I. Mary responds to Gabriel’s proclamation of God’s (1) ___________ to and (2) ___________ with her.
   A. Deeply (3) ___________ and (4) ___________.
      Gabriel encourages her: “Do not (5) ________ to your fear.”
   B. Asks how she, a virgin, can be mother of Messiah.
      1. The (6) ___________ will come upon Mary, enabling her to do and be more than she could by herself or with a husband
      2. The (7) ___________ will surround her completely with his creative power
   C. “As his servant, I accept whatever He has for me. let it be to me according to your word.”
   D. God focuses Himself on two obscure, humble women – one (8) ___________ and (9) ___________, one (10) ___________ and (11) ___________.

II. Mary’s magnifies the Lord who has magnified her
   A. Sings prophetically out of her (12) ___________ and her (13) ___________ knowledge of Scripture
   B. (14) ___________ with gratitude and hope
   C. (15) ___________ and (16) ___________ His blessing

III. Mary’s praise to Him who is
   A. (17) ___________ bringing down those who are (18) ___________ and exalting the (19) ___________
   B. (20) ___________ purifying sinners who will receive His touch
   C. (21) ___________ to those who fear Him, filling the hungry while sending the rich away empty

IV. Mary’s continuing song
   A. (22) ___________ up all these things and (23) ___________ them in her heart (2:19, 51), marveling at what was said about Him (2:33)
   B. Raises Him in the (24) ___________ of the (25) ___________, caring about the faith of her Child (2:22-24; 41-50)
   C. Follows Him to the (26) ___________ (24:10; John 19:25-27)
   D. Joins the church in constant (27) ___________ (Acts 1:14)
   E. Filled with the Spirit and (28) ___________ the glories of God in the languages of the world

V. For Jesus Followers
   A. God became a human (29) ___________ so humans might become God’s (30) ___________.
   B. God owes us (31) ___________; we who have trusted Christ owe Him (32) ___________.
   C. God’s attributes are meant not only to be understood and worshiped, but they are to be experienced as well, seen in the everyday affairs of life.
   D. Joy and blessing come to those who (33) ___________ that God does what he says.

Discussion questions
1. When was a time that you were troubled or bewildered by God?
2. Describe an example or instance of cheerful humility.
3. Why is it important to recognize and receive God’s blessing?
4. How do you do the “liturgy of the ordinary” out of delight in God?
5. What is a place where you can declare the glories of God?
6. Can Mary be a model of Christlikeness for both men and women?
7. What is a gift you can give to God this Advent season?

Fill in the Blank

Scripture for next week will be Matthew 2:1-12 Sermons online at www.gracecc.net
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
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I. Mary responds to Gabriel's proclamation of God's grace to and presence with her.
28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
I. Mary responds to Gabriel's proclamation of God's grace to and presence with her.

A. deeply troubled and bewildered.
28The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
29Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
30But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God."
I. Mary responds to Gabriel's proclamation of God's **grace** to and **presence** with her.

A. deeply **troubled** and **bewildered**. Gabriel encourages her: "Do not **yield** to your fear."
34"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"
I. Mary responds to Gabriel's proclamation of God's grace to and presence with her.
   B. asks how she, a virgin, can be mother of Messiah.
35The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."
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2. The Most High will surround her completely with his creative power
38"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."
I. Mary responds to Gabriel's proclamation of God's grace to and presence with her.

C. "As his servant, I accept whatever He has for me. Let it be to me according to your word."
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C. "As his servant, I accept whatever He has for me. Let it be to me according to your word."

D. God focuses Himself on two obscure, humble women – one old and barren, one young and virginal.
DO YOU SEE
What I See?

Mary
II. Mary magnifies the Lord who has magnified her
And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,"
II. Mary magnifies the Lord who has magnified her

A. Sings prophetically out of her **cheerful humility** and her **profound** knowledge of Scripture
II. Mary magnifies the Lord who has magnified her

A. Sings prophetically out of her cheerful humility and her profound knowledge of Scripture

B. Anxious with gratitude and hope
II. Mary magnifies the Lord who has magnified her

A. Sings prophetically out of her **cheerful** **humility** and her **profound** knowledge of Scripture

B. **Submits** with gratitude and hope
II. Mary magnifies the Lord who has magnified her

A. Sings prophetically out of her **cheerful** humility and her **profound** knowledge of Scripture

B. **Ecstatic** with gratitude and hope
II. Mary magnifies the Lord who has magnified her

A. Sings prophetically out of her **cheerful humility** and her **profound** knowledge of Scripture

B. **Ecstatic** with gratitude and hope

C. **Recognizes** and **receives** His blessing

Mary's Songs
From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the **Mighty One** has done great things for me – **holy** is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the **Mighty One** has done great things for me – **holy** is his name. His **mercy** extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. mighty
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. **mighty** bringing down those who are **mighty**
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. **mighty** bringing down those who are **mighty** and exalting the **humble**
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. mighty bringing down those who are mighty and exalting the humble

B. holy
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. **mighty** bringing down those who are **mighty** and exalting the **humble**

B. **holy** purifying sinners who will receive His touch
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. **mighty** bringing down those who are **mighty** and exalting the **humble**

B. **holy** purifying sinners who will receive His touch

C. **merciful**
III. Mary's praise to Him who is

A. **mighty** bringing down those who are **mighty** and exalting the **humble**

B. **holy** purifying sinners who will receive His touch

C. **merciful** to those who fear Him, filling the hungry while sending the rich away empty
IV. Mary's continuing song
17 When the shepherds had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.
19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.
19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

51 But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
IV. Mary's continuing song

A. **Treasures** up all these things and **ponders** them in her heart, marveling at what was said about Him.
22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."
Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.
41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.
IV. Mary's continuing song

A. **Treasures** up all these things and **ponders** them in her heart, marveling at what was said about Him.

B. Raises Him in the **liturgy** of the **ordinary**, caring about the faith of her Child.
Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.
IV. Mary's continuing song

C. Follows Him to the Cross
Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.
IV. Mary's continuing song

C. Follows Him to the *Cross*

D. Joins the church in constant *prayer*
1When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.
6When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8Then how is it that each of us hears them declaring the wonders of God in our native language?
IV. Mary's continuing song

C. Follows Him to the **Cross**

D. Joins the church in constant **prayer**

E. Filled with the Spirit and **declares** the glories of God in the languages of the world
Jesus is not looking for believers – He is looking for followers.
V. For Jesus Followers

Mary's Songs
V. For Jesus Followers

A. God became a human child so humans might become God's children
V. For Jesus Followers

A. God became a human **child** so humans might become God's **children**

B. God owes us **nothing**; we who have trusted Christ owe him **everything**.
V. For Jesus Followers

C. God's attributes are meant not only to be understood and worshiped, but they are to be experienced as well, seen in the everyday affairs of life.
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What I See?

Mary