

## Reading – Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:46-55

**People:** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Mary: My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**People:** Our hope is in the one who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them.

Mary: For the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is God's name.

**People:** Our hope is in the one  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry;  
who sets the prisoners free;  
who opens the eyes of the blind;  
who lifts up those who are bowed down;  
who loves the righteous;  
who watches over the strangers;  
who upholds the orphans and the widows.

Mary: The Lord has shown mercy from generation to generation;  
lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

**People:** The way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

Mary: The Lord has shown strength with his arm;  
has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
brought down the powerful from their thrones;  
and sent the rich away empty.

**People:** The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Mary: God has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever.

**People:** Praise the Lord!

*(Note: The words of Mary's Magnificat will be interspersed with the psalm. The text can be read by two solo voices, or by the congregation and a "Mary.")*

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