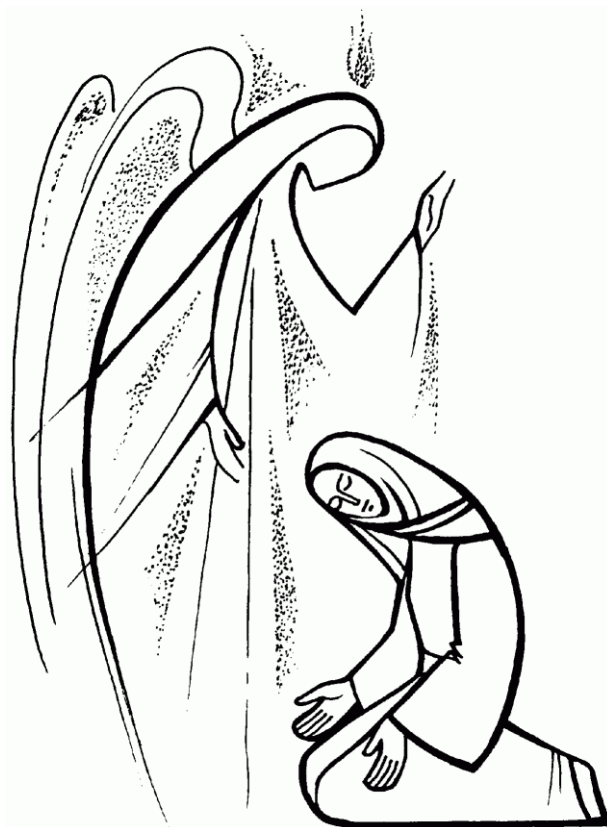


*Morning Worship for  
The Feast of the Annunciation*



*All Saints Church Mundeford  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

## ***Greeting***

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

## ***Prayer of Preparation***

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your  
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour  
Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his  
own. Let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you are our mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy.                      **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.                      **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.    **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Collect**

Heavenly Father, pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by  
the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

## **Psalm 40v5-11**

<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;  
**none can compare with you.**

**Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.**

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Here I am;

**in the scroll of the book it is written of me.**

<sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God;

**your law is within my heart.'**

<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;

**see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

<sup>10</sup> 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.**

<sup>11</sup> Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

**let your steadfast love and your faithfulness**

**keep me safe for ever. Amen**

### **Gospel -Luke 1v26-38**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you O Lord**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

<sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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 ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, 'How

can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

## **Talk**

We declare our faith in the living God

**We believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the  
people of God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. We believe and  
trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

On this day God the Father made our salvation known to Mary by the message of an angel. Filled with confidence, let us pray.

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and joy to Mary. Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation.

We pray for ... [the peace of the world]

As God provided Elizabeth to comfort and encourage Mary keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

By the consent of your handmaid and the power of the Holy Spirit,

your Word came to dwell among us.

Open our hearts to receive Christ, as Mary received him.

We pray for ... [those present]

You look with compassion on the lowly

and fill the hungry with good things.

Encourage the downhearted, help all those in need

and comfort those who are sick.

We pray for ... [the sick, the suffering, the helpless]

To you, O God, nothing is impossible, and you alone do marvellous things; save us, and bring us on the last day

with ... and all the faithful departed into your glorious kingdom.

Grant, O Lord, that by the riches of your grace

we may grow up into Christ who unites our life to yours.

**Amen.**

### **Introduction to the Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Almighty God, so fill us with your grace,

that we in all things may accept your holy will

and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,

rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks because, by the power of the Holy

Spirit, he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary

his mother, that being himself without sin,

he might make us clean from sin.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross,  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ,  
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*We pray the Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in  
one bread.**

*The President invites us to receive Communion or a blessing.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Post Communion**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk as Mary did, the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Blessing**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Acclamation

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
**full of grace and truth.**

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And we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
**full of grace and truth.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
**full of grace and truth.**



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