

## Luke 1:46b-55

*You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)*

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in <sup>1</sup> God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your <sup>1</sup> lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will <sup>1</sup> call me blessed: R**

<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great <sup>1</sup> things for me  
and holy <sup>1</sup> is your name.

<sup>50</sup> **You have mercy on <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
from generation to <sup>1</sup> generation. R**

<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength <sup>1</sup> with your arm  
and scattered the proud in <sup>1</sup> their conceit,

<sup>52</sup> **casting down the mighty <sup>1</sup> from their thrones  
and lifting <sup>1</sup> up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry <sup>1</sup> with good things  
and sent the rich <sup>1</sup> away empty.

<sup>54</sup> **You have come to the aid of your <sup>1</sup> servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- <sup>1</sup> ise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup> the promise made <sup>1</sup> to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- <sup>1</sup> dren forever. **R**



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## Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> 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 live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

## Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your  
will, O God'

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, "You have neither desired  
nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and  
burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered  
according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, "See, I have  
come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order  
to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that  
we have been sanctified through the offering of the  
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill  
country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When  
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled  
with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the  
mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,  
the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would  
be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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