

THE ANNUNCIATION of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in Constantinople and was accepted in Rome about 600, along with the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dates of both of these festivals are determined by Christmass.

The Annunciation frequently falls in Lent, when the Alleluia is omitted. It marks the first moment of the Incarnation, and therefore is celebrated nine months before Christmass.

FROM A SERMON BY JOHANN GERHARD:

We read in Genesis 3.1 that an evil angel came to Eve and delivered to her a word of death. When poor Eve believed him, she conceived sin, which was transmitted to the whole human race. On the contrary, the story before us tells us that a good angel came to Mary and brought her words of life. When Mary believed him, she conceived the Savior of the world, who later was born of her for the good of all men.

These two accounts may aptly be contrasted with each other in this way, that the seduction of Satan whereby he deceived Eve and the good message of the angel which he brought holy Mary are viewed in opposition. Similarly the apostle Paul contrasts the first and the second Adam.

There an evil angel came with his seduction into the beautiful, cheerful, and verdant Paradise. Here a good angel comes with his message to Nazareth, which had its name from the green branches, because it lay in a fruitful green valley.

There the evil angel came to Eve while she was still a virgin betrothed to a man; here the good angel likewise came to a virgin who was betrothed to a man.

There the evil angel was little concerned with a greeting, for he came to deceive and defraud; here the good angel greets Mary graciously, for he comes with a cheerful message.

There the temporal curse was pronounced over the first parents, and if the consolation of the Gospel had not been given them, they would have been eternally cursed; here Mary is called the favored one because of the blessed fruit of her body.

There Eve believed the words of the evil angel and thereby conceived sin and death in her heart; here Mary believes the message of the good



Holy Mass

THE ANNUNCIATION

during Lent

March 25

It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer when entering the pew.

It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).

At those points marked with a cross (✠), it is a laudable custom to cross oneself.

Preliminaries

Prelude

Magnificat on Tonus Peregrinus (BWV 648) —J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Bells

Processional Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds to honor the cross of Our Blessed Lord and those in procession with it. Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“PRAISE WE THE LORD THIS DAY”

The Lutheran Hymnal #274

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Versicles

I will go to the altar of God:

To God my exceeding joy.

Our ✠ help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Please KNEEL.

Confiteor

During a period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.

I confess to almighty God,

before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed

(strike your chest three times saying:)

through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault;

wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of † Jesus Christ His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Absolution

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord † Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Please STAND.

Liturgy of the Word

Introit—Psalm 45.12, 14, 15, 1

The Introit is chanted while the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

☩ *The rich among the people will seek Your favor. She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors:*

The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You with gladness and rejoicing.

My heart is overflowing with a good theme;

I recite my composition concerning the King.

† *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The rich among the people will seek Your favor. She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors;

The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You with gladness and rejoicing.

Silent Prayer

*Give thanks to God and bless His Name for, having given Himself to you in His Gospel preaching and Sacrament, our gracious God has forgiven you, comforted you and delivered you from all harm and danger!
Pray that you remain in Christ just as He is in you.*

Retiring Processional Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds and BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

“O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE”

The Lutheran Hymnal #313

Postlude

Magnificat on Tone I

—Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Offering is received at the door.

Please depart in silence and leave this Ordo at the door.

Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of † Jesus Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Dismissal

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Please KNEEL.

Blessing

Almighty God bless you: the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.



A - men

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer- cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us! Christ, have mer- cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer- cy up-on us!



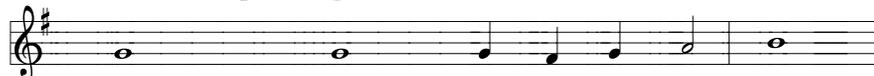
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!

Gloria in Excelsis

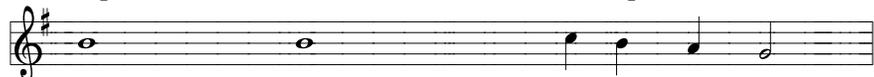
Glory be to God on high:



And on earth peace, good will toward men!



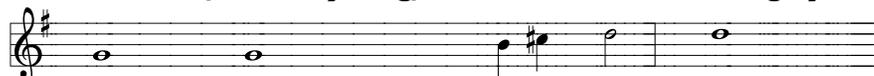
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we † wor-ship Thee; We



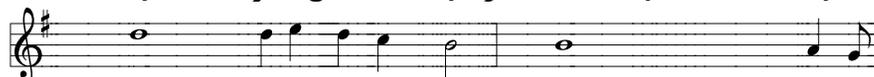
glorify Thee, we † give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, † Je-sus Christ; O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of



the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou who take away



the sin of the world, †re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit at



the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.



For Thou on-ly are ho-ly; Thou on-ly are the Lord. Thou only



† O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, ✠ are most high in the glory



of God the Father. A - men

Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. 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 may we be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Please BE SEATED.

Communion Hymn

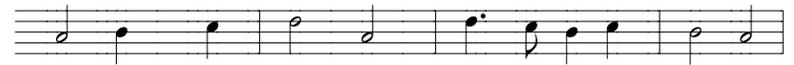
“ANCIENTS SALUTE HER”

Text: Kenneth E. Runge

Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris, 1681



- 1 An-cients sa- lute__ her, speak-ing of God’s fa- vor,
- 2 She is the chos - en Mo- ther of the Sav- ior,
- 3 Hear how the An - gel Ga- bri- el an- noun-ces
- 4 Full- ness of hap- pi- ness is ___ hers in Hea- ven,



How through the lov- ing Spi- rit of the Fa- ther
In deep o- bei- sance car- ing for the God-Man,
That she is full of ho- ly grace and bless-ed,
Joined there with Him, her Child and her Cre- a - tor,



She is God’s Mo- ther, as the Prop- hets call her:
Ves- sel of meek- ness for the Sin- less Off - spring:
That God is with her, soon will be with- in her:
Hands that once held Him fold in prayer for Je - sus’



Ma- ry the Maid - en!
Ma- ry the Vir - gin!
Ma- ry the Mo - ther!
Church U-ni- ver - sal!

After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.

Communio—Isaiah 7.14

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
And shall call His name Immanuel.

Please STAND.

Prayers During Holy Communion

Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever. Amen

Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:

I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:

What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:

Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Old Testament—Isaiah 7.10-15

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 45.2, 4

Grace is poured upon your lips:

Therefore God has blessed You forever.

In Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness:

And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

Epistle—Hebrews 10.5-10

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND.

Tract—Psalm 45.10-12, 9, 14-15

Listen, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:

So the King will greatly desire Your beauty.

The rich among the people will seek your favor:

Kings' daughters are among your honorable women.

She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors:

The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to you.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought:

They shall enter the King's palace.

Holy Gospel—St. Luke 1.26-38

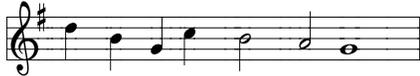
The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please BE SEATED.

Preaching of the Gospel

Chief Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

“NOW PRAISE WE CHRIST THE HOLY ONE”

The Lutheran Hymnal #104

Credo

The Nicene Creed is chanted in monotone.

I believe in one God,
**the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord † Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made;**

Pax Domini

The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.



A - men

Agnus Dei



- O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin of the**
- O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin of the**
- O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin of the**



world: have mer-cy up - on us.

world: have mer-cy up - on us.

world: grant us Your peace. A - men

Distribution of Our Lord’s Body and Blood

Please REMAIN KNEELING or BE SEATED.

Please follow the Ushers’ instructions to approach the Altar.

*Reception of the Lord’s Supper indicates unity in confession and faith.
If you are a guest, please refrain from receiving the Lord’s Supper unless you
have first visited with the Pastor.*

The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.

The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.

You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.

Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.

Anamnesis

The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed ending with the words:

...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

Amen

Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men

When the chimes are rung at the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.

Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord, and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

The Our Father is chanted in monotone.

Our 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. Amen

Embolism

The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:

...one God now and forever.



A - men

Being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Please STAND.

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven,

And sits on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,

The Lord and Giver of Life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son together is † worshipped and glorified,

Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

And I look for the resurrection of the dead

And the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen

Please KNEEL.

Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please BE SEATED.

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The Offering is received at the door.

While the Altar is prepared, you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.

After the Altar is prepared, the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

Then the ministers and Faithful are incensed.

Please STAND and BOW when being incensed.

Offering Hymn

"MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD

The Lutheran Hymnal #275

Offertorium—St. Luke 1.28, 42

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!
And blessed is the fruit of your womb!*

Oblation

The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer ending with the words:

...one God, now and forever.

Amen

Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting

God, and especially on this feast of the Annunciation of blessed Mary ever virgin, we praise, bless, and magnify You, for by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, she conceived Your only-begotten Son and brought forth the eternal Light, even † Jesus Christ, Our Lord, through whom the angels acclaim your majesty, dominions adore, and powers worship in awe, the whole company of heaven, and the blessed seraphim sing Your praise, and joining them, we laud and magnify Your Holy Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.

Sanctus



† **Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth.**



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo- ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-



san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is



He, Bless-ed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!



Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed ending with the words:

...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Verba Christi

The Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, the chimes are rung and we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.