

# Mary's song

Luke 1:39-56

# Cousins

## Elizabeth (-> John)

Old parents, married for many years

Miraculous birth

Zechariah prophecies about Jesus bringing God's mercy to His creation, and John as a prophetic messenger

## Mary (-> Jesus)

Young; Young (teenagers?); not yet married

Miraculous birth

Mary prophecies about herself and God's mercy to the world

# Elizabeth's reaction

Cousin to cousin: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!'

The old (senior) woman says to the teenage girl with an illegitimate baby:

- 'But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'

# The eternal 'I Am'

Mary understands her place in God's creation: 'all generations will call me blessed'

Because: 'His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation ... remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever'

Mary did you know 'When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God?'

# Mary's song

Mary prophesies good news for the poor

30 years later, Jesus says Isaiah's prophecy has come true

- 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.'

Luke wants us to make the connection