

## **Last Week**of Advent

Theme of Joy
Sharing Gift of Joy

Mary's Song
The Magnificat
Come Glorify the Lord!



### Luke 1:46-56 The Magnificat

46 And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.



51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors.' 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

### **Mary's Song**

And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord...Holy is His name

Mary Glorified, Magnified the Lord Gk.'megaluno', means 'glorify or magnify'.

#### God has done a great thing for her

She will be known and called the blessed one for generations to come.

He is a Holy God

'He has', eight times what God has done.



### **God saved her and lifted her up**

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, <sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.



A lowly peasant teenager girl!

### What an Amazing Grace!

God saves and uses the lowliest and the weak.





### **Merciful & Gracious to All**

<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

He Saves and Acts for ALL!

He is Righteous, Just, and Good

He brought revolutionary personal and social transformation



#### He Humbles the Proud

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

### He overthrows arrogant rulers

#### Restores Social Justice

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

### He takes care of the poor

Restores economic justice

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.



### He is Faithful

He has helped his servant Israel,
 remembering to be merciful
 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
 just as he promised our ancestors.'

He kept His promises to Israel
He is the Holy God Indeed!
Holy is His Name



## Mary stayed for three months

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

God prepared
Mary for
challenges to come



The Magnificat

Mary Glorifies the Lord

God has done a great thing for her

God saved her and lifted her up

She will be known through generations as the blessed one!

God is Faithful and kept all His promises to Israel



### We too can magnify the Lord

God Loves and Saves ALL

The Almighty became a helpless baby in a Manger



### He is the Holy God

Only He can be that holy, good, gracious, merciful, righteous, loving, and faithful.

He brought revolutionary personal and social transformation to us

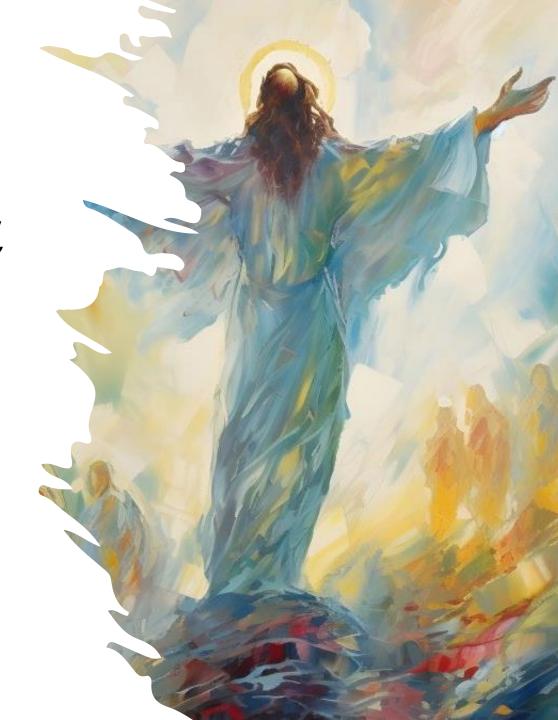
Be astounded by
His amazing grace in our life,
our nation, and our world.



### He Acts and Cares for the Oppressed, Weak, and Poor

#### Isaiah 42:1-4

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break. and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.





### **GO Mission with God**

So what is your song like this Christmas?

How would you share Christ to your friends and loved ones?

### God saves and uses us for His glory!

He uses the foolish, weak & lowly

#### 1 Corinthians 26-29

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise...powerful...of noble birth.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world,



## Reach out to the poor, sick, oppressed

### The Ministry of Jesus Luke 4:18-19,

"The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."



# HLCE Theme 2025 Year of Service

Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!

Matthew 20:28
Jesus came not to be
served but to serve



Have A
Blessed Christmas

He is the Hope and Joy to the World

"I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people."

