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The Annunciation of Our Lord

PRELUDE: "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

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(Text for meditation: See the Hymn of the Day)

OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. **Refrain**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

(Antiphon, Ps. 45:12, 13-14; Ps. 45:1, 3-4, 7)

The richest of the people will seek your | favor.*

She is led to the king with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are | led along.

My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*

I address my verses | to the King.

In your splendor and | majesty,*

in your majesty ride out vic- | toriously.

You have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.*

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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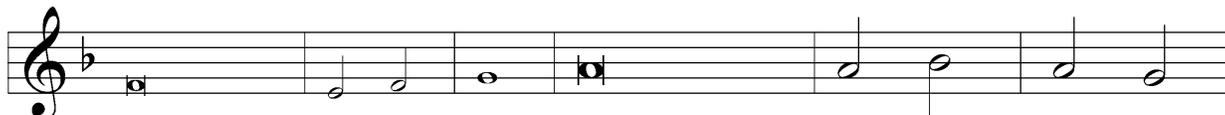


☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

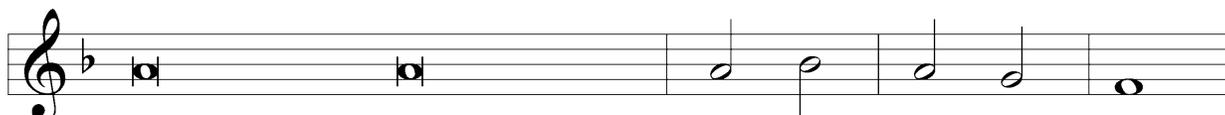
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Almighty God, who willed that Your divine Word should become incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary according to the angel's message, mercifully grant that our sinful conception may be cleansed by His immaculate conception; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, “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 test.” And he 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. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread shall be deserted.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 45

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses | to the king;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

**You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured up- | on
your lips;***

therefore God has blessed you for- | ever.

Gird your sword on your thigh, O | mighty one,*
in your splendor and | majesty!

**In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness
and | righteousness;***

let your right hand teach you | awesome deeds!

Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king’s | enemies;*
the peoples fall | under you.

Your throne, O God, is forever and | ever.*

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;

You have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.*

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond
your com- | panions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.*

From ivory palaces stringed instruments | make you glad;

daughters of kings are among your ladies of | honor;*

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of | Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and in- | cline your ear:*

forget your people and your | father’s house,

and the king will desire your | beauty.*

Since he is your lord, | bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your fa- | vor with gifts,*

the richest of the | people.

All glorious is the princess in her | chamber,*

with robes interwoven | with gold.

**In many-colored robes she is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.**

With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

**In place of your fathers shall | be your sons;*
you will make them princes in | all the earth.**

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations,*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

EPISTLE

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, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” 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, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

TRACT: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

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1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 “Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David's Son, of Jacob's race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For Thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy,
Great and glorious, Thou victorious
Prince of graces,
Filling all the heavenly places.
2. O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary's Son,
Thou high-born King of ages!
Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r,
And Thy blest Gospel's saving power
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine;
Sing hosanna! Heavenly manna
Tasting, eating,
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.
3. Now richly to my waiting heart,
O Thou, my God, deign to impart
The grace of love undying.
In Thy blest body let me be,
E'en as the branch is in the tree,
Thy life my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying.
For the savor Of Thy favor;
Resting never,
Till I rest in Thee forever.
4. A pledge of peace from God I see
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me
To show me Thy good pleasure.
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,
Thy body and Thy blood, afford
My soul its dearest treasure.
Keep me Kindly
In Thy favor, O my Savior!
Thou wilt cheer me;
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son
 Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun
 This ancient world's foundation.
 Thy Son hath made a friend of me,
 And when in spirit Him I see,
 I joy in tribulation.
 What bliss Is this!
 He that liveth To me giveth
 Life forever;
 Nothing me from Him can sever.

6. Lift up the voice and strike the string.
 Let all glad sounds of music ring
 In God's high praises blended.
 Christ will be with me all the way,
 Today, tomorrow, every day,
 Till trav'ling days be ended.
 Sing out, Ring out
 Triumph glorious, O victorious,
 Chosen nation;
 Praise the God of your salvation.

7. Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend,
 Art Lord, Beginning without end,
 The First and Last, Eternal!
 And Thou at length--O glorious grace!--
 Wilt take me to that holy place,
 The home of joys supernal.
 Amen, Amen!
 Come and meet me! Quickly greet me!
 With deep yearning
 Lord, I look for Thy returning.

SERMON

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN: "Praise We the Lord This Day"



1 Praise we the Lord this day, This day so long fore - told, Whose
2 The Proph - et gave the sign For faith - ful men to read: A
3 Ask not how this should be, But wor - ship and a - dore Like
4 She meek - ly bowed her head To hear the gra - cious word, Mar -



prom - ise shone with cheer - ing ray On wait - ing saints of old.
vir - gin born of Da - vid's line Shall bear the prom - ised Seed.
her whom God's own maj - es - ty Came down to shad - ow o'er.
- y, the pure and low - ly maid, The fa - vored of the Lord.

5 Blesséd shall be her name
In all the Church on earth,
Through whom that wondrous mercy came,
Th' incarnate Savior's birth.

6 Jesus, the Virgin's Son,
We praise Thee and adore,
Who art with God the Father One
And Spirit evermore.

POSTLUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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