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A Sabbath Thought

By our openness to the action of the Spirit, we Christians serve to bring Jesus into the world. In this, we follow the example of Mary whose humble assent to the Spirit was a means of giving glory to God.

About Today's Bible Readings

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16

David wants to prove his love for God by building a temple to house the ark of the covenant. But God speaks through the prophet Nathan and points David in a different direction.

PSALM: 89:2-3 , 4-5, 27-29

R: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

ROMANS 16:25-27

Giving glory to God is not just a matter of saying prayers or singing. The greater glory is to surrender ourselves to his love in all that we are and do.

LUKE 1:26-38

There are different ways to bring God into the world. Mary gave birth to the historical Jesus. We members of his body bring Jesus to new birth by allowing his Spirit to work through us.

Upcoming Worship Services

TODAY – December 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24th

11:45 pm - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist. **Choir Presentation Prior to Services.**

CHRISTMAS DAY – December 25th

9:00 am - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Entrance Rite

V. Hail favored one! The Lord is with you. Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

**R. You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel!
You are the splendid boast of our people.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen**

The Gospel (Luke 1:26-38)

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. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! 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 man?" 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish. For the health and growth of our Parish. For the health of Bishop Bernard Nowicki. For the increase in men called to the priesthood of the Polish National Catholic Church. **Our Father...**
