

The Word of God comes to us to awaken our hearts. We begin by praying: God our Father, source of all light, you have sent your Son into the world, to reveal yourself to all your children. Send your Spirit upon us now, that we may meet Jesus in the Word that comes from you. May we come to know him, may we come to love him more deeply and so be drawn closer to the happiness of your Kingdom. Amen.

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? When I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."



HEARING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!

You have the words of eternal life!

We read the passage 2-3 times. Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. Luke has filled this passage with sound and movement. What sounds do you notice in this passage? What movements are important?
2. What causes the child in Elizabeth's womb to leap for joy?
3. How does Elizabeth react to Mary's visit?
4. According to Luke, what are the sources of blessings for these women?

HAPPENING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!

In the Light of the Word we look at our lives

We read the passage again and reflect on some of the following:

1. "When I heard the sound of your greeting..." What sounds from the world do we hear? What affect do they have on us?
2. "...the child in my womb leaped for joy." Where have you felt unexpected and surprising joy?
3. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting..." God is working in the lives of these two women, Elizabeth and Mary. How is God working through the important women in our lives?



"The coming of God in Christ still continues today..." Maria Boudling