

Gospel December 19, 2021. Cycle C
IV Sunday ADVENT



"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO HAVE BELIEVED!"



ONE GOD, WITH US

SETTING

Elizabeth and Mary graceful ... Inhabited with promises, they welcome and accept the light that invades them. He who is Word will dwell in us, full of love and truth.

On the way, the meeting, in availability, simple service, in the Word the promise becomes a presence; in the embrace, they communicate and share, destinations.

Let's visualize the Word, the Gesture, the Life.

From the silence and welcome, alive and tender, let us dispose of our being to welcome the one who is born, already giving life.

SONG

BLESSED ARE YOU, MOTHER - Kentenich Residence Hall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK-e8j-bZqw>

GOSPEL - Luke 1, 39-45

"In those days, Mary got up and went quickly to the mountainous region, to a city in Judah; she entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened that, as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she jumped for joy the child in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; and exclaiming with a loud voice, she said: «Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb; and from where that the mother of my Lord comes to me.? Because as soon as the voice of your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb jumped with joy. Happy is she who believed that the things that were said to her from the Lord would come true!

We deepen the Gospel

We continue at the beginning of the Gospel of Luke. Yes, first we have contemplated the two accounts of the Annunciation: to Zacharias the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist and then to Mary the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Today the Gospel of Luke introduces us to the "Visitation." All this seems to be an account of family events, but make no mistake: Luke actually writes an eminently theological work. It is necessary to consider the weight of the central phrase of this text: "Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, I cry out loudly"; This means that it is the Holy Spirit himself who speaks to announce, from the beginning of the Gospel, what will be the great Good News of the entire Gospel of Luke: **the one who has just been conceived is the "Lord"**.

And what are the words that the Spirit inspires in Elizabeth? "Blessed you are". "And blessed is the fruit of your womb": which means that God acts in you and for you and that God acts in your child and for your child. As always, the Holy Spirit is the one who allows us to discover in our lives, in the lives of others, without exception, the mark of God's work. Nor does Luke ignore the words spoken by Elizabeth: "Blessed are you among all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" and takes up, at least partially, a phrase from the Old Testament. In Judit 13,18-19: when Judit returns from the expedition of the enemy camp, where she had beheaded General Holofernes, Judit is welcomed in her camp by Ocias who tells her: "Blessed are you among women and blessed be the Lord God ". Lucas compares María with Judit: and the approach of the two characters suggests that: taking up the formula "blessed among all women" makes it possible to understand that Mary is the victorious woman who assures humanity the definitive victory over evil.

As for the future John the Baptist, he too expresses his joy: Elizabeth tells us that "the child trembled with pure joy" in his mother's womb as soon as he heard the voice of Mary. It must be said that he too was filled with the Holy Spirit: let us remember the angel's words to Zacharias: «Do not be afraid, Zacharias, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife will give birth to a son and you will give him the name John. You will feel joy and happiness and many will rejoice at his birth ... He will be inhabited by the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. »

On the other hand, it can be thought that Luke is happy to accumulate, in the account of the Visitation, the details that recall another event: the ascent of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. And the Ark of the Covenant was the place of the Presence of God. **Mysteriously, Mary thus carries, in her body, this Presence of God; and from there, God inhabits our humanity: "The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."**

Clues for Prayer

1. How do you discover the presence of God that inhabits you?
2. How and in what way do you discover the presence of God in others?
3. What do you feel called to after hearing the Gospel?

HOW TO GET THE GOOD NEWS TODAY? _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

KENDRA SPRINGER - Angels to Guard You

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhQfV8WL_KQ

SUSTAINED GRACE

Rejoice Maria,

on the Advent road,

Maria the Star.

Option accepted, assumed,

in the sonorous silence, the "Be done."

When they make a promise to you,

Do you weigh, analyze, see if it suits you? ...

She accepted the invitation

of a new way.
A path to accompany.
A way to be.
A learned way.
A way to teach.
A new, unexplored path.
A decided path.
A path of community.
A path of humanity and gesture.
A path of passion.
A detached path.
A way of life.
A way of Mother in the Son.
Everything inspired, contemplated
and dreamed, it becomes Word,
in the small gesture, of light, of life.
Everything lived is shared,
to continue the path with others.
Mary, confirmed in Elizabeth,
It is launched at divine humanity.
You look at the Son, a new creature.
Makes the way, wanting,
accompanying, questioning
and proposing.
With that lifestyle,
that it has everything,
He dreams everything, he gives everything.
Blessed Mary, walk with us.

SINGING. LIVE IN YOU - Kentenich Hall of Residence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfxNDjJBUrw>



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