

### *Solemnity*

#### **The Annunciation of the Lord**

*Roman Missal 819; Sunday Lectionary 545*

The Annunciation celebrates the Incarnation. See p. 181.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Heb 10)* **The Lord said, as he entered the world: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.**

#### **Glory to God (p. 7)**

#### **Collect**

O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading** ————— *(Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d)*

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 the people, 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 Emmanuel,” for God is with us.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** —————  
*(Psalm 40)*

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. R.

Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” R.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. R.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. R.

**Second Reading** —————  
*(Hebrews 10.4-10)*

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

When Christ said, “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.**

**Acclamation** *(John 1)*

**Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory!** The Word of God became flesh and lived among

us, and we saw his glory. **Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory!**

***Gospel*** —————  
***(Luke 1.26-38)***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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, "Hail, full of grace! 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 father 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 done to me according to your word."

Then the Angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Profession of Faith** (p. 8.)

*All genuflect at “and was incarnate.”)*

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Be pleased, almighty God, to accept your Church’s offering, so that she, who is aware that her beginnings lie in the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son, may rejoice to celebrate his mysteries on this Solemnity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Preface** (*Annunciation, p. 15*)

**Communion Antiphon**

(*Isa 7*) **Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith, we pray, O Lord, so that, confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary is true God and true man, we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection, merit to attain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with him continually, and you will not sin, will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you. —St. Teresa of Avila*