



Christmas

at Hope

Tuesday, December 6

Night of Carols

6:30 - 7:30 PM | Hope East

Sunday, December 11

Hope Kids Christmas Party

9:45 - 10:30 AM | Hope East Lobby

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service (all locations)

6-7 PM | Hope East

Sunday, December 25

No In-Person Christmas Service

Sunday, January 1

1 In-Person Service at 10:30 AM

Hope East

Year-End Giving Update

Through December 4

December
Goal

\$492,000.00

Amount
Received

\$39,453.48

% received

8%

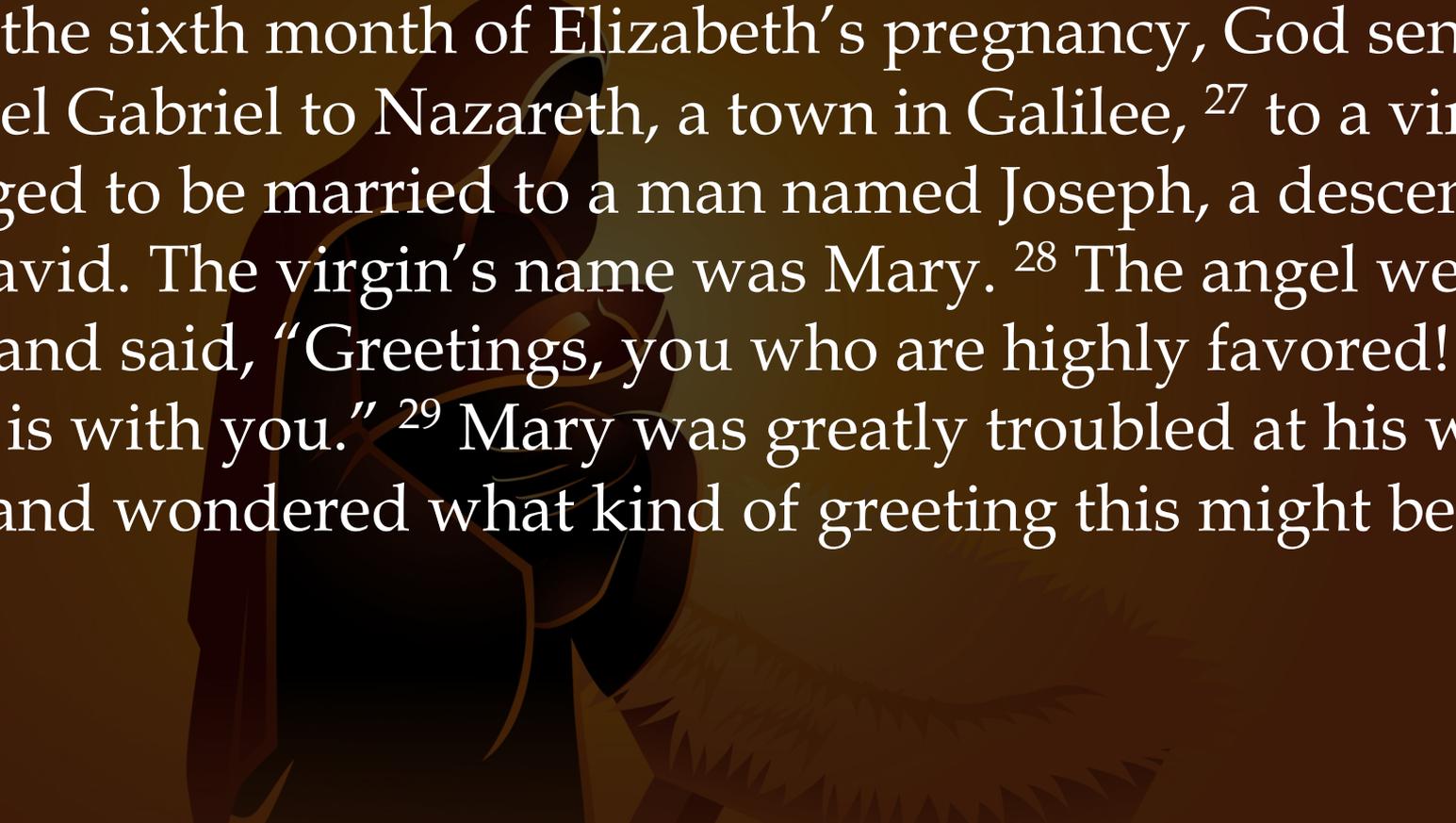
The background features a light blue-grey gradient. A large, textured, dark blue-grey shape resembling a mountain or a cloud is centered. To its left is a solid orange circle representing a sun. To its right is a dark blue silhouette of a palm tree. Below the mountain shape is a sunburst pattern of small orange dots.

Prayers



Luke 1:26–45

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 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.

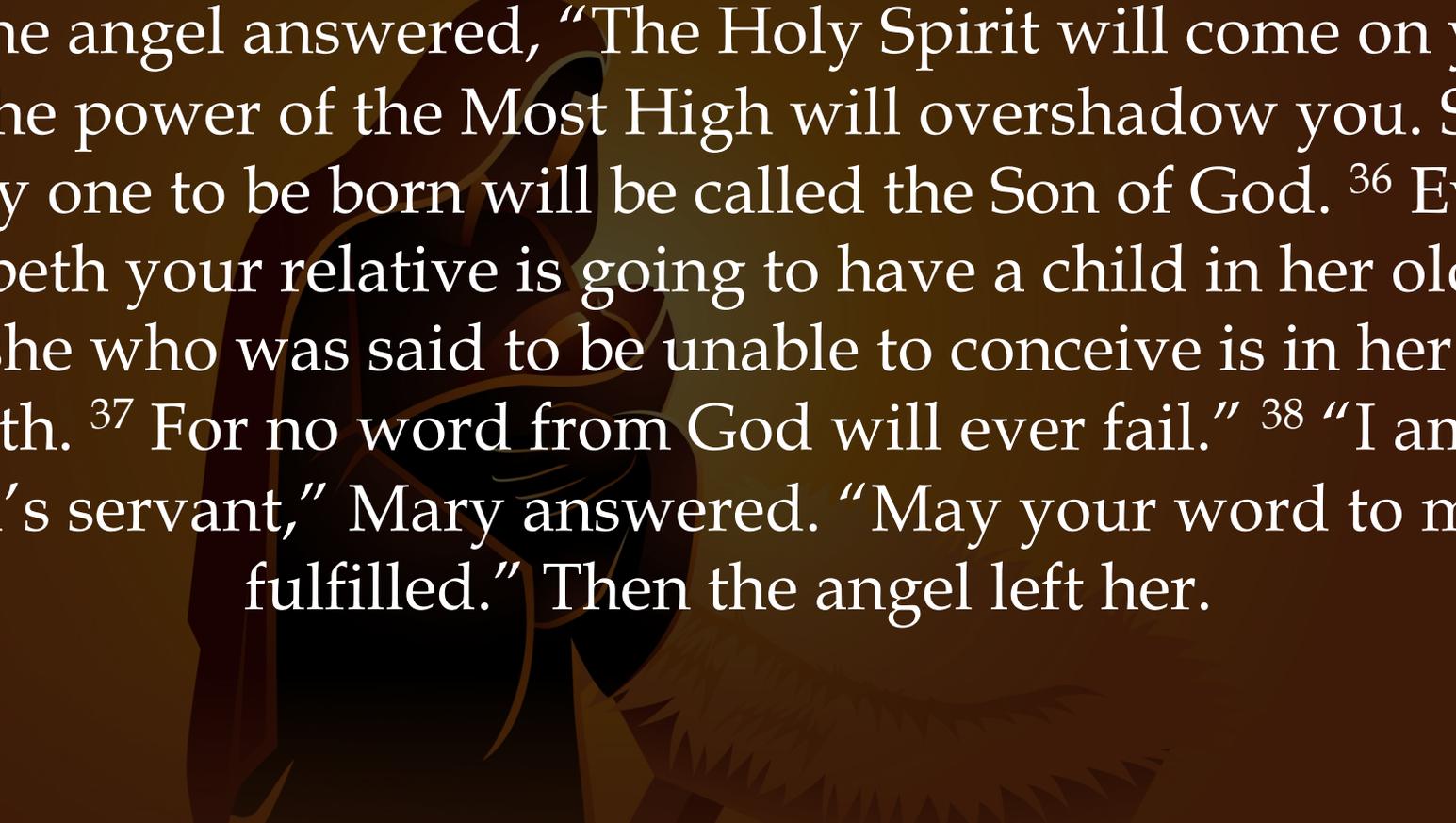


Luke 1:26–45

³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” ³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

Luke 1:26–45

³⁵ The 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. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.” ³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



Luke 1:26–45

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

A stylized landscape illustration. In the background, there are dark blue, textured mountains. A bright yellow sun is partially obscured by the mountains on the left. On the right, a palm tree with dark blue fronds stands against the mountains. The word "Prayers" is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image, overlapping the mountains and the palm tree. Below the palm tree, there is a small, yellow, sunburst-like pattern.

Prayers

Luke 1:46-55

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46–49

⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name.



What do we know
about Mary?





Nicholas Cage



Virgin Mary

TotallyLooksLike.com

A religious painting depicting the Holy Family. Mary is in the center, wearing a white robe and a white head covering, with her arm around a young child in a blue robe. Joseph is on the right, wearing a brown robe and a white head covering, holding a wooden staff. The background shows a stone wall and some foliage.

Mom, where do babies come from?

Yeah Mary where DO babies come from?

Well! If it isn't Joseph and Mary...

OUR SON IS
AN HONOR
STUDENT

OUR SON IS IN
MEDICAL SCHOOL

OUR SON
IS GOD

What do we know about Mary?

Young, unwed virgin
who is pregnant



What do we know about Mary?

Young, unwed virgin
who is pregnant

Poor



What do we know about Mary?

Young, unwed virgin
who is pregnant

Poor

Low social status



Mary, despite worldly disadvantage, is blessed.

Luke 1:46-49

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*Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name*

The Magnificat

Luke 1:50–55

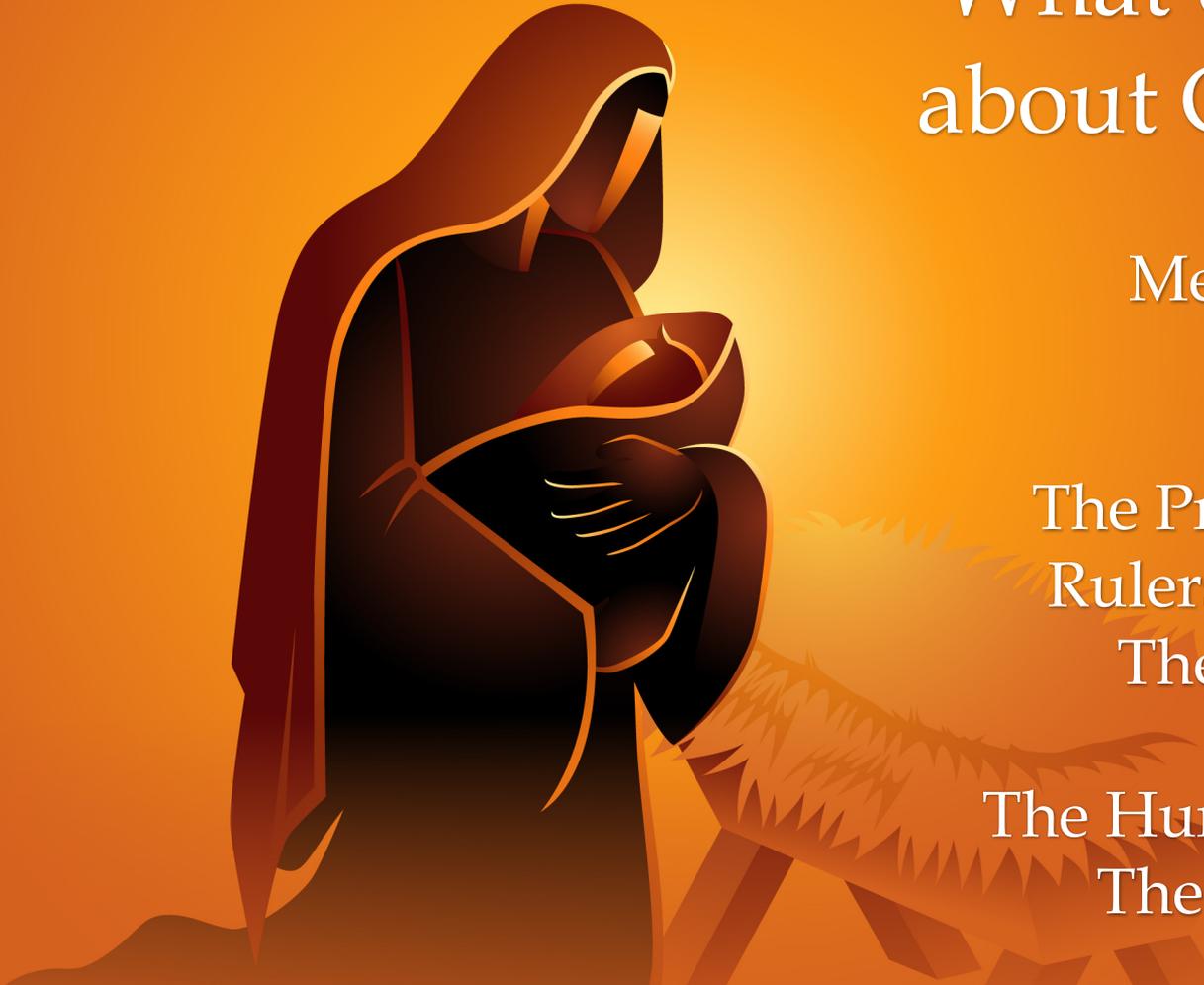
⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

What do we know about God's ways?

Mercy given to those
who revere God

The Proud are scattered,
Rulers are lowered, and
The Rich are emptied

The Hungry are filled and
The Humble are lifted



Mary, despite worldly disadvantage, is blessed.

Likewise, those who revere Christ,
despite worldly disadvantage, are blessed.

O Holy Night!

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!

Long lay the world in sin and error pining

Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

How do you conceive of yourself?



*Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name*

