

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Advent, Wednesday of 3rd week

Reading: Lk.1,57-58

V.57 *“When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.”*

Time brought the fulfilment of God’s promise/word to Elizabeth. As she hoped and believed, so she came to see. Long had she waited, bearing the disgrace (for such it was perceived to be) of childlessness, and even more the pain of it, having to learn to accept things as they were as she moved beyond her childbearing years.

She must have wished for a child very strongly and born this wish before God in many prayers. Then came the promise and with the promise the fulfilment. And that was a day of much joy, a joy in which many shared when they *“heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy.”* As it turned out, the long wait, even in suffering and pain, was the preparation of the showing of God’s mercy, to the joy of many.

Faith waits, not because God will eventually fulfil our wishes, but because he always fulfils his promises. Which is why faith clings to his word and prays for what it knows will come.