

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. — Luke 1:30-38

# The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

—Isaiah 40:5



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(ELW 254)



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Dear Lord, help us to grow as people of repentance and peace. In our waiting remind of us of your great power. Amen.



"Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her."  
**LUKE 1:38**



"She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."  
**LUKE 2:7**



Come, Lord Jesus. Come into the manger, come into our hearts, come into the world. With your love, change our hearts. With your justice, change our world. Amen.



"My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn."  
—"Canticle of the Turning"  
(ELW 723)



"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" **PSALM 126:1-2**



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Lord God, awaken us to live in your way, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Empower us to share your abundant love with our neighbors at home and around the world. Amen.



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**



"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."  
**ISAIAH 40:5**



Help us, dear Lord, to care for neighbors, bearing fruits of mercy, justice and radical generosity. Amen.



"Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkos' (We are marching in the light of God)."  
—"Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light)"  
(ELW 866)



"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.'"  
**LUKE 1:46-47**



"Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed."  
—"Christ, Be Our Light"  
(ELW 715)



"This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!"  
—"What Child Is This?"  
(ELW 296)



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"In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view; Child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you."  
—"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"  
(ACS 901)



"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me ... to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners."  
**ISAIAH 61:1**