

Sunday 6th December 2020

Advent, Sunday of 2nd week

Reading: Lk.1,25-33

v.32a *“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.”*

To human thought and imagining Mary is not an obvious choice for being favoured with this announcement and for bringing into the world the one who “will be called the Son of the Most High”. Contrary to the transformation she will undergo in the church’s perception later on, she is here but a humble being. These later attempts to turn her into something grander may well detract from what this choice indicates – that the Most High comes in order to dwell with the lowly and humble.

This message is seen even more clearly in the circumstances of his birth, and of his life and mostly in those of his death. Far from shunning the lowly and humble places of humanity, God seeks them out to bring there the light of his grace and make known his glory.

The greatness of the One whose birth is announced to Mary shall be such that in him the lowly and humble, those who know they lack the righteousness before God that they ought to have, shall be lifted up and be “crowned with love and compassion” (Ps.103,4). That he will be called the Son of the Most High makes the point that now the humble and lowly who receive him shall become children of God.