

JOY

Advent 3

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth (mother to be of John the Baptist)

⁴³ But why am I so favoured, 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 fulfil his promises to her!"

Luke 1:43-45

John the Baptist

God of the word and the example,
Thank you for those who have pointed us to Christ.
Teachers and preachers, parents and friends,
All who have helped us understand who Jesus is.
Help us to prepare the way for Christ,
To learn and to serve, to care and to listen,
To recognise God at work in our lives,
To show Christ to others in our words and deeds,
That they too may know him
And may point the way for others.
Amen.

Singing the Faith 76

Give me JOY in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me JOY in my heart I pray
Give me JOY in my heart keep me praising,
Keep me praising to the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King

Psalm 28: 7

The LORD is my strength and my
shield; my heart trusts in him, and
he helps me.
My heart leaps for **joy**,
and with my song
I praise him.