official environment: not in the temple, but in a normal house. Its protagonist is not a priest, but a virgin with no genealogy or mention of observance. Let us keep in mind that the meaning of virginity, in the environment where the act occurs, is: absolute fidelity to God. A greeting of joy is given that opens horizons of salvation. Mary is "the Favoured One", she enjoys the fullness of God's love. The greeting "rejoice, favoured one, God has granted you a favour" does not provoke fear. Maria does not ask for proof, she asks questions in which we can observe that she is a woman who has faith and who is normal. His fidelity to God remains. And fidelity engenders obedience and obedience is manifested by intelligence. Theologically speaking, conception is a new creative act: the new Adam is born, the new humanity begins. Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit, the creative force of God. And, according to Saint Augustine: "God became man so that man could become God."

Clues for personal and shared prayer

- What inspires me in the act of a God who becomes man?
- How do I understand Mary's questions to the angel?
- Am I aware that Mary wanted to obey God?
- The word slave means "I understand that God is looking for something and needs me. And has this ever happened to me in my life? How have I lived it? How do I want to live it from now on? Do I believe in the future?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

LUDOVICO EINAUDI - NIGHT (OFFICIAL VIDEO) https://youtu.be/k9NM-yK1C2I?si=yK2l6DFtIE8KsBrY

THE BLESSED Rejoice Maria, fills her with grace,

the Lord is with you. Like her we are we are graceful. So listen to the Word that announces and promises. In his way, abandon yourself in faith, let God take the initiative. With humility of heart, knowing that he takes pleasure in the small, listen. Open to surprise, grateful to form part of his plan of salvation, the one that reaches everyone. Mary invites us to be attentive and to change our attitudes, envy, jealousy, destructive judgments, addictions, contempt, manipulation, falsehood,

injustice, abuse and mistreatment, hate, wars, discrimination and discard. Mary invites us to look at Him, to dispose our hearts to the mission. Mary invites us to say yes to life, with the word, with the gesture. Mary invites us to grow along the way, in possibility, in being facilitators, to live Advent, to live in the present where they come into play love, justice and peace.

SONG – My soul proclaims: Chet velly church https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlp36b_8GgQ

DIOS NOS SALVA EN TI. Salomé Arricibita https://youtu.be/NSrX-okzyNQ?si=90ykYSTNG03IDB7j

MARÍA DE NAZARET - AIN KAREM https://youtu.be/7jrPsZ2oZ8A?si=GYmUp1BircYveu1x

"HÁGASE" - IXCÍS <u>https://youtu.be/ZQhkFh3r1oY?si=fqUXvYnP7CT1HZ6R</u>



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