

Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Aug 22nd 2011

AGAIN we hear the story of the first disciple and believer in Luke's community, the model for all disciples of the Word made Flesh who dwells among us in Incarnation, in the Scriptures and in our lives by baptism, and in the people he has made his own on earth. Our God is Lord of history, not just Israel's but all peoples, all nations and all the earth. Our God is the fulfillment of all the hopes, the prophecies, the promises of the human race for millions of years. Our God is the Word made flesh among us forever. This presence is with us always in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, in the Church, in the poor and in those who cry out for justice, who obey the Word that they have heard and seek the coming of God's will and God's kingdom on earth now. This is what we pray for in the Our Father and this is what Mary models as believer and disciple when she answers in the tradition of Moses, Isaiah, David and many others: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord." This is our dignity, our calling and it is the way the kingdom of God comes to earth.

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