## Mary's Song of Praise

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. Luke 1:46-56

**Blessing**

Whoever we are,

in Mary we are called to live and sing.

Not necessarily sing well

but to give expression to the call upon us

to bear hope in the midst of struggle

and peace in the presence of pain.

We are the beloved of God,

invited into partnership with the holy.

How could we keep from singing?

On our journey and in our waiting,

may we be blessed.

May we feel the strong,

sacred, ancient threads that connect us

with all who wait for peace,

for justice, for strength, for healing

and compassion.

Amen.