SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: ADVENT 4C

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MAIN POINT With all my heart I praise the Lord. He cares for me. I am his humble servant.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

And Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed." (Luke 1: 46-48)

ADDRESS

In today's reading we hear how Jesus' mum felt about becoming his mother. Do you remember the name of Jesus' mum? *e.g. Mary*

When Mary discovered that God was going to use her to bring Jesus into the world, she responded by singing a song of praise to God. She sang: "With all my heart I praise the Lord. He cares for me. I am his humble servant!"

How can we respond to the good news that Jesus comes to save us? *e.g.* We can praise and thank God

We know that God cares for us because Jesus came and lived in this world. Just like Mary, we can respond to God by praising him with all our heart and living as his servants.

This would be an excellent time to sing a song of praise with the children and congregation.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are waiting and watching for you to come again. Help us to always trust your words. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

