

## Largs Church of the Nazarene

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#### Luke 1 (NRSV)

46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

#### Joy to the world

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

#### Joy in the journey\*

Michael Card

There is a joy in the journey  
There's a light we can love on the way  
There is a wonder and wildness to life  
And freedom for those who obey

And all those who seek it shall find it  
A pardon for all who believe  
Hope for the hopeless  
And sight for the blind

To all who've been born of the Spirit  
And who share incarnation with Him  
Who belong to eternity stranded in time  
And weary of struggling with sin

Forget not the hope that's before you  
And never stop counting the cost  
Remember the hopelessness  
When you were lost

## Let Earth Receive Her King (Luke 1)

- **Introduction: Waiting and **Gaudete** Sunday**
  - Phil. 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
  - Joy (to the world)
  - Expectations and holiday depression

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- **Let Earth receive her King**
  - Receiving or rejecting the gift
  - God's gift exceeds our expectations

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- **Mary's expectancy**
  - Mary's situation
  - Section 2 (verses 7-11)

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- **Joy has more to do with our expectations than with our situations**
  - The Magnificat and Paul's advice

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- **Expecting and inspecting**
  - Joy has more to do with what we EX-pect than with what we IN-spect
  - Are we inspectors or expectors?

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- **Mary's past tense and Paul's thanksgiving**

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### **Doxology**

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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