

Advent Sermons

Mary's Song (A Revolutionary Carol)

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SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

1) When you think of Mary the mother of Jesus, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

Word

Read Luke 1:26-38

- 1) What do we know about Mary from these verses?
- 2) Why do you think Mary was troubled by the greeting she received from the angel?
- 3) What does the name "Jesus" mean? (See Matthew 1:21)
- 4) What did the angel say Jesus would do?
- 5) What does the vocation of Jesus according to this angel mean for the world? For us? For you?

Read Luke 1:46-55

- 1) What makes Mary's song revolutionary?
- 2) How does Mary's song compare to Hannah's song? (See 1 Samuel 2:1-8)
- 3) How does Jesus preach in harmony with Mary's song, particularly the lines in Luke 1:53?
- 4) Why would Mary's song and Jesus' preaching make the rich and powerful agitated and paranoid?
- 5) How does Mary's song speak of God's intention to set the world in order?
- 6) How does Mary's song proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God?

Work

- 1) What can you praise God for as you consider his work *in your life*? How have you been blessed?
- 2) What can you praise God for as you consider his work *in the world*? How have you seen him bless others?
- 3) How can you be a part of the work of the kingdom of God in the world?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 48 / Mon: 49 / Tue: 50 / Wed: 51 / Thu: 52 / Fri: 53 / Sat: 54
- 2) Pray for each other