

# GRACE

BREVARD

*To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus*



A white silhouette of a nativity scene is centered within the letter 'O' of the word 'ADORE'. It depicts the Virgin Mary and Joseph kneeling in prayer, with the infant Jesus lying in a manger. A bright star is positioned above the figures. The background is a dark blue field filled with small white stars.

# ADORE

A black silhouette of a landscape is located at the bottom of the image. It features a cluster of evergreen trees on the left and rolling hills extending across the width of the frame.

Advent 2020



Advent Week 1: Love  
“Magnificent”  
Luke 1:46-55

*And Mary said,  
“My soul **magnifies** the Lord...<sup>48</sup> for he ha  
looked on the humble estate of his servant.*



# ADORE

Advent  
#1

“Love”

Mary’s  
Song

Advent  
#2

“Hope”

Magi’s  
Gifts

Advent  
#3

“Joy”

Angels’  
Praise

Advent  
#4

“Peace”

Simeon’s  
Blessing

Advent  
#5

“King”

Jesus’  
Birth

# Two Miraculous Babies

Zechariah &  
Elizabeth

Gabriel: “your  
wife Elizabeth  
will bear you a  
son, and you  
shall call his  
name John.”

<sup>26b</sup> Gabriel was sent from God ...  
<sup>27</sup> to a virgin (Mary) betrothed to  
a man whose name was Joseph...

Gabriel: “Greetings, O favored  
one, the Lord is with you!... <sup>31b</sup>  
you will conceive in your womb  
and bear a son, and you shall call  
his name Jesus.”



# Two Miraculous Babies

Luke 1:42-45

(Elizabeth said) “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the *mother of my Lord* should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”



## Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul *magnifies* the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations  
will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.



<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;





<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”



# Our Humble Estate

Outward

Nazareth  
Virgin  
Betrothed

Inward

“she was greatly  
troubled...I am the  
servant of the Lord.”

from now on all generations  
will call me blessed;



# Our Proud Estate

Outward

Strong

Weak

Inward

Strong

Weak



# God's Majesty

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Who He Is  
What He Does



# God's Majesty

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty...holy is his name.

Holy

Mighty

Eternal



# God's Majesty

<sup>49</sup> has done great things for me...

## *Inverted Kingdom*

Brought down the mighty;  
exalted the humble

Filled the hungry;  
sent away the rich



# God's Humble Estate

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel,  
“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”



# “Living the Message” by Eugene Peterson

(slight paraphrase)

*The Son of Man has dinner with a prostitute, stops off for lunch with a tax collector, wastes time blessing children, heals unimportant losers, ignores high achieving Pharisees and influential Sadducees and ultimately he hung pierced and bleeding on a cross, died and was buried. Surely this is the most un-godlike of acts of all time. He talked like a king and acted like a slave. He preached with high authority and lived like a vagabond.*





# Exalted to Exalt

When we “forget” to magnify ourselves,  
God will do it for us.

Filled

Favored



# Exalted to Exalt

“Your disqualification is your qualification”

Weak

Available

Teachable

