

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 15th August 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary Visits Elizabeth

Luke 1:39-56



Soon afterwards Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!"

Mary said,

"My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Saviour,

for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; from one generation to another, he shows mercy to those who honour him.

He has stretched out his mighty arm, and scattered the proud with all their plans.

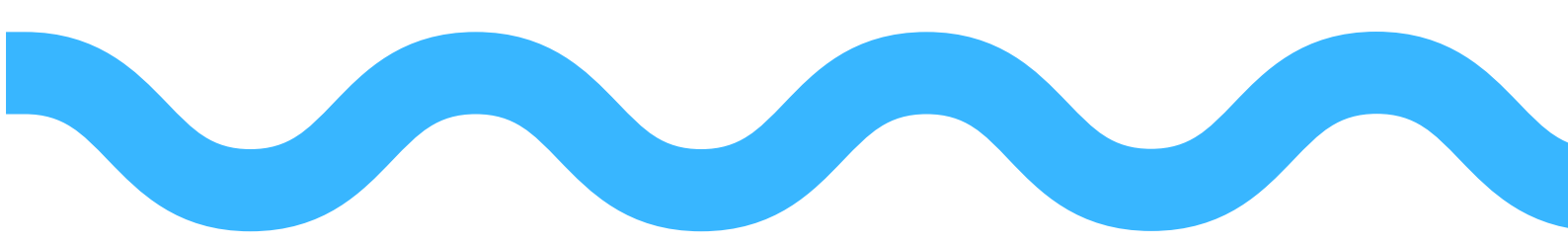
He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands.

He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham,

and to all his descendants forever!"


Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth and then went back home.





Questions

1. What do you remember from today's reading?
2. When Mary went to visit Elizabeth her cousin, Elizabeth realised just how special Mary and her baby were. Who is Mary's special baby?
3. We could help our world to look more like Mary's song of praise. How do you think we could do that?



Today is a very special day when we celebrate how Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, was taken to Heaven at the end of her life. In the Gospel, we will read a special song of praise that she sang to God. Write your own song of praise to God. It could start like Mary's song:
My heart praises the Lord, for..



Prayer

Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us that we may say yes to
all that God wants us to do.
May we be faithful, loving

and brave,
making the
world a
fairer place
for all
people to
live.

Amen.

