

The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary



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## Morning Prayer – March 25<sup>TH</sup>

*Families or small groups might gather, taking turns serving as “Leader” and others responding with words in bold print, or the entire service is said by one person, knowing that others are praying in the same way in their own locations.*

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

One Lord, open our lips  
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
One O God, make speed to save us.  
All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

One The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
All **O come, let us worship.**

### Jubilate - Psalm 100 (*Inclusive Language Psalter*)

One Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
All **serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a song.**  
One Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;  
All **the One made us and to whom we belong;  
we are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**  
One Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;  
All **go into these courts with praise;  
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.**  
One For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;  
All **and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**  
  
One The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
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### The Proclamation of the Word

**Isaiah 7:10-17 New Revised Standard Version**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

The word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130 (BAS)

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*

**O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you; \*

**therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*

**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

One   Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All   **AMEN**

## **Hebrews 10:4-10 New Revised Standard Version**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." 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), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

One   The word of the Lord.

All   **Thanks be to God.**

*Music might be Inserted here, either a "live" offering of praise to God, or a recorded selection.*

*Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.*

One   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:26-38)

All   **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?*

*What does this story have to say to you today?*

## Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

One In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

One For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

One For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

One For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

One For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

One For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

One For +Todd our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the world.**

One For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. people may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**All For your mercy is great.**

One We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. people may add their own thanksgivings*

One We will exalt you, O God;

**All And praise your name for ever and ever.**

One We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The people may name their remembered dead*

One Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**All Who put their trust in you.**

One We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence for reflection.*

One Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;

**All in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

One Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## Collect for the Day

One 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.

All Amen

## The Lord's Prayer

One Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

One Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

One May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now*

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