

I-Joy of Salvation

Psalms 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation^e
and grant me a willing spirit,^f to sustain me.^g

Isaiah 12:3

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

Matthew 2:9–10

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Luke 1:39–45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,^x **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.^y **42** In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women,^z and blessed is the child you will bear! **43** But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord^a 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 the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

II-Proclamation

Luke 2:8–12

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel^v of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.^w I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior^x has been born to you; he is the Messiah,^y the Lord.^z **12** This will be a sign^a to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:15–18

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.^c **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

III-Praise

Luke 1:46–49

Mary’s Song

1:46–53pp—1Sa 2:1–10

46 And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord^b

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,^c

48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.^d

From now on all generations will call me blessed,^e

49 for the Mighty One has done great things^f for me—

holy is his name.^g

Hannah’s Prayer 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

2 “There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

3 “Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

4 “The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

5 Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry are hungry no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away.

6 “The Lord brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.

7 The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts.

8 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. “For the foundations of the earth are the Lord’s; on them he has set the world.

9 He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. “It is not by strength that one prevails;

10 those who oppose the Lord will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth. “He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

11 Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under Eli the priest.

Luke 2:20

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God^e for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.