



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Transferred)

March 26th, 2021

9 pm Compline (Live-streamed)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 119:169-176

Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding, according to your word. Let my supplication come before you; deliver me, according to your promise. My lips shall pour forth your praise, when you teach me your statutes. My tongue shall sing of your promise, for all your commandments are righteous. Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your commandments. I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. Let me live, and I will praise you, and let your judgements help me. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Reading

John 1:9-14

A Reading from John.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Office Hymn

Te lucis ante terminum

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

Keep us as the apple of thine eye;

Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Nunc Dimittis with Antiphon

Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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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.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our ancestors;

To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

We confess to God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
That thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come unto thee.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy;
let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon
us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the
sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people:
Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that
when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with
the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with
thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that
we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose
upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Christe, qui lux es et dies

*O Christ, who art the light and day,
Thou drivest night and gloom away;
O Light of Light, whose word doth show
The light of heav'n to us below.*

*All-holy Lord, in humble prayer
We ask tonight thy watchful care.
O grant us calm repose in thee,
A quiet night, from perils free.*

*Asleep though wearied eyes may be,
Still keep the heart awake to thee;
Let thy right hand outstretched above
Guard those who serve the Lord they love.*

*All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore. Amen.*

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

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THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The story of the Annunciation is told by Saint Luke, who used it to introduce some major themes in his version of the Gospel. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, greeting her as the one who was favoured by God to be the mother of Jesus, "the Son of the Most High." It was not Mary's virtues or merit that won her this favour; it was simply that God "remembered to be gracious" and bestowed such a gift of power on Mary so that the whole human race might know the still greater gift of salvation. Thus empowered, Mary was able to respond, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." By the grace of God which filled her, she was able to practise a graciousness of her own towards God; for it gave her a unique freedom to make God's will the very thing that she herself willed. In this gracious response to God's gift, Mary may be seen as a forerunner of Christ himself. For her consent to God's saving purpose foreshadowed her son's consent to the fulfillment of that purpose, even at the cost of his own life. To the Annunciation Mary responded, "Be it unto me according to your

word." In a similar way, on the eve of his passion, Jesus prayed to God, "Not my will but yours be done." The feast of the Annunciation, which celebrates the conception of Jesus, comes to full term on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter, when we celebrate the birth of the new creation in his paschal victory. All of God's grace is imparted to our lives so that we might share in this one mystery, not all at once, but through the changes and chances of our daily living. The life of grace often leaves us puzzling, as the message of the angel puzzled Mary; and Scripture suggests that Mary herself did not understand the mystery she had borne until her son was raised from the dead. Her whole life was a discipline in grace for the revelation of glory; and so it may be for all who by baptism and the eucharist bear Christ in their own lives.

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