

The Annunciation of the Lord

Sung Vespers and Benediction



Priest: (1) O God, come to our aid.

All: (4) **O Lord make haste to help us.**

(1) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

(2) **And to the Ho-ly Spirit.**

(3) **As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be,**

(4) **World without end. Amen.**

HYMN

This is the day when Life itself
Leapt down to earth in secret guise,
Becoming truly Flesh and Blood
To rescue man, His love's great prize.

A human body He would take
And even suffer death and pain,
Then raise it by triumphant pow'r
To bring man back to God again.

What treasure, hidden and divine
Reposed in Mary's Virgin womb,
The golden dawn of perfect day,
New Light, dispelling sin and gloom.

O Jesus, Virgin-born, we raise
Our hearts to You in joyful praise,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

All sit for the psalms.

Antiphon:

(1) Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found fa-vor with God.

(2) Behold, you will conceive and bear a Son

(4) **And He will be called the Son of the Most High.**

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice!

O let Your ears be attentive

To the voice of my pleading.

If You, O Lord, should mark our guilt,

Lord, who would survive?

But with You is found forgiveness:

For this we revere You.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,

I count on His word.

My soul is lon-ginq for the Lord

More than watch-man for daybreak.

(1) Let the watchman count on daybreak

(4) And Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy

And fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed He will redeem

From all its iniquity.

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 (4) **Let it be done to me as you have said.**

(1) Let us give thanks to the Father,
 (2) Who has qualified us to share
 (4) In the inheritance of the saints in light.

**He has delivered us from the domin-ion of darkness,
 And transferred us to the kingdom of His be-lo-ved Son,
 In whom we have redemption,
 The forgive-ness of sins.**

He is the image of the invis-ib-le God,
 The firstborn of all creation,
 For in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
 Visible and invisible.

**All things were created
 Through Him and for Him.
 He is be-fore all things
 And in Him all things hold together.**

He is the head of the bo-dy, the Church;
 He is the beginning,
 The first-born from the dead,
 That in everything He might be pre-eminent,

**For in Him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,
 And through Him to reconcile to Him-self all things,
 Whether on earth or in heaven,
 Making peace by the blood of His cross.**

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SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 1:1-2

Something which has existed since the beginning, that we have heard and we have seen with our own eyes; that we have watched and touched with our hands, the Word who is life – this is our subject. That life was made visible: we saw it and we are giving our testimony, telling you of the eternal life which was with the Father and has been made visible to us.

SHORT RESPONSORY



The Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong_ us.



He__ was with__ God in the be - gin - ning.___

All: The Word was made flesh...



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to__ the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit._____

All: The Word was made flesh...

All stand for the Magnificat.



Antiphon:

The angel Gabriel said to Mary:

Hail, full of grace:

The Lord is with you.

You are the most blessed of all women.



My soul glori-fies the Lord,

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He looks on His servant in her lowliness;

Henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works mar-vels for me.

Ho-ly His name!

His mercy is from age to age,

On those who fear Him.

He puts forth His arm in strength

And scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones

And rai-ses the lowly.

(1) He fills the starving with good things,

(4) Sends the rich a-way empty.

He protects Isra-el, His servant,

Remember-ing His mercy,

The mercy promised to our fathers,

To Abraham and his sons for ever.

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The angel Gabriel said to Mary:

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All kneel for the intercessions.

The response is: Lord, fill us with Your grace.

Our Father...

**Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.**

**Genitori, genitoque,
Laus et iubilatio
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.**

*Come, adore this wondrous presence
Bow to Christ, the source of grace.
Here is kept the ancient promise
Of God's earthly dwelling-place.
Sight is blind before God's glory,
Faith alone may see His face.*

*Glory be to God the Father,
Praise to His co-equal Son,
Adoration to the Spirit,
Bond of love, in Godhead one.
Blest be God, by all creation,
Joyously while ages run. Amen.*

COLLECT

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God!

Blessed be His Holy Name!

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man!

Blessed be the name of Jesus!

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart!

Blessed be His most Precious Blood!

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar!

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete!

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy!
 Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception!
 Blessed be her glorious Assumption!
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother!
 Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste!
 Blessed be God, in His angels and in His saints!

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine,
 All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

DISMISSAL



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTHEM

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A -ve Re-gi-na cæ-ló-rum, * Ave Dómi-na

Ange-ló-rum: Salve rá-dix, salve porta, Ex qua

mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo glo-ri-ó-sa,

Super omnes spe-ci-ó-sa: Va-le, o valde de-có-ra,

Et pro no-bis Christum exó-ra.

Hail, Queen of Heaven beyond compare, to whom the angels homage pay; Hail, root of Jesse, Gate of Light, that opened for the world's new Day. Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed, in whom our ransom was begun, for all your loving children pray to Christ, our Saviour and your Son.