

The Magnificat Month Advent Calendar

1	My soul doth magnify the Lord My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord	What does your soul proclaim on an everyday basis? How do people see through your actions what your soul's priorities are?
2	And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior My spirit rejoices in God my Savior	How often do you take time to simply enjoy God in your life? How can you create time for that and prioritize it during this busy holiday season?
3	For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant	Do you celebrate your places of spiritual poverty? Do you thank God for the ways in which you are small and lowly, knowing that God loves you for them?
4	For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed From this day all generations will call me blessed	How do you live an ethical, principled, deeply spiritual life so that your children and grandchildren will call you blessed?
5	For he that is mighty hath magnified me The Almighty has done great things for me	What are the great things God has done for you and your family? Can you give thanks for them today?
6	And holy is his Name And holy is his Name	What does the name of God inspire in you? Does it make you strive for holiness? Does it bring up fear, joy? Why?
7	Sabbath—worship for 2 Advent at St. Thomas!	
8	And his mercy is on them that fear him He has mercy on those who fear him	What does it mean to have a fear of the Lord that is healthy? Perhaps “respect” or “awe” would be better terms. Do you want a God who is “user-friendly”? How can you be in relationship with a transcendent, almighty God?
9	Throughout all generations In every generation	Mary lived generations and generations ago. What qualities of her are still admirable to us today? Which of her qualities would you like to emulate?
10	He hath showed strength with his arm He has shown the strength of his arm	How has God's strength been present to you in your life? In yourself? In people around you? Where in your life do you need God's strength now?
11	He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts He has scattered the proud in their conceit	What do you think the proud are imagining in their hearts in this verse? What vain ambitions or self-congratulation do you need to scatter from your imagination?
12	He hath put down the mighty from their seat He has cast down the mighty from their thrones	What mighty idols need to be cast down from their thrones in your life? What freedom might you attain from that dethroning?
13	And hath exalted the humble and meek. And has lifted up the lowly.	Who are the humble, meek and lowly in your life and in our county and community? How can you be a part of exalting them?

14	Sabbath—worship for 3 Advent at St. Thomas!	
15	He hath filled the hungry with good things He has filled the hungry with good things	What are you hungry for in this Advent season? What are the people around you hungry for? Are they literal or spiritual hungers or both? How can you be a part of God fulfilling those needs?
16	And the rich he hath sent empty away And the rich he has sent away empty	Here Mary prefigures most of Jesus' teaching on riches being a barrier and impediment to being with God. How do you practice giving away your riches to move closer to God?
17	He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy	What promises of mercy has God remembered and come through on for you? What promises of mercy are you still waiting on? How do you pray about them?
18	As he promised to our forefathers The promise he made to our fathers	What did God promise to the first generations at St. Thomas? What is God promising our church now that we can be part of for the benefit of generations to come?
19	Abraham and his seed forever. To Abraham and his children forever.	Take some time today to pray for peace in Jerusalem, for Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus and members of all faiths, that we might all grow together in grace as God reveals Godself to us.
20	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit	How do you show glory to God? How does your life reflect God's glory? How do you see God's glory in the people around you?
21	Sabbath—worship at St. Thomas for 4 Advent and St. Thomas Day!	
22	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever	Feel the smallness of your life in the scope of the eternity of God. Then marvel, with Mary, that God takes the time to single you out for grace, blessing, and call to service. How can you make the most of that grace and calling?
23	Amen. Amen.	What spiritual growth or learning have you experienced praying through the Magnificat?
24	Christmas Eve! Worship at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's and 10 p.m. at St. Thomas (caroling in the nave at 9:30 p.m.)	How can the Magnificat remain active in your heart through Christmas worship and beyond?