

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Advent, Wednesday of 2nd week

Reading: Lk.1, 26-38

v.37 *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered."*

It is the most beautiful answer and it is made in response to what God said to her. And as the answer is beautiful, so is the result: She becomes the door through which God enters our world, his word to her is fulfilled.

Right it is that she should sing: *"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name."*

Being a servant here is more like being a king! And it is a fine truth worth pondering which lights up here – that God will honour those who honour him (1Sam.2, 30).

Faith trusting and submitting according to God's word is the most beautiful and most promising thing the world can possibly behold in man. It is not without reason and meaning that the Messiah, sent by God to deliver his people from sin and death and be a blessing to all the nations, is called "the servant of the LORD".

In serving the Lord we find freedom and peace and the joys of seeing God's promises fulfilled. May we all answer like Mary as we hear what God says to us through her son.