

J.R.R. Tolkien says that the Magnificat can be applied to Frodo and the Fellowship of the Ring. Thus we do here reprint the Magnificat for your meditation. We do this without taking anything away from our Lady, who is the dawn of our salvation!

My soul proclaims the greatness of  
the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his  
lowly servant.

He has come to the help of his  
servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise  
of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

From this day all generations will  
call me blessed  
the Almighty has done great things  
for me  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his  
arm  
He has scattered the proud in their  
conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from  
their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good  
things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

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Commentary: *God is in LOTRs "as the sun is in sunlight" (Kreeft). So Frodo can magnify Him. Frodo, a humble Hobbit, is a lowly servant of Providence throughout the trilogy. Providence is always there to help him.*

*Tolkien's LOTR trilogy, to the surprise of the "establishment", received all sorts of **popular acclaim** and – it seems- will continue to do so **for years to come.***

***Mercy** was shown to Frodo at the Crack of Doom, because over and over again **he took pity** on Smeagol/Gollum.*

*Just picture it in your mind: the One Ring being undone in the Crack of Doom, the Tower of Mordor **being cast down**, and Sauron **falling and being disseminated** to the farthest corners of the universe! The great eagles **lift** Frodo and Samwise from their little haven surrounded by the molten lava of Mordor. Then the **lowly** Hobbits are **lifted up** and honored at the coronation of King Aragorn.*

My friends, much more could be said about this. You know as much as I. Why not write your own commentary? If so inclined, please e-send it in to *The Dunadin* via [charliebak@catholic.org](mailto:charliebak@catholic.org). We will be happy to consider any and all commentaries. After all, "You can learn all there is to know about Hobbits in a month, and after a hundred years they can still surprise you." -Gandalf the Grey

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