

Mary, Did You Know?

Mary did you know, that your ancient words
would still leap off our pages?

Mary did you know, that your spirit song
would echo through the ages?

Did you know that your holy cry
is still subversive word,
that kings and tyrants tremble
when they know your truth is heard?

Mary did you know, that your lullaby
would stir your own Child's passion?
Mary did you know, that your justice stirs
the work of liberation?

Did you know that your Jubilee
is hope within our hearts
of all who dream of justice,
who yearn for it to start?

Mary did you know?

The drums will sound, the truth resound, and joy rise up from pain
The humble stand, the proud ones fall and hope will live again

Mary did you know, we still hear your call
For the healing of the nation?
Mary did you know, your unsettling cry
restores our right relations?

Do you know, that we need your face
defiant, strong and true
It wakes new hope within us
As we sing to you

Mary did you know?

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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: Jay Cormier

Luke portrays Mary, in the words of the Magnificat, as the first preacher of the gospel. Those words are anything but the pious ode of a plastic saint: they are a prophetic, cutting-edge declaration of faith and trust in the living, creative presence of God. Mary understands what God will do in the child she will bear. She knows that in the promise she has received from God, history is about to be turned upside down. She realizes that she herself is the first instance of this new upside-down world: she is the small one whom God has lifted up; she is the lowly servant on whom God has looked with favor. She embodies the good news she proclaims: the gospel of forgiveness, humble service to others, justice, and ultimately, resurrection.

Reading: Luke 1:46-55

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.”

Sharing...

a word,

a phrase

a reflection