


THE STORY OF MARY



VOICES OF ADVENT



A feeling of great pleasure or happiness
that comes from success, good fortune,
or a sense of well being.

- JOY, MERRIAM WEBSTER



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LUKE 1:26-29 ^{NIV}

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a **virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph**, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was **Mary**. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.



LUKE 1:30-33 ^{NIV}

But the angel said to her, “**Do not be afraid**, Mary; you have found **favor** with God. ³¹ You will **conceive** and **give birth to a son**, and you are to call him **Jesus**. ³² He will be great and will be called **the Son of the Most High**. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; **his kingdom will never end.**”



LUKE 1:34-37 ^{NIV}

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, **“since I am a virgin?”**

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”



LUKE 1:38 ^{NIV}

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “**May your word to me be fulfilled.**” Then the angel left her.

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And Mary said: “**My soul glorifies** the Lord ⁴⁷ and **my spirit rejoices** in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for **he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant**. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is His name...

LUKE 1:46-49 ^{NIV}

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At that time Mary **got ready and hurried** to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and **greeted Elizabeth.**

LUKE 1:39-40 ^{NIV}

► Unhurried Peace ◀

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “**May your word to me be fulfilled.**” Then the angel left her.

LUKE 1:38 ^{NIV}

Joy is hope & peace expressed.



*And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **be it unto me** according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.*

LUKE 1:38 KJV

