

Songs of Advent

Luke 1:46-55 and

Luke 1:67-79

A close-up photograph of Madonna performing on stage. She has long, voluminous, wavy blonde hair and is wearing a dark, sequined top. She is holding a gold microphone to her mouth and appears to be singing. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on her.

What's the most shocking
Madonna song you can think of
from the last 20-30 years?

Luke 1:46-55 (NIV 2011)

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me
blessed

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things
for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his
arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in
their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their
thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants [n](#) forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Luke 1:67–80 (NIV 2011)

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ ‘Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

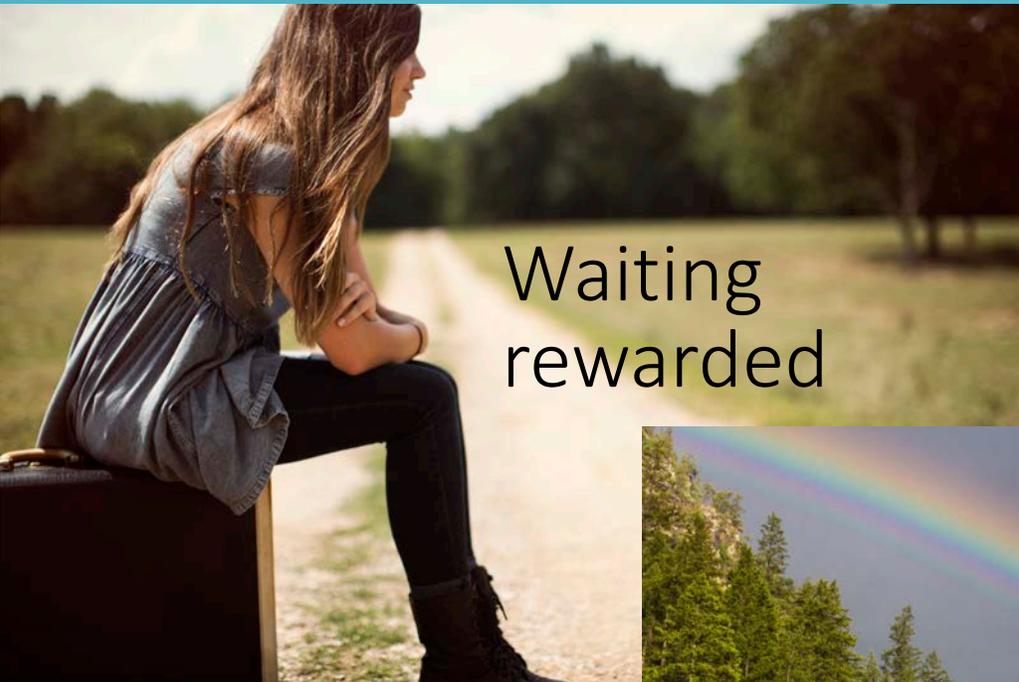
⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;

for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.’



Waiting
rewarded



Promises
Fulfilled



Purpose
recognised