25 March

Gold or White

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.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you are 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
We beseech you, O Lord,
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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary

Principal Service

Isaiah 7.10-14
Psalm 40.5-11
Hebrews 10.4-10
Luke 1.26-38

Second Service

Isaiah 52.1-12
Hebrews 2.5-end

Evening Psalms

Psalms 131, 146

Third Service

1 Samuel 2.1-10
Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory.

*John 1.14*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*or, in Easter*

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

and we have seen his glory.

*John 1.14*

Alleluia.

Intercession

On this day the Father made our salvation known to Mary

by the message of an angel.

Filled with confidence, let us pray.

You chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son.

Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption.

We pray for the Church universal.
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

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 the Virgin 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 near to death.

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 him who unites our life to yours,

even he who is the first-born of all creation,

your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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.

Luke 1.78,79

(In Easter, add Alleluia.)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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.

Preface

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 all sin.

**Extended Preface**

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We give you thanks and praise

that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,

and by the power of your Holy Spirit
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.

From the warmth of her womb
to the stillness of the grave
he shared our life in human form.

In him new light has dawned upon the world
and you have become one with us
that we might become one with you
in your glorious kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

Post Communion

God most high,

whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:

we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption

you visit us with your Holy Spirit

and overshadow us by your power;

strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience

and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Acclamation

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

full of grace and truth.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

full of grace and truth.
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.**

—from *John 1*

**Short Passages of Scripture**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, 

and shall name him Immanuel.

*Isaiah 7.14*

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, 

and you will name him 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 ancestor David.

*Luke 1.31,32*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, 

and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, 

full of grace and truth.

*John 1.14*
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