

## Mary, Queen of Prophets

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

To help the Chosen People to find and keep the Divine Way, the Lord sent them several helps, graces or people. He chose to guide them, using some other men, as His deputies, His prophets. Prophets were called by the Lord to become His messengers. They received the Word of God, and their mission was to present it to the world. They left us the legacy of the prophecies, announcing the coming of the Redeemer, in very accurate visions, such as the famous chant of the Suffering Servant by Isaiah.

Since the Incarnation, that kind of prophets disappeared, as it was no longer needed, as their mission to announce the Redeemer was now come to conclusion. But their order subsisted in Christ, who is King, Priest and Prophet. It also subsisted in each of us, who are made participant of Christ's life with our Baptism.

“With Baptism, all of us received “the gift and mission of prophecy.”<sup>1</sup>  
A prophet is the one who, by virtue of Baptism, helps others read the present [...] not like news but under the action of the Holy Ghost, who helps to understand God's plans and conform to them. In other words, the prophet is the one who shows Jesus to others, who bears witness to him, who helps live today and build the future according to his designs. Therefore, we are all prophets, witnesses of Jesus, “so that the power of the Gospel might shine forth in [our] daily social and family life”<sup>2</sup><sup>3</sup>

Above all the Prophets of the Old Covenant, heralds of the Redeemer, and the Prophets of the New Covenant, sons of God born of the Holy Blood of the Redeemer, Mary reigns as their Queen. All the prophecies gathered in Her, as she became the Mother of God, the one who carried the Word made flesh. Better than anyone else, She received the Word of God, in Her heart and in Her flesh, and put it into practice. She wasn't a herald in the same way of the Prophets of the Ancient Covenant, as we barely have words from her reported in the Gospel, but Her silence and her hidden actions to help Her Son's mission, was The way to express herself, and to fulfil her mission as prophetess of the Lord God.

The Holy Ghost Himself manifested her mission as prophet, when coming upon Her, He made Her sing for the first time the Evangelical Canticle of the Magnificat:

“Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”<sup>4</sup>

The Fathers of the Church commented a lot about this verse of St. Luke, and all of them agreed that it was her mission as prophet being proclaimed. We do proclaim Her as such

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<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, nb. 1268.

<sup>2</sup> *Lumen Gentium*, 35

<sup>3</sup> Pope Francis, Angelus, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Lc., I, 48.

every day, while we sing the Magnificat for Vespers, praising the Lord who gave us such a model to follow, such a perfect prophet to guide us and help us to become true witnesses of Christ, trues prophets of Christ.

“Let the whole order of the prophets rejoice in Mary,  
for in her the visions find their fulfilment, prophecies their fulfilment,  
oracles their strength and their completion.  
[...] She received their blessing, but made them perfect in her Son;  
for in Him are purified the seers, the righteous, the priests.  
The Tree of Life, hidden in the middle of paradise, has grown in Mary.  
Its shade shelters the whole world, offering its fruit far and near.  
Mary wove the robe of Glory and gave it to the first father.  
And he who had hidden naked is now adorned with beauty and virtue.”<sup>5</sup>

Regina Prophetarum, Ora pro nobis!

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<sup>5</sup> St. Ephrem of Syria, Marian Hymn, in Msgr. Lamy, S. *Ephræmi hymni et sermones*. 1887, II p. 521. Translated with [www.deepl.com](http://www.deepl.com).