

### *Mary's Song*

Luke 1:46-56

*(The Magnificat)*

And Mary said,

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness  
of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations  
will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done  
great things for me, and holy is his name.  
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 powerful from their  
thrones, and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

And Mary remained with her about three months  
and then returned to her home.

### *Zechariah's Song*

Luke 1:67-80

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke this prophecy:

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked  
favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his  
holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our  
ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we,  
being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and  
righteousness before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn  
from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow  
of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the  
wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.