**THURSDAY DECEMBER 22 – FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT [A]**

**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.**

**The Virgin Mary sees God in her eternal and divine beauty but also in her work of salvation and of redemption daily accomplished and fulfilled in history. She sees God not as we see Him with the heart kneaded with sin, falsity, lie, deceit, darkness, concupiscence, pride, idolatry, wickedness, greed and every other kind of iniquity and vileness. With this filthy and dirty heart, even the vision of God is filthy and dirty. It is a vision of a God, created and made by man at image of his sin. Today this is the tragedy that is overwhelming all of us: seeing God, proclaiming, describing Him, speaking about Him, studying, teaching, preaching, testifying, prophesizing, describing, depicting Him, but always with such unclean, impure heart, filled with robbery and of iniquity. The proclamation the man makes of God is always at risk of our impure heart. Today, in particular, this risk has turned itself into reality, since one speaks of God badly, one says false, untrue things, having many of his teachers, experts, professors and scholars, introduced Him in a liar, false, deceitful way, lying, slandering Him, affirming things that God has never pronounced, never said, not even thought in his entire eternity. Those ones, instead of proclaiming the Lord, dishearten, humiliate Him, take away from Him every glory, taking away the glory from the truth of his Word, from his Gospel, from his good News, from his revelation that gives us the knowledge of his mystery and of his mercy and righteousness in our favour. The Virgin Mary does not glorify the Lord, for God can never be glorified. His glory is always above the heaven of heaven and his beauty is eternal, divine, unsayable. The glorification of God is only one: his pure and simple truth. The Mother of God glorifies the Lord saying his purest, holiest, eternal, divine, everlasting truth. The glory of God is his truth. It is also the truth of the man made by God. The Humble Handmaid of the Lord prophesies the truth of God and of man in its absolute exactness, in which also his truth is. The true God that is on her lips is the true God that is in her heart. If there were a false God in her heart, her lips would proclaim a false God, too. Mary’s heart glorifies the Lord for her soul is entirely dwelled by the glory of the Mighty One. Man must understand it today and always: if his heart is of sin, his God is a God of sin too; instead, if his heart is holy, his God will be a holy God, too. All the contaminations of his heart will be contaminations of his God and all the divine lights that are in his heart will be light of truth on his God. The Virgin Mary has the most pure God and also the truth of her lips is most true. Thus She proclaims her Lord, glorifying Him in his eternal truth. Thus She wants us to glorify Him: saying to the entire world what He is, today, tomorrow, always. Today we are not glorifying the Lord. We do not know his truth. Our heart is impure and our lips are unclean too.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 1,46-55**

**And Mary said: "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."**

**With her Magnificat the Virgin Mary replies to her cousin Elizabeth, saying that everything in Her is work of God. If She has believed, it is for work of God. God has made Her Woman with most pure faith. If She has obeyed is for work of God. God has made Her Woman with most pure faith. If her voice, her breath is mean of the Holy Spirit, this is also work of God. God has wanted Her a mean of the Holy Spirit. “The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” Why has the Lord done great things for Mary? Because He has … What does the lowliness of the Virgin Mary consist of? In letting Herself perennially be made by the Lord. The Lord has filled Her with the grace of the total abandonment in his hands. This abandonment is a grace as well. In Mary everything is fruit of the grace of her God. But there is a moat high truth the Holy Spirit puts on the mouth of the Virgin Mary: “From now on will all ages call me blessed.” From age to age, the true worshipper of God will see this wondrous work of God and will call the Mother of the Lord blessed. The one who does not call the Virgin Mary blessed will never be a true worshipper of God, for he does not praise him for the great things done by Him and Mary is the greatest work of all the works accomplished by Him, greater than the creation itself of heaven, of earth and of all the Angels of heaven. Only if one is filled with the Holy Spirit can know how great the Virgin Mary is. The Spirit has created this wondrous work and the Spirit can let us know her in each of her smallest detail. Those who are deprived of Holy Spirit can never know the mystery of the Mother of God and our Mother. The more the Spirit lives and grows in us, the more we live and grow in the knowledge of Mary.**