

RESPONDING TO THE PSALMS – December 2023

Sunday 17 December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Cantic

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

*Reflect on why Mary prays like this: how God gave her such joy waiting for the birth of Christ, her son
Take time with the words of the Hail Mary: why indeed do we call her blessed?*

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

*Thank God for all the marvels he has done for you in your life so far
Do we truly "fear" God, that is hold him in respect for he is always so merciful, so forgiving?*

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

*Pray for those without food and water, without a home or work, here and throughout the world
Pray for the people of the Holy Land that all may know God's protection and mercy as we celebrate
Christmas*