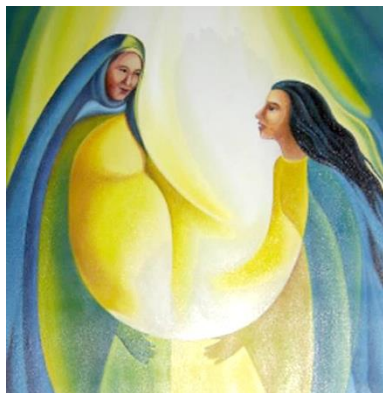


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Closing prayer:

Now as we move into our day, dear Jesus, clothe us in your flesh, and bring us ever closer to you.. Guide as we celebrate your coming, Emmanuel, and help us to be you, bringing your hope, peace, joy and love to our community, our nation, and the world we live in. **Amen.**

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