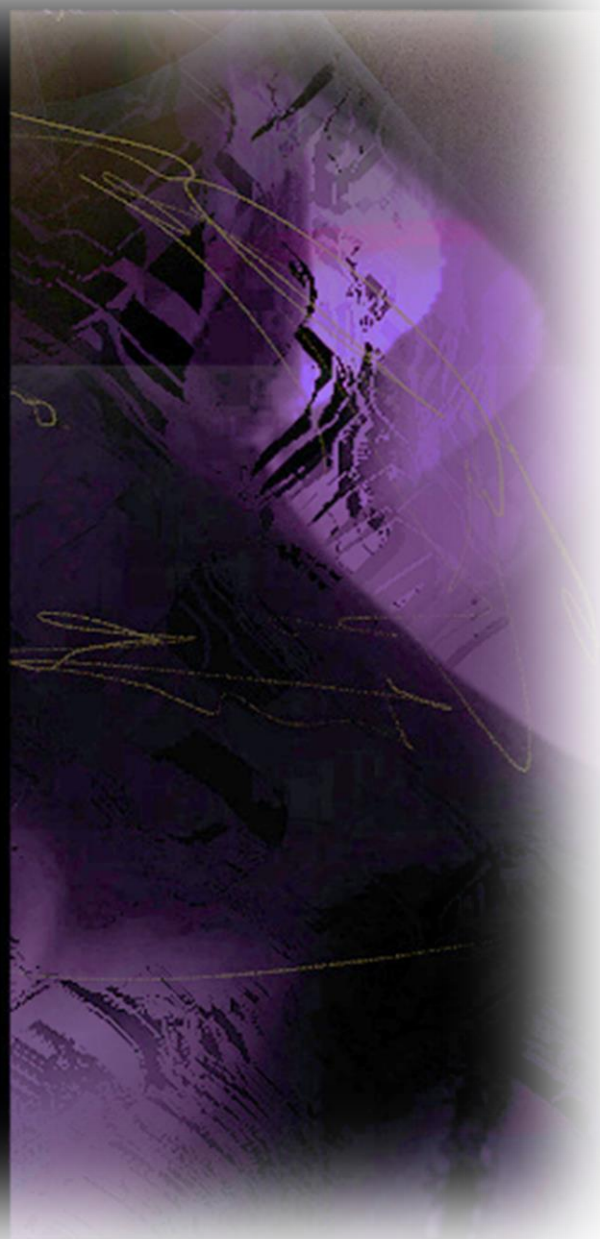
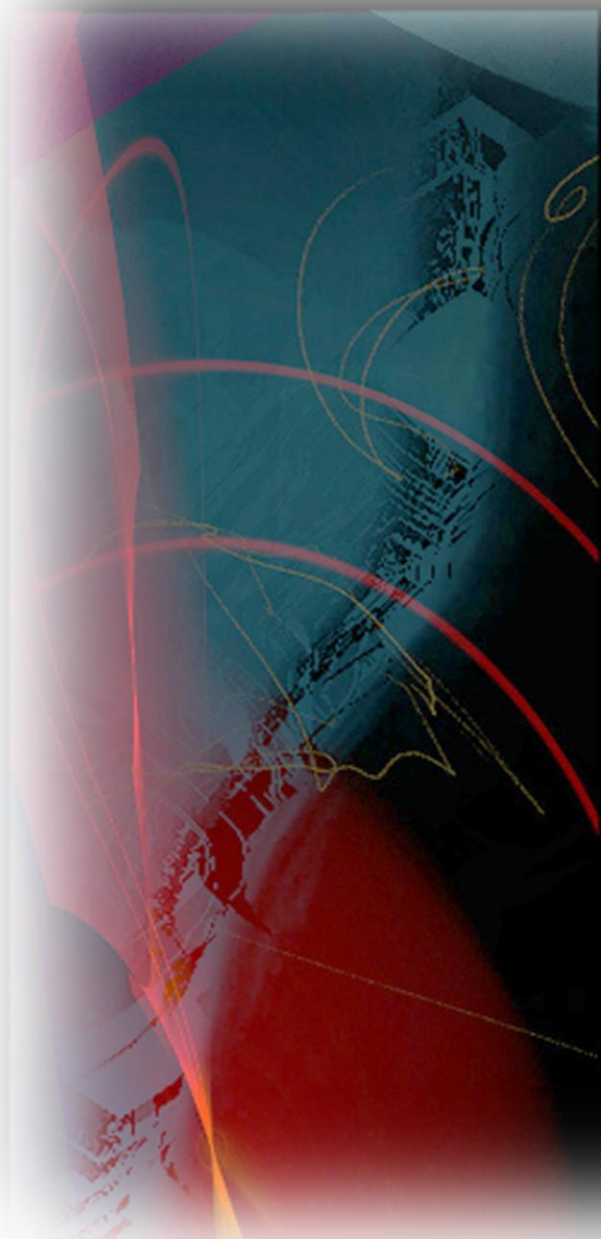




Mary treasured up all these things...

the words of the angel – a mysterious invitation of love in life

the words of Elizabeth – a hope-filled blessing of love in life

the words of the shepherds in the stable – good news of the gift of love in life, for the lowliest first

the words of her son whom she found preaching in the temple – the embodiment of love in life

...and pondered them in her heart.

mysterious invitations...

hope-filled blessings...

good news...

love in life...

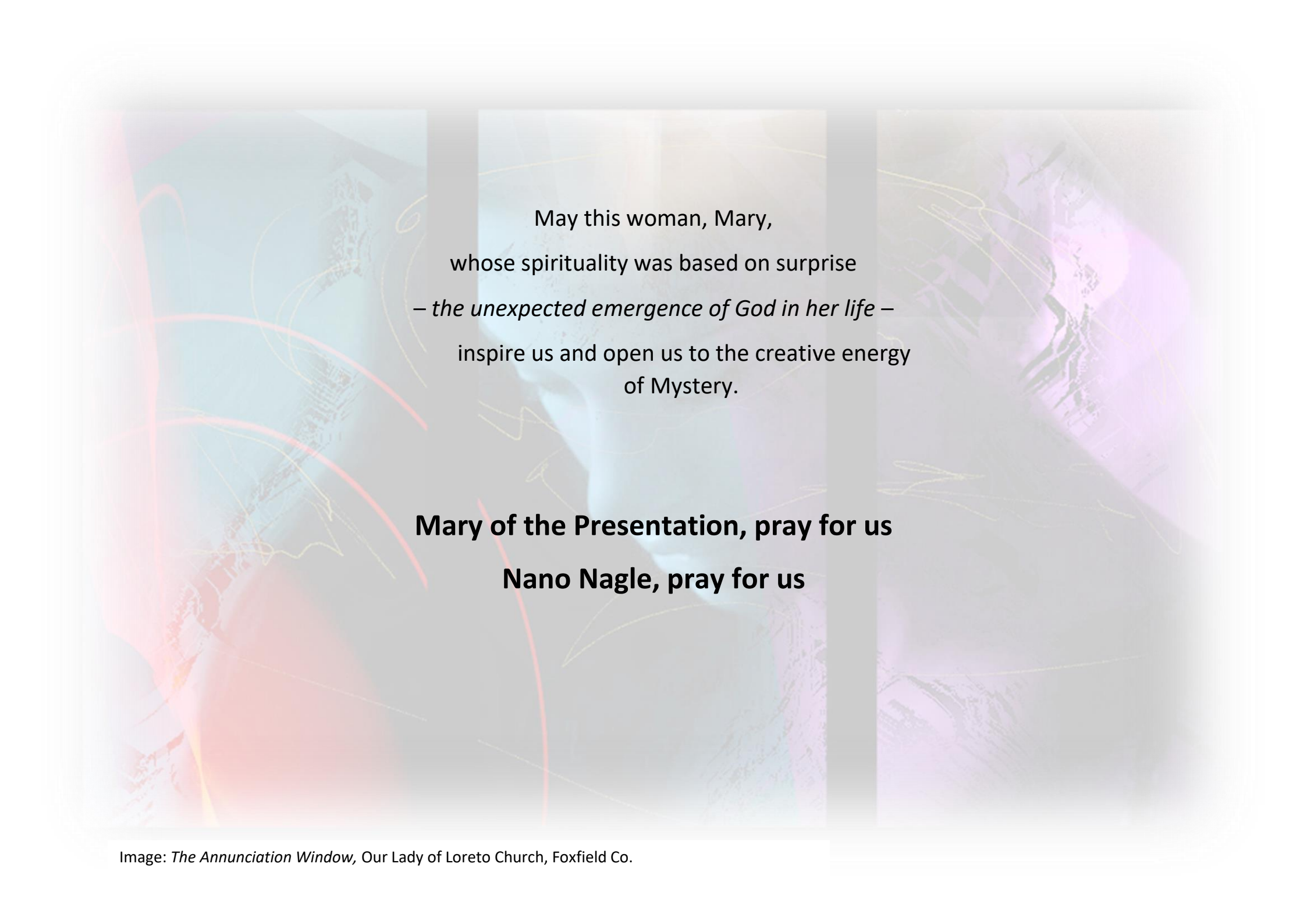
Mary nurtured within herself the capacity
for inner stillness and contemplation
– this enabled her to accept Jesus' call and mission
and led her to Cana, Calvary, the upper room at Pentecost.

Often she found herself holding
the tension of unknowing in her heart
while trusting she would come to understand
and be at peace with the Mystery that lay before her.
As she pondered, her thought patterns circled like a spiral
until insights, meaning and wisdom were revealed.

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the tension of unknowing...

insights, meaning and wisdom...



May this woman, Mary,
whose spirituality was based on surprise
– *the unexpected emergence of God in her life* –
inspire us and open us to the creative energy
of Mystery.

Mary of the Presentation, pray for us
Nano Nagle, pray for us