Morning Prayer

the Annunciation

Friday, 25 March 2022

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth
All and the heavens are the work of your hands.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your living Word, eternal in heaven,
assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,
may the light of your love be born in us
to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn, or A Song of the Bride

1 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my soul shall exult in my God;

2 Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity;

3 As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
4 For as the earth puts forth her blossom,
   and as seeds in the garden spring up,

5 So shall God make righteousness and praise
   blossom before all the nations.

6 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
   and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest

7 Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn,
   and her salvation as a burning torch.

8 The nations shall see your deliverance,
   and all rulers shall see your glory;

9 Then you shall be called by a new name
   which the mouth of God will give.

10 You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord,
    a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
   and to the Holy Spirit;
   as it was in the beginning is now
   and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody
The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 111

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

1 [Alleluia.]
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. R

5 He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure. R

8 They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever.

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Gracious God, you are full of compassion;
may we who long for your kingdom to come
rejoice to do your will
and acknowledge your power alone to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Psalm 113**

Refrain: From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

1 [Alleluia.]  
Give praise, you servants of the Lord,  
O praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations  
and his glory above the heavens.  
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5 Who is like the Lord our God,  
that has his throne so high,  
yet humbles himself to behold  
the things of heaven and earth?

6 He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ashes,

7 To set them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

8 He gives the barren woman a place in the house  
and makes her a joyful mother of children.  
[Alleluia.]

Refrain: From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
we praise your name, O Lord;  
may your promise to raise the poor from the dust  
and turn the fortunes of the needy upside down
be fulfilled in our time also,  
as it was in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with  

AllGlory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

1 Samuel 2.1-10

Hannah prayed and said,  
‘My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

‘There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

‘He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.’

Canticle

The following, or another suitable canticle, may be said or sung

1We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;

2all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

3To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

4Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

5The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

6The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

7Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

8You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
9 When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

10 You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

12 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The canticle may end here.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
All Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you.
All We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
All Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,
All for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:
All let us never be put to shame.

**Scripture Reading**

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

**Romans 5.12-21**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.
But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

The Word of life which was from the beginning
All we proclaim to you.
The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining;
All the Word of life which was from the beginning.
That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,
and touched with our hands,
All we proclaim to you.
For our fellowship is with the Father,
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
All the Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.

from 1 John 1

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said, or Gloria in Excelsis (A Song of God's Glory) (page 635) may be said

Refrain:

All The Word of God, begotten of the Father before time began,
humbled himself for us and was incarnate
from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.

1Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, □
who has come to his people and set them free.

2He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, □
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain:

All The Word of God, begotten of the Father before time began, humbled himself for us and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered
for the day and its tasks
¶ for the world and its needs
¶ for the Church and her life

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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.

(or)

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

AllOur 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

May God, who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.
AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord.
AllThanks be to God.