

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”
(Luke 1: 47)

We don't talk about the soul very much anymore. The word 'soul' is an old word, from another era of the church. We talk about the person now and the spirit of the person and the Holy Spirit. We still talk about the Holy Souls on November 2nd each year but we just don't speak about our own immortal souls at all anymore. When I first entered the seminary I remember that we had a class in public speaking where we had to explain why we entered the seminary. The first fellow up said that he entered to "save my soul and the souls of others." We all heard that. We were all familiar with those words and they made sense to us. Souls existed and souls needed to be saved.

But "souls" are making a comeback, at least, the talking about having a soul is beginning to make a comeback. The soul is the mystery part of me. The soul is where the Lord inhabits, where God dwells within, where my life source is found. My soul is the depth of me that than which there is nothing deeper. I have a soul and you have a soul. I am my soul and you are your soul. You cannot see the soul or feel the soul or hear the soul or touch the soul but that does not preclude the soul's existence. The soul is the abiding dimension of me as person and spirit. It is my core. The soul is where I am hardwired into God. The soul is where my relationship with God and each person of the Trinity lives and is nourished or withers and dies. My soul will never die. My soul lasts forever. So it is appropriate to spend some time thinking about your own souls and for me to think about my own soul.

Mary says so simply today: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." She knows her own soul and she knows what happens there and she can say so simply those words: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." What does your soul proclaim to those around you? That is the question of the week.