



THE ANNUNCIATION

(March 25)



ANGELIC CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

HOLY DAY

SEASONAL GREETING

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 40:1-13

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD, *

and he inclined to me, and heard my call.

² He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay; *

- he set my feet upon the rock, and secured my footing.
- ³ He has put a new song in my mouth, *
a song of thanksgiving unto our God.
- ⁴ Many shall see and fear, *
and shall put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁵ Blessed is the man who has set his hope in the LORD, *
and has not turned to the proud, or to those who go about lying.
- ⁶ O LORD my God, great are the wondrous works which you have done,
and also your thoughts toward us; *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- ⁷ If I should declare them and speak of them, *
they would be more than I am able to express.
- ⁸ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, *
but my ears you have opened.
- ⁹ Burnt offerings and sin offerings you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come;
- ¹⁰ In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I delight to do your
will, O my God; *
indeed, your law is within my heart."
- ¹¹ I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, and that you know.
- ¹² I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart; *
my talk has been of your truth and of your salvation.
- ¹³ I have not concealed your loving mercy and truth *
from the great congregation.
- ¹⁴ Withdraw not your mercy from me, O LORD; *
let your loving-kindness and your truth always preserve me.

OR

Magnificat (*The Song of Mary*)

My soul magnifies the LORD, *
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
For he has regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on, *
all generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him, *
throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm; *
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

PROPER PREFACE

Presentation, Annunciation, and Transfiguration

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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