

Saint Thomas's Church

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, March 25, 2023

High Mass at 11:00 am



The Annunciation, John William Waterhouse, 1914
This painting is in a private collection.

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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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The People kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir alone sings the Kyrie, the People kneeling.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison.
Christe Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison.

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,
we bless___ thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy___ thee, we give thanks to___ thee
for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God hea-ven-ly King, God the Fath - er___ Al - migh - ty.
O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je - su___ Christ; O Lord God,___ Lamb of God,
Son of the___ Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,___

have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
 re - ceive our _____ prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,
 have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art_ ho - ly; thou on - ly_ art the Lord;
 thou on - ly,___ O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art___ most___ high
 in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er.____ A_____ men.____

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 7.10-14

The First Lesson is written in the seventh chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the tenth verse.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 40.5-10

IV. 8.



- Cantor* 5 Bless-ed is the man that hath set his hope **in** the Lord :
People and turn-ed not unto the proud, and to such as go a-**bōut** with[^]lies.
6 O Lord my God, many are the wondrous works which thou hast
dōne, like as be also thy thoughts which **are** to us-ward : and
there is none to be compar-ed **ūn**-to[^]thee.
Cantor 7 If I should declare them and **speak** of them : they should be more
than I am able **tō** ex[^]press.
People 8 Sacrifice and offering thou **would**-est not : but mine ears hast
thou **ō**-pen[^]ed.
Cantor 9 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou **not** re-quir-ed : then
said I, '**Lō**, I[^]come;
People 10 In the volume of the book it is written of mē; I delight to fulfil thy
will, **O** my God : yea, thy law is with-**in** my[^]heart.'

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 10.4-10

The Epistle is written in the tenth chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the fourth verse.

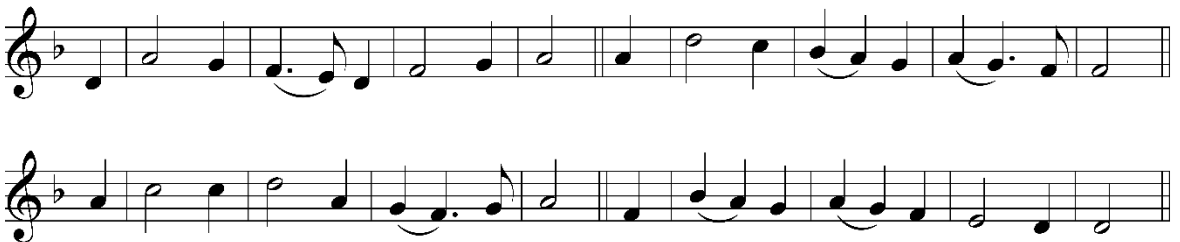
For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN – The God, whom earth and sea and sky



- All* 1 The God whom earth, and sea, and sky
Adore, and laud, and magnify,
Whose might they own, whose praise they swell,
In Mary’s womb vouchsafed to dwell.
- All* 2 The Lord whom sun and moon obey,
Whom all things serve from day to day,
Was by the Holy Ghost conceived
Of her who through his grace believed.

Upper 3 How blest that mother, in whose shrine
Voices The world's Creator, Lord Divine,
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,
Once deigned, as in his ark, to lie.

Lower 4 Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Voices Blest by the work the Spirit wrought;
From whom the great Desire of earth
Took human flesh and human birth.

All 5 O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore.



O AMOR QUAM ECSTATICUS
Old French melody, arr. By Basil Harwood

Ascribed to Fortunatus (c. 569)
Tr J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1.26-38

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

Glorify be to thee O Lord.

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, favoured 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 favour 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 for ever, 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 be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit at the invitation of the Preacher.

SERMON

The People stand to sing the Creed. All who are able to kneel, please do so at “and was incarnate,” rising after “and was made man.”

THE NICENE CREED

Missa de Angelis

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant I be-lieve in one___ God *People* the Fath-er Al-migh-ty, Mak-er of hea-ven and earth,
 And of all things vis - - - i - ble and in - vis - - - i - ble:
 And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly - be - got - ten Son of God,
 Be - got - ten of the Fath - - er be - fore all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light;
 Ve - ry God, of Ve - ry God; Be - got - ten not___ made; Be - ing of one sub - stance



with the Fath - er; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men



and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven, And was in - car - nate by



the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, And was made man,



And was cru - - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late.



He suf - fer - ed and was bu - - - ri - ed, And the third day he rose a - gain



ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - - - ven,



And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fath - er. And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry



to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end.



And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord, The Giv - er of Life,



Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fath - er and the Son, Who with the Fath - er and the Son



to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed, Who spake by the Pro - - phets.

And I be - lieve One, Ho - ly, Cath - o - lic, and A - po - sto - lic Church.

I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins. And I look for

the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.

A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory.

The People remain standing for the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN - Gracious Lady, you are blest

Hail Ma - ry, Hail Ma - ry, Hail Ma - ry.

All 1 Gracious Lady, you are blest with God's favour;
 In your womb all hopes shall rest - this world's Saviour;
 He shall save the world from sin, as the kingdom's ushered in.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Upper 2 Can it be I am God's choice? (Lowly maiden)?
Voices How can God's Word use my voice to proclaim Him?
Can the great God stoop to me: that the world His grace may see?
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Lower 3 Blessed Mother you shall be; God's own dwelling;
Voices You, the rose whose sanctity, sweetly smelling
Shall create the space on earth, for God's Son to come to birth.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Upper 4 Let it be then as you say; God me raises!
Voices Let me now and every day, learn His praises.
May the 'Yes' that I have giv'n be a pathway into heav'n.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Lower 5 Gracious Lady, your Amen is your blessing;
Voices Your obedience, now as then love confessing.
And that Love will you sustain, through the time of trial and pain.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

All 6 Mary, Mother of the Lord, God once called you
To bring forth His holy Word, that enthralled you,
May I too wait patiently for God's will to form in me.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

CHISLEHURST
Sydney Nicholson (1875-1974)

Jeremy Davies, former Precentor, Salisbury Cathedral

The People remain standing as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, so fill us with thy grace, that we in all things may accept thy holy will and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace, rejoice in thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, for Kevin and Riscylla his suffragans, for _____ according to the Anglican cycle of prayer, for _____ according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer, and for all who serve and minister to God's people. (*Silence.*)



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef. The staff is divided into two sections by a double bar line. The first section is labeled 'Intercessor' and contains the notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The second section is labeled 'People' and contains the notes: E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: 'Lord, in thy mer - cy, we be - seech thee, hear our prayer.'

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the King and for all in civil authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide them in the ways of justice and peace; that all may honour one another and serve the common good. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all who serve the needs of others in our community, for the volunteers and guests of the Friday Food Ministry, and for all those who labour in and use shelters, drop-in programs, foodbanks, and other social services. May God aid us to love him with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, giving thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present in person or via livestream; for newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud _____ [We give thanks especially for _____.] May God's abiding presence be with us always, that we may be a blessing to all people. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering in mind, body, or estate; for victims of warfare and violence; for elders, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____. May God grant that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially_____ who have died in recent days, and those whose year's mind is at this time _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, Blessed Mary Magdalene, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom. May God grant that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace and rise in glory. (*Silence.*)

Lord, in thy mercy,

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, as thy messenger came unto Mary with words of thy favour and the promise of new and wondrous life, may we find ourselves ready to serve thee, and as willing to bear the life that thou dost offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant alone stands to impart the Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People remain kneeling.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the left part is labeled 'Celebrant' and the right part is labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you; And with thy spirit.' The second staff is also divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts; We lift them up unto the Lord.' The third staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; It is meet and right so to do.'

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Choir alone sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The Celebrant continues,

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely

desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,

Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out ___ end. A - men. ___

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by John Merbecke

Celebrant

And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

People

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and for - give us our tres-pass-es, As we for - give them that tres-pass a - gainst us;

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - li - ver us from ev - il.

For thine is the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, For ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

FRACTION & PEACE

The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant *People*

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you. And with thy spi - rit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

МОТЕТ

Bogoróditse D̄évo, Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Богородице Дево, радуйся, благодатная Марие, Господь с тобою.
Благословена ты в женах, и благословен плод чрева твоего, яко Спаса
родила еси душ наших.

Bogoróditse D̄évo, raduysiá, Blagodátnaya Mariye, Ghospód s Tobóyu
Blagoslovénna Ti v zhenáh, i blagoslovén Plod chréva Tvoyegó, yáko Spása rodilá
yesi dush náshih.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed
art Thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of Thy womb, for Thou hast
borne the Saviour of our souls.

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN – Virgin Born, we bow before thee



1. Vir - gin Born, we bow be - fore thee: Bless - ed was the womb that bore thee;



Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, Bless - ed was she in her Child.



Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee; Bless - ed was the hand that led thee;



Bless - ed was the pa - rent's eye That watched thy slum - b'ring in - fan - cy.



2. Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, Who brought forth the world's sal - va - tion, And



bles - ed they for ev - er blest, Who love thee most and serve thee best.



Vir - gin born, we bow be - fore thee; Bless - ed was the womb that bore thee;



Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, Bless - ed was she in her Child.

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, thine word proclaims our salvation; thy table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANGELUS

The Ministers and the People genuflect at 'The Word was made Flesh.'

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Word was made flesh;
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known
the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross
✠ and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the Divine assistance remain with us always. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN –Tell out, my soul



- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word;
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

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