

“The Lord Is At Hand”

Sermon

Luke 1:39-41

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1) To bring us **together**.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea...
(Luke 1:39)

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
(Isaiah 61:1–3)

2) To bring us **joy**.

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...

⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
(Luke 1:41,44)

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
(Luke 2:10)

3) To bring us **himself**.

⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!
(Luke 1:43,45)

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he will be our peace...
(Micah 5:4-5)