

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



The Introit *Rorate caeli, Isaiah 45:8/Psalm 19:1*



Antiphon: Ye hea-vens, open from a-bove, *
that clouds may rain the just one;
let the earth open that salvation may spring up,*
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also.

Psalm. The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, ↓
and to the Holy Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen.

Antiphon

The Collect:

Pour forth 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, for all ages of ages. Amen.

And/or

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for all ages of ages. Amen.

The First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-14*

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 men, 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.

The Gradual **Tollite portas, Psalm 24:7/3,4**

STONE: LAUDATE SIMPLEX



Antiphon: I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm: Lift up your heads, O gates, lift them high,
O everlasting doors, *
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? ↓
or who shall rise up in his holy place? *
he that has clean hands and a pure heart.

Antiphon

The Epistle: **Hebrews 10:5-10**

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.

Tract**Audi filia, Psalm 45:10-13,15, 16**

TONE VII



Kings' daugh-ters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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.

Offertory **Ave Maria ... et benedictus, Luke 1:28, 42** **Tone I**



Hail, Ma-ry, full of grace, *
the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women, *
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Or:



A-ve Ma-ri - a, gra-ti-a ple - na, Do-mi-nus te-cum, be-ne-dic-ta-tu



in mu-li - e-ri - bus, et be-ne-dic-tus fruc-tus ven-tris tu-i Je - su,



Sanc-ta Ma-ri - a, Ma-ter De - i, o-ra pro no - bis pec-ca - to - ri-bus,



nunc et in ho - ra mor-tis nos - trae. A-men

The Prayer over the gifts:

Strengthen, O Lord, in our minds, we pray, the mysteries of the true faith; that we who confess him who was conceived of the Virgin to be true God and true Man, may, by the power of his saving resurrection, be found worthy to attain to everlasting joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ambrosian)

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation, that we, always and everywhere, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

And rightly do we praise you for your power shown forth in all your saints,
And above all for the greatness of blessed Mary the Virgin.

You bestowed on her the fullness of your grace,
that she might be for us the second Eve,
the mother of your Son incarnate from heaven,
who came to destroy the powers of death
and to restore to us eternal life.

And therefore with the angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the array of the heavenly choirs, we sing this hymn to your glory, evermore acclaiming:

Blessing before the Pax Domini

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Priest: May the Almighty Lord, Whom the Heavens cannot contain, and Who did condescend to dwell in the Virgin's womb, send forth upon you the grace of His Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Priest: May the holy angel Gabriel, who did bear tidings of the Word made flesh, guide your minds and hearts to a perfect obedience to God's holy will.

People: Amen

Priest: And may you be protected by the Theotokos whose gracious Motherhood did nourish and hold dear our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

The Communion *Ecce Virgo concipiet, Matthew 1:23*

TONE V



Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, *
and shall call his Name Emmanuel.

The Postcommunion Collect:

O God, who willed that your Word should become flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the message of an Angel: Grant to us your servants that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession be delivered from the perils which beset us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Solemn Blessing

The Deacon, if he be present, says:

Bow down (your head) before the Lord.

The Priest continues with hands outstretched over the people:

Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*