

## **What does it sound like?**

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What does it sound like to you if you are told that YOU,  
you are the site of incarnation,  
you are the place where the transforming love of Christ  
will come today and tomorrow.

What does it sound like to you if you are told that YOU,  
you are Mary impregnated by the holy,  
a key place in the dominion of God,  
in the full reign of holiness being nurtured and nourished into this world?

What does it sound like to hear that YOU,  
you are the place where Christ's deep and wide love will be birthed,  
from whom God's, hope, peace, joy, and love will emerge,  
and where people will be invited to encounter the Holy?

What does it sound like?

Is there fear, hesitation, uncertainty?

Do you want to write it off and say "not me, I'm too young, old, weak, fearful,  
distracted, stubborn, uncertain?"

Do you want to write it off and say "not me, I don't know enough, love enough,  
have enough, I am not holy enough?"

If you hear your name being called out and the words “blessed are you, you will bear the messiah” are there any preconceived notions about God and how God works that you need to let go of?

Do you need to let go of any ideas you have about yourself?

What limitations from encountering others as Mary, a site of incarnation, do you need to pass beyond so you can see God being birthed into this world in your neighbour?

What does it sound like to us if we are told that we are Mary?