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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

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MY SOUL PROCLAIMS THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD

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From Today's Responsorial Psalm

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.*

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness.

Behold, from now on will all generations will call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly.

*The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent away
empty.*

*He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants*

LUKE 1:46-55

Reflection

Luke is noted for songs within his Gospel narrative. This first song comes from Mary of Nazareth. Reference to Abraham and his descendants situates it within the Jewish-Christian tradition. Her song also contains the same “reversal theme” found in the song of Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Those who dominate now will be overthrown, and the “lowly” will be exalted; those who are hungry now will have their fill, but those who are satisfied will be empty. The “greatness” of the LORD does this, i.e., restores equity and justice for all humanity, and, indeed all of creation. Yet God’s greatness is not the only energy in this restoration as Luke demonstrates later in his gospel. The “lowly” respond as they fully participate by acting justly, loving tenderly, and walking humbly with their Creator.



Silhouette of mountains
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For Pondering

- How would you describe your own participation in God’s restoration

activity?

- How has the “greatness of God” impacted your life? Your relationship with creation? Your relationship with family and friends?
 - What are you most grateful for?
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For Prayer

*God of wonders,
you've given me
the most wonderful
of all gifts –
the gift of free will.
May my will never deviate
from your holy will.
Guide me always,
so that all the choices I make
are good ones –
choices that are
in harmony with your will
as long as I live.
Amen.*

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