



Resources for Parish Worship

INTRODUCTIONS

These may be included in the Parish Magazine, in the weekly service sheet, or by the lector as an introduction to the readings.

The First Reading

[Isaiah 7: 10–14](#)

Unsure of whether or not to follow the prophet's advice in a time of great conflict, King Ahaz of Judah asks for some sign from God. The prophet responds that one of Ahaz's wives (a "young woman" according to the Hebrew) will give birth to a son. The sign, then, is that the dynasty will continue—a sign of God's continuing presence with the nation through the line of King David.

The Psalm

[Psalm 40: 5–10](#)

Today's excerpt is taken from the first half of this psalm, an individual thanksgiving hymn. In response to God's action, the psalmist proclaims personal fidelity to the divine will, considered to be superior even to the sacrifices offered in the Temple.

The Second Reading

[Hebrews 10: 4–10](#)

Building on the attitude expressed in Psalm 40, the author of Hebrews describes Christ's fidelity to the divine will as the reason for his exaltation and as the medium of our salvation.

The Gospel Reading

[Luke 1: 26–38](#)

The Annunciation - March 25, 2017

The vision of the angel ends with Mary also echoing the psalmist: "May it be done to me according to your word." We repeat that same attitude of fidelity each time that we pray the Lord's Prayer.

[View readings](#)

http://bible.oremus.org/?show_adj=no&passages=%0AIsaiah%207:%2010-14%0Acw%20Psalm%2040:%205-10%0AHebrews%2010:%204-10%0ALuke%201:%2026-38

COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Collect One

Collect Two

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord our God,
you feed us in this life with bread from heaven,
the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory.
Grant that the working of this sacrament within us
may bear fruit in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.
May we like Mary be joyful in our obedience,
and so bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

LECTIONARY NOTES 1

LECTIONARY NOTES 2

SERMON OUTLINE 1

SERMON OUTLINE 2

ONLINE SERMON SOURCES

Luke 1: 26–38 - Interrupting the silence

<https://interruptingthesilence.com/2011/12/19/learning-to-say-yes-a-sermon-on-the-annunciation-luke-126-38-advent-4b/>

Coping with the Gabriels in our lives - Patheos

How many of us have been blindsided by events we never expected – a twist on life's path that we never saw coming, for better or for worse — and asked ourselves, in fury or despair or bewilderment

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench/2014/03/how-can-this-be-a-homily-for-the-annunciation/>

Katherine Smyth, writer and preacher

Summary -

1. Mary's ordinary life is changed by God's call to her to be the mother of His Son.

2. With wondering simplicity Mary accepts this awe-inspiring news that in her son God's promises to Israel will be fulfilled.

3. Our lives, too, can be changed by God as we go about our daily tasks.

4. In simple bread and wine, we accept the gift of salvation through which God's promises to the whole of creation are fulfilled.

<http://www.katharinesmith.org.uk/common-worship-lectionary/saints-days-and-festivals-years-a-b-and-c/sermon-for-the-annunciation-of-our-lord-25-march-years-a-b-c/>

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, The
Gabriel, from the Heaven Descending
God Whom Earth, and Sea, and Sky, The
Hail, O Star That Pointest
To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

Links to tunes and words for above group at -

<http://cyberhymnal.org/top/annunciation.htm>

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