



Mary Speaks to Juan Diego

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Introduction and Welcome

The story of the origin of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is well known. Juan Diego was a quiet, humble man, a poor peasant. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to tell the local bishop to build a church in her honor, Juan Diego became a very reluctant messenger. The bishop would not believe him. So, Mary filled Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak, with roses in December, and when he emptied out these beautiful flowers at the bishop's feet, there, imprinted on his tilma, was a wonderful image of the Virgin, dressed like a young Aztec woman.

Our Lady spoke to Juan Diego in his own language, with an appearance that reflected the indigenous people and their culture.

God could have chosen to become a full-grown,

powerful man, but instead came as a little baby to an ordinary girl who said yes to God.

Like Mary, we also change the world a little bit every time we say yes to God and love others like Jesus taught us.

Chant 5x: The Lord is my light

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

36 The Lord is my light

Calmly (♩ = 66) Theme I

A1 Dm G A2 B1 B2

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Theme II

A1 A2 B1 B2

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And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a

And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Chant 5x Sacred Silence

Reading: A Meditation on Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Gospel passage we heard this evening invites us to reflect upon the nature of God. Why does God choose Mary to be the mother of

SACRED SILENCE

Tom Booth and Jenny Pixler

Ho - ly Ma - ry, gen - tle moth - er, God's pure ves - sel,
 pray - ing for _____ me; saints and an - gels, all in
 heav - en, come and be with me. (to Refrain)
 Come and be with me. Come and speak to me.

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his Son? God chooses a lowly virgin peasant girl to be the one who will bear the most precious gift of God's love, his very Son. If God had wanted, God could have been born among us in a very powerful and successful family. Or he could have manifested his divinity in a fully-grown human person. Instead, his grace rested fully upon one who had no standing within her community. As a faithful Jewish girl, Mary was attuned to the working of God within her life. She listened carefully to God's will. Mary spent

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
 Alt. text: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
 when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
 all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the
 Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
 Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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her life discerning his movement in her life and was well prepared to offer herself as the chosen ark for God's incarnation. Like Mary, we are invited to cooperate fully with God's will, giving our entire lives over in service of his kingdom.

We honor Mary because God favored her with a special grace, and her decision to cooperate with it has blessed humankind. Are we aware of the graces showered on us in Christ? How are we saying yes to God's will for our lives?

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the

glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yeam - ing for your
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the

you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us

shad - ow.
hearts.
ris - ing.
peace.
hand.
now.

Extended Silence

Petitions

Chant 2x then once after each petition

1. For those who are with child, who are struggling with an unexpected pregnancy, or who are suffering from infertility or infant loss, we pray:

2. For people of the United States, that we may be united in the common purpose of building a society in which everyone can live with dignity and hope, we pray:

3. For the members of this community, that we may find ways to help build a world of greater respect for human life and human dignity, we pray:

4. For those suffering from poverty and injustice, that the decisions made by our elected officials this coming year will lead to policies and programs that help build better lives, we pray:

5. For the earth, that our world's leaders will be inspired by God's Spirit to protect all of creation, we pray:

6. For our leaders around the world, that they might find ways to bring an end to war and violence, and promote peace and development for all nations, we pray:

7. You are invited to add additional prayer intentions, and light a votive candle.

We pray together the Lord's Prayer

Chant 3x My Soul in Stillness Waits.

Closing Prayer

Mary, Holy Mother of God,

We salute you and we honor you.

In this season of darkness,

As we await the coming Feast

