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December 19, 2021

Canticle of Mary
(Magnificat)

My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
**my spirit rejoices in God of my Savior, who has looked with favor
on me, a lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
**the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is the name of the Lord,
whose mercy is on those who fear God
from generation to generation.**

The arm of the Lord is strong,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
**God has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich empty away.
**God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant,
remembering the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebearers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Micah 5: 2-5a

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,
From everlasting.”

³Therefore He shall give them up,
Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren
Shall return to the children of Israel.

⁴ And He shall stand and feed *His flock*
In the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;
And they shall abide,
For now He shall be great
To the ends of the earth;
^{5a} And this *One* shall be peace.

St. Luke 1: 39-45

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

Sung Liturgy for Advent (Tune: VENI EMMANUEL)

The Lord be with you as we gather here
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord your God.
For it is right to give God our praise.
Let us prepare our hearts for coming days:
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

You created all things and called them good,
Made us like you, but we cast off your love.
You set us free and claimed us as yours,
Through sage and prophet spoke to us your word.
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O Holy God of power and might,
Bless'd be the one who comes in your name,**

**Hosanna in the highest, God!
Hosanna in excelsis.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son,
Jesus, the Light, your presence here with us.
You sent him in the fullness of time,
He came to preach good news to all.
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

And on the night he was betrayed,
Christ took the bread, and unto you gave thanks
He broke the bread and shared it with friends.
"Take, eat, my body given for you."
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

After the meal he lifted up the cup,
"My blood, my life, I pour it out for you.
This covenant I make anew.
Set free from sin! Remember me!"
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Spirit of God descend upon us now,
And make these gifts become for us.
The body and the blood of Christ
A holy, living sacrifice
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer after Communion:
**We thank you God of Mystery
For sacred meal, community
Send us forth now to share your light,
Disciples of the One of Peace!
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**