



Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live

The women of the Old Testament are true protagonists of salvation history

The Magnificat is the song of the Mother of God and the song of the Church. The Church prays the Magnificat each day at Vespers



Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises and became the 'Mother of God' by her 'Yes' to God's plan. One of the titles of Mary is 'Mother of God'. How can God, the source of all being, have a mother?

Mary is God's mother because Jesus is fully God and fully human from the moment he is formed in Mary's womb with her active consent. The Incarnation is a mystery of the Christian faith. She is his mother, therefore God's mother and through baptism into the Body of Christ, the mother of all Christians.

The Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55)

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age

to those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm,

dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones

but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things;

the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant,

remembering his mercy,

according to his promise to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Amen.

Vocabulary

salvation history	The progressive unfolding of God's plan to save the human race from sin and death.
fulfilment	achievement of promises
Old Testament	The first part of the Christian bible.
Lucan	Relating to St Luke
Matthean	Relating to St Matthew
protagonists	Significant person who leads the way and is an important supporter of an idea
Mary	The mother of Jesus
Mother of God	Mary, the mother of Jesus
Magnificat	The song of the Mother of God and the song of the church
religious order	A group of men or women who live under religious vows.

The role of women's religious orders in the Church today

- Sisters of Mercy
- Ursulines
- Sisters of Loreto
- Daughters of St Paul
- Little sisters of the Poor



Abraham and Sarah (Isaac)



Miriam



Deborah



Hannah



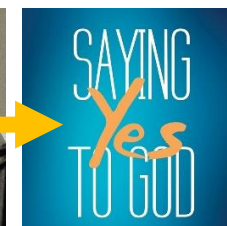
Esther



Mary



Pope John Paul II



My own "Yes"

