

Songs of the Season

Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55)

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

1. Song of the **victors** "My soul magnifies the Lord" (46)

Moses and Miriam's song (Exodus 15:1-2 and 20-21)

Deborah and Barak (Judges 5:1)

Hannah's song (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Praise warriors (see also Psalm 34:3)

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.

2. The song of the **saved** "God my Savior" (47)

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation (Psalm 118:14).

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation (Isaiah 12:2).

3. The song of the **humble** "Mighty One . . . holy" (48-9, 52)

4. The song of recipients of God's **mercy** (50, 54)

5. The song that spans **generations** (48, 50)

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come (Psalm 71:18).

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children (Psalm 103:17)

6. The song of Abraham's family of **faith** (55)

This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants—not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all (Romans 4:16).

Life Group Homework

1. What are some of your favorite songs of the Christmas season?

Secular—

Sacred—

Christmas carol—

2. What is your reason for singing this season? Share one thing that God has done for you this past year as a reason for praise.

3. READ Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Make a list of some parallels that you see with Mary's prayer.

4. What does Mary's song tell you about how familiar she was with the Scriptures? How do you think she learned them?

5. Complete the following sentence and explain your choice:

Only the _____ sing (*choose only one*)

a) victors b) saved c) humble d) recipients of mercy

6. Not everyone feels like singing during the holidays. How will you help someone who is having a challenging and difficult season?