

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ The Visitation of (Mary of) our Lord

Old Testament

Song of Solomon 2:8-14 NIV

Listen! My lover! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. 9 My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. 10 My lover spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come with me. 11 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. 12 Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." 14 My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

Epistle

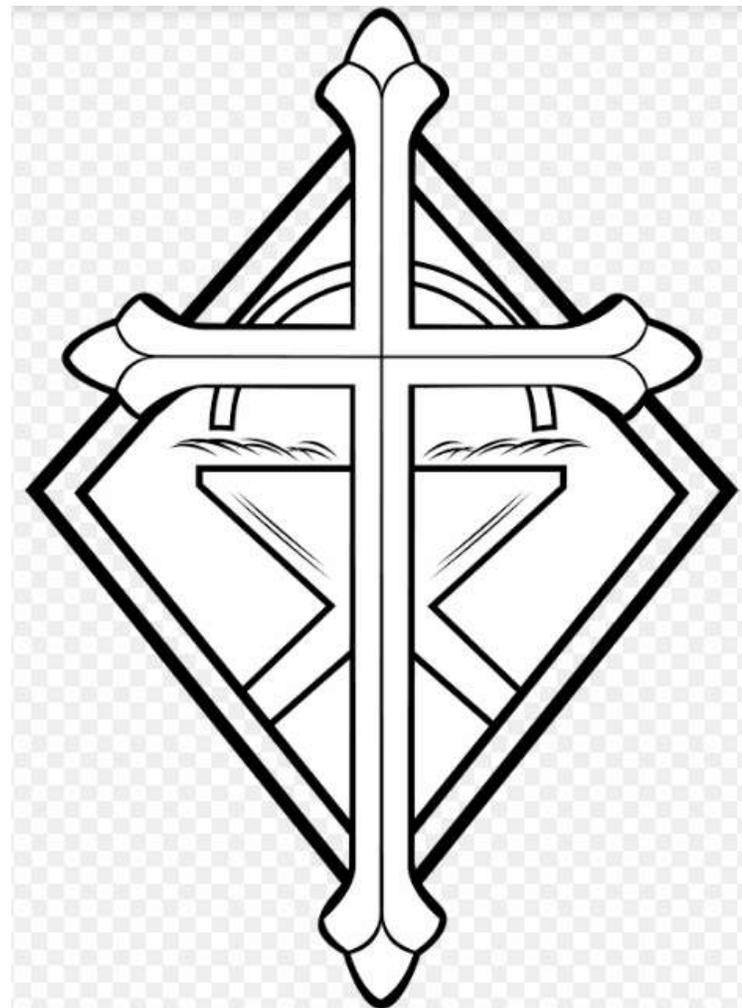
Colossians 3:12-17 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in

word or deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Visitation Gospel (Sermonette)

Luke 1:39-56 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" 46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me - Holy is His Name. 50 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 forever, even as He said to our fathers." 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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February 24th, 2019 ✧ Epiphany 7C Visitation of Mary

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.5

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	34 (3v)	My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker
<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Ps. 98 "4v"</i>	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... 7</i>
Hymn of the Day	442 (5v)	Sing 1-4 Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought
Offertory Verse	442 (5v)	Sing v5 Lord of glory, Who hast bought →
Third Hymn	20 (3v)	God of Mercy, God of Grace
Closing Hymn	53 (5v)	Abide, O Dearest Jesus Among Us With...

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Visitation Sunday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exo.14:1-3	Exo.15:1-21	Ex.15:22-16:36	Exo.7:1-16	Exo.19:1-25	Ex.20:1-23
Mark10:1-31	Mk10:32-52	Mark 11:1-33	Mk12:13-44	Lk 4:14-44	Lk. 5:12-39

PROPERs for VISITATION SUNDAY (7TH SUNDAY of EPIPHANY) FEBRUARY 24

INTROIT Be my Rock of refuge, a Fortress of defense to save me. For You are my Rock and my Fortress; therefore for Your Name's sake lead me and guide me. In Thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed. ...from Ps. 31

COLLECT O LORD, we beseech You, mercifully to hear our prayers; and having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns... C: ♪ A- -men.

GRADUAL c: You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples. You have with Your Arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. ...Psalm 31

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Song of Solomon 2:8-14** My Lover says, "Come With Me My Love."
 Epi. **Colossians 3:12-17** Compassion, kindness, humility, gentle & patient.
 Gos. **Luke 1:39-56** Mary visits Elizabeth and sings the Magnificat.

SERMON (Gospel) **Luke 1:39-56** **THEME** (MARY SINGS) "MAGNIFY THE LORD"

3/3 TransfigurationC (LS p.15) 246/195 Ps.98 294/279 341.1/341 135/95

♪ Here are words to our "Beatitudes" **Matthew 5/Luke 6** ✧ Please sing along! ♪

Verse 1. ♪ *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the Kingdom of God.
 Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.*

Refrain C: ♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.
 Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God.**

Verse 2. *Blest are they, the low-ly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
 Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 3. *Blest are they who show mercy; Mer-cy shall- be theirs.
 Blest are they, the pure of heart; They- shall see God!*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 4. *Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
 Blest are they who suffer in fa-ith; Th' glory of God is theirs.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 5. *Blest are you who suffer hate; All-- because-- of Me.
 Re-joice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom; Shine for all to see. Refrain*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

**5. Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy Life-Blood as the Price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous Sacrifice,
 Give us faith to trust Thee boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;
 But, oh! best of all Thy graces, Give us Thine own charity. A-men.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing.	David back working
DuWayne & Shirley Marquardt	Shirley has better and not days in recovery	
Carolyn Miner (Don)	As Carolyn recovers she caught a bug this week	
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon working (Arkansas). Andrea in Tampa General	
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering from fall. Medications	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Both rehabbing. We enjoy seeing them	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Barb Wolkens	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker
Treaters	(Potluck Lunch) Spaghetti!	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance(Communion)	27 / (24)	28 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	10	10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,3K)	YTD \$,. (\$9.3 K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, February 24	8:30 am	Bible Study SalvationWordRighteousness
Epiphany-7 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Blessings & Woes	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Next Sunday 3/3	8:30 am	BibleStudy SalvationWord: Sin Sacrifice
Epiphany-(8/Last)	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Transfiguration Sun.	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

✧ This Sunday & next, A Basket at rear of church for OSLadies Missions contributions.

(EPI.7C) VISITATION Luke 1:39-56 “**MAGNIFY THE LORD**” 03.24.19 OSL

PRAYER *God the Holy Spirit, You who miraculously conceived the birth of the Son of God in the blessed Virgin Mary, give us the same simple and childlike faith and mind of Mary to believe the wondrous Incarnation of the Savior of the world. Amen.*

GREETING Dear Fellow Redeemed by the One Born of UNnatural Birth,

UNLIKELY DAMES The Visitation brings together two very unlikely women – **Elizabeth and Mary**. They are kinswomen, cousins of one degree or another. Elizabeth is six months pregnant. Mary has just received the “**Happy News**” from the angel. A mother-to-be who is old enough to be your grandmother or even great-grandmother. And a pregnant virgin. **Truly, with God nothing is impossible!**

“BLESSED R U” Elizabeth blesses Mary and the Child in her womb. She sees by faith what the eyes cannot see nor reason comprehend. This is the “*mother of her Lord*.” **Theotokos**, as the church calls her. The **Bearer of God**. Here the Mystery of the Incarnation is revealed. The Infinite takes residence in the finite. The Creator is embraced by the creature. The Eternal Son resides in the Womb of His human mother. Blessed is she because of Him. Mary and Elizabeth believe the promises of God. The Spirit is at work. **Even John gets in on the act with a joyous prenatal kick.** (Indeed,) *Prepare the Way of the Lord.*

MARY SINGS Stirred by the Spirit and the Word she carries, Mary sings her **Magnificat**. “*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*” She is a **magnifying lens**, making large what she is focused on, and she is focused on the Lord. She does **not** magnify herself, great as her work is. She is nothing, her Son is everything. The mother magnifies her Son and rejoices in Him as her Savior. It’s remarkable that **very few words of Mary are recorded in the Scriptures**. Mary tends to listen, to take in words, and **ponder them quietly in her heart**. Her Magnificat is the most words we have from her. A “Psalm” sung by a young pregnant virgin as a **Gospel aria** to her elderly cousin who bears her Son’s (and hers and ALL our **Savior’s**) forerunner.

GOOD ADVICE The **last** words of Mary recorded in the Scriptures are in John and the **wedding at Cana** where she says to the servant at the feast, “*Do whatever He tells you.*” **Sound advice** from the mother of our Lord! *Do whatever He tells you.* Don’t mind her. Her soul magnifies the Lord.

HENCEFORTH... *From henceforth, all generations shall bless me, she says,* and that is most certainly true. Blessed is she among women, and blessed is the Fruit of her womb. She is **Eve’s counterpart**, in whom the promised Seed was conceived and from whom He was born. Eve hearkened to the lie and was deceived. Mary heard the Word of the Lord and conceived. “*I will make enmity between you and the woman,*” God said to the Serpent. “*Between your seed and her Seed.*” Mary carries the Promised Seed, the One whose Cross-bruised heel would crush the serpent’s head to **free all of**

Adam’s children. Mother Eve rejoices in **Mother Mary** in the presence of **Mother Elizabeth**. Who but the Lord could do such great things?

OT – HANNAH “*He kills and He makes alive,*” sang Hannah, who is Mary’s Magnificat predecessor. “*He brings down to Sheol and He raises up again.*” With the strength of His Arm, He scatters the proud in their conceits, He brings down the mighty and topples their thrones, and sends the filled away empty. And with the same strength of His Arm, He exalts the humble, He fills the hungry, He has mercy on those who fear Him. Those who are **full of themselves**, He brings down to depths so they fully know how empty they are. Adam must die. He must be toppled from His throne or he cannot live forever. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.

BLESSED R (U))Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the meek, the persecuted, those who are nothing in this world. The Kingdom belongs to such as these – the least, the lost, the lowly, the dead. **A little child**. Unless you become as a helpless, dependent, trusting little child, you cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. **It’s (only) by faith in the Promise.**

FAITH-FULL Mary is faithful. **Full of faith**. She believes the promises of God that He spoke to the fathers, to Abraham and his Seed, that through the promised Seed of Abraham all nations, all peoples would be blessed. That Promised Seed here resides in the virgin womb of Mary, who with heart and mouth and deed and life, (she) **Magnifies the Lord**.

MARY’S SONG... The Church sings Mary’s song **every evening at Vespers**. As the day comes to its end and the sun is setting on the western horizon, the church takes up Mary’s Magnificat upon Her lips and magnifies the Lord. Like Mary, **the Church too is the Bearer of the Eternal Word**. She preaches Christ and gives out the fruits of His sacrifice – His Body and His Blood. The church is our virgin mother, heavenly Jerusalem, by whom we were birthed through water and the Word by the Spirit as children of God. We are baptismally virgin-born, new creations in Christ. Adam must die, Christ must rise. We too, daily die and rise. Daily we die to Sin, daily we rise to new life in Jesus.

U 2! And like Mary and the Church, **you too**, dear baptized believer, **are a bearer of the Word**. Not in your womb, of course. That was uniquely Mary’s to do. But in your hearts by faith and on your lips, you (too) declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous Light.

He who is Mighty has done great things for you. He has rescued you from sin and death and brought you into a Kingdom that never ends. (So... U 2) **Magnify the Lord**. Rejoice in God your Savior. Proclaim the Good News of His Salvation. With heart and mouth and deed and life, bear witness to Christ without fear or falsehood, that He is God and Savior of all. **Magnify the Lord! IJ’N, Amen. SDG**

