

Staff or Student Body Prayer Service:

Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

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- Mother of the Redeemer -



Call to Worship

Reader 1: Today, on this Feast of the Annunciation, we come together to pray and reflect upon Mary, the Mother of Jesus. God found favor with Mary. Through a special messenger, the angel Gabriel, God communicated a perplexing message to Mary. Although Gabriel's words puzzled Mary, she knew that God would help her. She chose to say "Yes" to God by responding, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be done to me as you have said."

Reader 2: Each day may we, like Mary, listen to God's Word and believe in His promise. Let us be ready to say "Yes" to God's plan for our lives. May our words and actions be the same as Mary's Son, Jesus, so that we bring Christ to everyone we meet each day.

Song:

(Suggested Marian Hymns)

Immaculate Mary
Gentle Woman
Be Joyful Mary

Hail Holy Queen
My Soul Rejoices
Behold Your Mother

Psalm:

(Psalm 40, Psalms Anew, St. Mary's Press)

Antiphon: Blessed are you, Mary, for you are the mother of your Maker,
yet you remain a virgin forever!

Side 1: Yahweh, You have put a new song in my mouth – a song of praise!
Many will look on in awe and will put their trust in You.

Side 2: How many wonders You have done for us, Yahweh, our God! How many plans
You have made for us! You have no equal. I want to proclaim Your deeds again
and again, but they are more than I can count.

Side 1: Then I said, "Here I am! I have come!" In the scroll of the book it is prescribed
for me to obey Your will. My God, I have always loved Your Law from the
depths of my being.

Side 2: I have always proclaimed the justice of Yahweh in the Great Assembly; I do
not mean to stop proclaiming, as You well know. To all who love Your saving
power, give constant cause to say, "God be glorified!"

All: Glory be to the Father ...

Reading: Luke 1; 26-38

Response: Silent reflection or listen to an appropriate Marian hymn.



Prayer of Intercession:

Help us, O Mother of Peace and Patience. Teach us your ways to peace!

Mother of all goodness ...	Help us
Mother of all justice ...	Help us
Mother of forgiveness ...	Help us
Mother of strength ...	Help us

Pray for us, O Mother of Peace and Patience. Teach us your ways to peace!

Mother of the dying ...	Pray for us
Mother of the homeless ...	Pray for us
Mother of the sinner ...	Pray for us
Mother of the weak ...	Pray for us

Guide us, O Mother of Peace and Patience. Teach us your ways to peace!

Closing Prayer:

We come to you, Mother of our Lord and Mother of us all, to thank you for your **YES** that gave us the Incarnation of God's own **YES**, and brought life to its fullness!

We ask you, teach us to follow you in saying our **YES** with faith and courage. You know the cost of living our **YES!** Protect ours in integrity and joy. Ask your divine Son for the grace always to repeat our **YES** with an ever-growing surrender, and to experience how this increases the meaningfulness of our lives.

Under your inspiration, help us build the kingdom of God, today and every day, forever and ever. AMEN.



Song: See Suggested Listing on Page 1