

Children's Liturgy



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Today is a very special day when we celebrate how Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, was taken to heaven at the end of her life. In our gospel we will read a special song of praise that she sang to God.

Let us think some more about Our Lady and this special song today and how God's love can turn the world upside down!

Mary's Prayer

"My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Saviour, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honour him. He has stretched out his mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants for ever!"

(Luke 1:46-55 GNT)

Reflection

Mary is very special because she was chosen by God to be the mother of God's Son, Jesus. And Mary says yes to all that God asks of her.

When Mary went to visit Elizabeth her cousin, Elizabeth realised just how special Mary and her baby were. Who is Mary's special baby?

Mary praises God for all the wonderful things he has done for her. She also praises God for showing mercy, for lifting up those who are poor and humble, for filling those who are hungry with good things to eat and sending the rich away empty-handed.

Mary is filled with joy because she realises that God's love can turn the world upside down. Mary was an ordinary girl: she was poor and humble. But she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. God did not choose a princess, someone who was rich or lived in a palace.

God has a special love for those who are poor. Those who do not have enough to eat. Those who might be ignored. And as God loves those who are humble, we are also called to love those who are poor.

We could help our world to look more like Mary's song of praise. We could help to turn the world upside down. How do you think we could do that? We can make sure we listen to those who are poor and work together with them to make the world a fairer place. We can play our part in making sure that all people have enough food to eat - that anyone who is hungry is filled with good things; we can share what we have and not get too proud; we can care for our earth so that all people can enjoy it, now and in the future.

Do you think you could try to do some of these things in the coming week? What will you do to help our world look more like Mary's song of praise to God?

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The rosary

Colour in a bead as you pray each prayer in the rosary together.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace: The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

