

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

AN ORDER OF WORD AND TABLE

Introit Ave Maria, J. Arcadelt (1505-1568), Quartet

Greeting

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Glory to God forever and ever.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray:

Bound in love to the Triune God, let us call upon the Lord of our salvation and recollect in silence those times when we have failed to live as beings created for love, either because of that which we have done or for that which we have failed to do.

Silence

Let us pray together then, to the God of Mercies...

I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault; in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. And I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the angels and saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Silence

Words of Pardon & Assurance

**Sharing in Christ's Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice by your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalter - Psalm 40

Psalm Prayer

O God, we turn to you in the time of trouble. In your presence we find the promise of deliverance and the assurance of your redeeming love. For this we give you thanks.
Amen.

Silence

The Reading - Luke 1:26-38

Silence

The First Reflection - Jan Richardson, "Gabriel's Annunciation"

Silence

The Second Reflection - Denise Levertov, "Annunciation"

Hymn of Response - UMH 198

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

**The Great Thanksgiving (move to gather around the table)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give you thanks, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning of all things,
your Spirit hovered over the chaos,
and through your Word you brought forth life and light.

Your Spirit led your people through the waters,
From exile into your promised land
overflowing with milk and honey.

And so it is, with all your people on earth
and with all the great company of heaven,
we join in singing their unending hymn,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you,
and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
In the fullness of time you sent your messenger,
proclaiming his coming to a broken creation.
Your Spirit once again hovered over the waters,
the waters of Mary's womb,
determined to order the chaos of our lives.

And so it was that the Son came among us,
healing our broken lives and broken bodies,
feeding our hungry souls,
eating with the discarded and the outcast.

Through his suffering, death and resurrection
you delivered the faithful from slavery to sin and death
and made a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit,
in which the church was given birth.

On this night he was delivered to death,
at table with those who would desert him,
Jesus took bread, blessed it,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

When supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks and praise, and said,
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
For the remembrance of me."

So, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves with praise and thanksgiving
as a holy, living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your gathered people
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we might be for all the world
the body of Christ

redeemed and restored by the stream
flowing from his side.

So the church cries: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

So the church shouts: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

So the church pleads: **Come Holy Spirit!**

By your Spirit, make us one,
One in Christ,
One with each other,
One with our brothers and sisters
across all the world,
Until Christ comes once more and gathers all people
to feast at his gracious table.

Through your beloved Son,
with your Holy Spirit in your holy Church
All honor and glory is yours,
Ever-living God,
Here, now, and always.

Amen.

****The Lord's Prayer***

****Sharing of the Bread & Cup***

Prayer after the Meal

****Dismissal with Blessing***