

# Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)

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*Strongly, with vigor*  
*mf*

**Soprano Alto**  
My soul gives glo - ry to the Lord, and pro - claims the pow - er of our God. (Melody)

**Tenor Bass**

*mf*

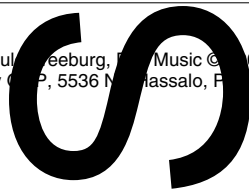
Am G Fmaj7 Em/G C Am Em/G F G

**Keyboard**  
*mf*

My spir - it finds its joy in God, my Sav - ior, and re - joic - es to be known by God, Most High.

F Em/G Am F G F/A Em/G Dm/F Em C

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(Melody)  
end of time. The pow'r of God has been re-vealed in splen - dor.

*f*  
The proud have been re - ject-ed and cast down. The poor are lift - ed up and raised on high.

*f*  
The hun - gry with good things will have their fill. The rich are sent with noth - ing to their name.

*mp*  
The hun - gry with good things will have their fill. The rich are sent with noth - ing to their name.

Ab Bb Cm Ab Eb/G Fm/Ab Gm7 C

Em Em/D Cmaj7 G/B Em Bm

Am Em F C/E Dm/A Em/G

*f* *mp*

(Melody)

From this day on, noth - ing will be the same. God re - mem - bers the mer - cy

*f* *mp*

C F C Em A A Em/G Fmaj7 G

prom - ised to A - bra - ham and his de - scen - dants for ev - er,

C Em/G Am F C

*mf* *ff*

the mer - cy giv'n to us from this day and for ev - er - more. (Melody - B, A)

*mf* *ff*

F G F Am Dm C/E Fmaj9 Em/G A

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(Magnificat)  
(Guitar/Vocal)

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*Strongly, with vigor*

Am *mf* G Fmaj7 Em/G C Am Em/G F G

My soul gives glo - ry and pro - claims the pow - er of our God.

F Em/G Am F G F/A Em/G Dm/F Em C

My spir - it finds its joy in God, my Sav - ior, and re - joic - es to be known by God, Most High.

*mp* Am Em F Em/G F/A G

God chose me as a low - ly ser - vant to be the one all peo - ple know as blessed.

*mf* Eb Eb/D Cm Gm/Bb Eb Fm Gm Fm6 Cm *mp*

The Might - y One has done great things for me, and ho - ly is God's name.

Bb Cm/Bb Ab Bb Eb Gm

God's mer - cy is on all the liv - ing, from age to age, un - til the

Ab Bb Cm Ab Eb Fm/Ab Gm7 C

end of time. The w'rk of God has been re - vealed in splen - dor.

Em *f* Em/D Cmaj7 G/B Em Bm *mf*

The proud have been re - ject - ed and cast down. The poor are lift - ed up and raised on high.

Am Em C F C/E Dm/A Em/G

*mp*

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C F C Em A A Em/G Fmaj7 G

*f* *mp*

From this day on, noth - ing will be the same. God re - mem - bers the mer - cy

C Em/G Am F C

prom - ised to A - bra - ham and his de - scen - dants for ev - er,

F G F Am Dm C/E Fmaj9 Em/G A

*mf* *ff*

the mer - cy giv'n to us from this day and for ev - er - more.

## Composer Notes

This “Canticle of Mary” can be found on *Morning & Evening—Prayer for the Commute, Prayer for the Journey* (double CD 20090, songbook 20139), where the canticle is recorded in five different ways:

- 1) Unison *a cappella*
- 2) Soprano solo with harp
- 3) Unison with keyboard accompaniment
- 4) Verses alternating women’s and men’s voices
- 5) Unison with expanded choral-instrumental ensembles

It is also available on *Glory Bound* (CD 20638, songbook packet 20639), a compilation of pieces from *Morning and Evening*.

**LITURGICAL USE:** It may be sung as the canticle at the end of Evening Prayer, or at any time as a song of praise on feasts of Our Lady, and especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Sing it at times of prayer for justice, peace, or outreach to the poor and celebrations of commitment to the religious life.

**PERFORMANCE:** The text of Mary’s canticle is a radical affirmation of the power of God. It should be sung with conviction. Sing freely in a chant-like style in speech rhythm and with natural stresses on important words. Its strong melody allows it to work well unaccompanied. When sung accompanied, do not let the accompanying instrument dominate. When singing in unison, sing from the guitar version to avoid confusion with the fuller harmonized version.

—*Christopher Walker*

# Assembly Edition

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 to be known by God, Most High. God chose me as a low-ly ser-  
 vant to be the one all peo-ple know and blessed. The Might-y One has done great  
 things for me, and ho-ly and awe-inspir-ing things. All who fear God's mer-cy shall  
 praise and be glad. The pow'r of God fath-ful liv-ing, from age to age, un-til the end of time. The pow'r of God

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## CANTICLE OF MARY (Continued)

has been re-vealed in splen-dor. The proud have been re-ject-ed  
 and cast down. The poor are lift-ed up and raised on high.  
 The hun-gry with good things will have their fill. The rich are sent with-  
 out to their naught. From this day noth-ing will be the same.  
 God re-mem-bers the low-ly and his de-scen-dants for ev-er,  
 the mer-cy giv'n to us from this day and for ev-er-more.

# PRELUDE