

Reflection Saturday Week 27 - 2020

The shortest Gospels are always the best because the message is very clear. Let's not forget that Mary not only heard the word of God but responded to it in faith. This is why she could say *"My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."* It is not who or what we are that brings true happiness but living the faith which is God's great gift to us. With Mary we can also say *"My soul glorifies the Lord"* and our spirit's, too, rejoice in God our saviour.

"Mary was more blessed in accepting the faith of Christ than in conceiving the flesh of Christ. To someone who said, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you,' he replied, 'Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.' Finally, for his brothers, his relatives according to the flesh who did not believe in him, of what advantage was that relationship? Even her maternal relationship would have done Mary no good unless she had borne Christ more happily in her heart than in her flesh." (Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D. excerpt from *HOLY VIRGINITY* 3.1)

A Prayer for Standing on Tiptoe.

On tiptoe we stand, Lord Jesus
eagerly awaiting
your full revelation
always expecting you
to come some more.

Our hands and hearts
are open to your grace.
Our lives still waiting for
the fullness of your presence.

We are those who have been promised a Kingdom,
and we can never forget.

Yet we have a foot in both worlds
and so we stumble.

But still we stand
on tiptoe
owning our kingdom-loving hearts
and our earth-eyes.

We lean forward

and hope. (MACRINA WIEDERKEHR OSB)

Some people create happiness **wherever** they go. Others, **whenever** they go!!!!