



1st Day of Advent - Mary's Magnificat

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour.,"

(Luke 1:46 & 47)

**HYMN 1                      GREAT is Thy faithfulness'**

*Thomas O Chisholm, 1866-1960*

*Tune: CWT 1067 Great is thy faithfulness*

- 1    'GREAT is Thy faithfulness', O God my Father,  
      There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
      Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
      As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*'Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!'*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see!*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –*  
*'Great is Thy faithfulness', Lord, unto me!*

- 2    Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
      Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
      Join with all nature in manifold witness  
      To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
- 3    Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
      Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
      Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
      Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Luke 1:39-56**

(39) And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

(40) And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

(41) And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

(42) And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

(43) And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

(44) For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

(45) And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

**(46) And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,**

**(47) And my spirit hath rejoiced in God**

**my Saviour.**

(48) For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

(49) For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

(50) And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

(51) He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

(52) He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

(53) He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

(54) He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

(55) As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

(56) And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

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**HYMN 2      Come, thou long-expected Jesus!**

*Charles Wesley, 1707-88      Tune: Stuttgart 782 CWT*

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus!  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the saints thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy children to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thy own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thy all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.